

**2026**  
**Graduate School of Horticulture,**  
**Faculty of Horticulture, Chiba University**  
**Application Guidelines**  
**Research Students and Specialized Students**  
**(for Foreign Applicants)**

Foreign applicants who wish to conduct specific research at Graduate School of Horticulture or Faculty of Horticulture, Chiba University, could be admitted to enroll, after selection as Research Students or Specialized Students.

After enrollment, the applicant who has graduated from the university courses equivalent to Faculty of Horticulture will be registered as a Research Student, and the applicant who has graduated from the university courses not related to Horticulture will be registered as a Specialized Student. Specialized Students, however, could be accepted for Faculty of Horticulture. Graduate School of Horticulture could accept only Research Students.

Applicants should take the following procedures.

**1. Required Qualifications**

**【Faculty of Horticulture】** for Research Students and Specialized Students

An applicant for Faculty of Horticulture must meet one of the following qualifications.

- (1) The applicant has graduated from a university. (\*)
- (2) The applicant has completed a 16-year course of study in the educational institutions of a foreign country. (\*)
- (3) The applicant has graduated from a university in a country where its official academic educational system, including university education, completes in less than 16 years. (\*)
- (4) The applicant has been judged to have scholastic attainments that are at least the equivalent of those of university graduates by Faculty of Horticulture. (\*)
- (5) The applicant has passed JLPT N2 or more (for the one wishing to enroll in the other than the International Course of Environmental Horticulture), or has attained an English level equivalent to CEFR B2 or higher (for the one wishing to enroll in the International Course of Environmental Horticulture).

## 【Graduate School of Horticulture】 for Research Students

An applicant for Graduate School of Horticulture must meet one of the following qualifications.

- (1) The applicant has a master's degree, a doctor's degree or a professional degree.
- (2) The applicant has a degree corresponding to a master's degree, a doctor's degree or a professional degree.
- (3) The applicant has been judged to have scholastic attainments that are at least the equivalent of those of individuals who have a master's degree, a doctor's degree or a professional degree by Graduate School of Horticulture.(\*).
- (4) The applicant has passed JLPT N2 or more (for the one wishing to enroll in the other than the International Course of Environmental Horticulture), or has attained an English level equivalent to CEFR B2 or higher (for the one wishing to enroll in the International Course of Environmental Horticulture).

\* Applicants who have graduated from university courses not related to Horticulture, however, could be accepted as Research Students if they are specially admitted by the academic supervisors. It is necessary for an applicant to obtain a proper visa status specified by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Law in Japan before the enrollment.

### 2. Enrollment Time and Research Period

Enrollment will be made in April or October. The research period is one year, which could be extended up to two years if necessary.

### 3. Submittal of Application \*

Enrollment Time	Submittal of Application Periods	
	Foreign applicants who stay in Japan	Foreign applicants who stay abroad
April	January 19 (Mon),2026~ January 20 (Tue) ,2026	Must arrive by October 3 (Fri), 2025
October	July 30,(Thu),2026 July 31(Fri), 2026	Must arrive by April 24 (Fri), 2026

\*Overseas governmental scholarship students need to follow the separate instruction.

- (1) First of all, an applicant need to contact his/her desired supervisor and consult with his/her prior to preparing the application. An applicant cannot apply in writing without the approval from his/her desired supervisor.
- (2) The application documents should be submitted in person in principle.
- (3) Hours: 9:00 ~ 11:30 a.m., 1:30 ~ 4:30 p.m.
- (4) If the submitted documents are incomplete by the deadline of submission, the application may not be accepted.
- (5) An application from outside Japan should be submitted by his/her guarantor in Japan in principle.
- (6) An applicant's guarantor must live in Japan and must be able to afford the expenses including the Tuition Fee of the applicant.
- (7) In addition to all application documents, the applicant needs to ask his/her planned academic

advisor to fill out the research subject and get the signature and seal on the application form.

- (8) As submittal of application periods are subject to change, please inquire at *the Administration Group for Education and Student Affairs* before submission.
- (9) After the application documents are accepted, applicants will be selected based on the documents they submit and an oral interview. The schedule of an oral interview will be informed when applying.

#### 4. Documents to Be Submitted

Individuals wishing to apply should gather **the following documents** and then submit them by the specified time. Original certificate must be submitted with your application. **The Entrance Examination Fee must be remitted by using the wire-transfer form attached to this pamphlet before the submission of documents within the period of application.** Please see an attached sheet about the way of remittance.

- (1) Application Form and Curriculum Vitae: Use the form prescribed by this school, fill out Curriculum Vitae from the entrance of elementary school and affix your photograph (size: 4cm x 3cm)
- (2) Letter of Guarantee : Use the form prescribed by this school.
- (3) Certificate of Guarantor's Employment: The form is not fixed.
- (4) Certificate of (Expected) Graduation issued from the final school: (Expected) Graduation Certificate should be issued in English if the applicant graduated (or is expected to graduate) from a school of a foreign country.  
\*Applicants who graduated from a university in China also need to submit an original Verification Report of China Higher Education Qualification Certificate issued by China Higher Education Student Information and Career Center or Credentials Report issued by China Academic Degrees & Graduate Education Development Center. Individuals who took China National College Entrance Examination also need to submit the original verification report (including the score in the examination).
- (5) Transcript of Grades issued by the school from which the applicant graduated. (Transcript should be issued in English if the applicant graduated from a school of a foreign country.)
- (6) Research Proposal
- (7) Pledge Form : Only for applicants who are working in a company or other organization in Japan.
- (8) LETTER PACK LIGHT (A self-addressed stamped envelope, Please purchase at the post office.)  
For applicants who reside abroad during the application period, please fill in the address of his/her guarantor or someone such as acquaintance who resides in Japan.
- (9) Transfer Certificate of Entrance Examination Fee: As stated below 5 and in the attached sheet.
- (10) Curriculum Vitae of Foreign Applicant: Use the form prescribed by this school.
- (11) Letter of Recommendation: Use the form prescribed by this school.
- (12) Transcript of TOEIC L&R, TOEFL, or other documents to certify the applicant's English ability, or Transcript of Grades of Japanese Language Proficiency Test.
- (13) A copy of the Residence Certificates: It must be obtained at the city, ward, town or village office in which the applicant resides. It contains the applicant's residence qualifications and period of residence. Please note that you cannot put the Social Security and Tax Number called "My Number" on it.
- (14) A copy of Passport

Only the applicants who stay in Japan when applying must submit the documents (13) , and the applicants from abroad must submit (13) immediately after arriving in Japan.

**As any documents once submitted will not be returned under any circumstances, we recommend you to photocopy them before submitting if necessary.**

## 5. Fees Required

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| (1) Entrance Examination Fee            | 9,800 yen                                   |
| (2) Admission Fee                       | 84,600 yen (estimated amount)               |
| (3) Tuition Fee                         | 173,400 yen (estimated amount) for 6 months |
| (Total tuition for a year: 346,800 yen) |   |

As Admission Fee and Tuition Fee must be paid immediately after a notification of acceptance is issued, we recommend all applicants to prepare for the payment in advance. Should the tuition, etc., be revised, the new tuition, etc., will go into effect as of the time of the revision.

Research Students and Specialized Students are not qualified for the system of Exemption or Postponement of Payment for Admission Fee and Tuition Fee. **Once the Examination Fee, Tuition and so on are paid, they will not be refunded under any circumstances.**

## 6. Others

- (1) Enrollment may be cancelled if the student who is considered inappropriate as a Research Student or a Specialized Student after the enrollment of this school.
- (2) The change of the academic advisor cannot be accepted.
- (3) Research Certificates could be issued upon their requests to students who have finished their research and submitted the reports of research.
- (4) When it becomes difficult for the student to continue the research because of enrolling the graduate school or finding a job, it is necessary for the student to submit the Form of Withdrawal through his/her academic supervisor, or he/she will be removed from the register.
- (5) In accordance with the "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act", Chiba University has established "Chiba University Security Export Control Regulations" and conducts strict screening when accepting students. Please note that if you fall under any of the restrictions, there may be restrictions on your desired research activities.

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