

2026 Application Guidelines for International Students Sponsored by the Chinese Government under the Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program
(国家建设高水平大学公派研究生项目)

Subject to terms and conditions as provided below, the Graduate school of Horticulture, Chiba University accepts international Doctoral students whom the Chinese government sponsors through the Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program operated by the China Scholarship Council (CGOP).

1. Programs and divisions offered

Program	Division	Course	Student intake
Doctoral Program	Environmental Horticulture	International Course of Environmental Horticulture	a few

2. Admission semester

October 2026

3. Who can apply

Students who wish to enter Chiba University's 3-year doctoral programs for the purpose of obtaining a doctoral degree. The period of study is 3 years for all doctoral programs.

4. Eligibility

Students from a university that has an inter-university academic exchange agreement with Chiba University or inter-departmental academic exchange agreement with Graduate School of Horticulture are eligible.

※For details, please visit the website of the Chiba University (<https://www.chiba-u.ac.jp/e/exchange/>).

5. Application requirements and conditions

The applicant must satisfy all four of the following conditions:

- ①The applicant is enrolled in, has graduated from a university or has completed a graduate school's course and recommended by a university that has an inter-university academic exchange agreement with Chiba University or inter-departmental academic exchange agreement with Graduate School of Horticulture and must be a candidate to receive a scholarship as a CGOP student.
- ②The applicant must have or be expected to have a master's degree by September 2026 or is in the first year of a doctoral program at the time of application.
- ③The applicant must have language proficiency deemed sufficient to receive education and research guidance at Chiba University.
- ④The applicant must confirm his/her research plan and admission conditions with his/her prospective academic supervisor prior to application and obtain the supervisor's approval.

6. Application documents

- ① Application for admission (use the prescribed form)
- ② Curriculum vitae (use the prescribed form)
- ③ Research proposal (use the prescribed form)
- ④ A certificate issued by the candidate's university which proves that the applicant is a candidate for the CGOP
- ⑤ A letter of recommendation from the candidate's university signed by the president of the university or the dean of the candidate's graduate school
- ⑥ Academic transcripts (both undergraduate and graduate)
- ⑦ Certificate of master's degree or a letter that states the expected date of completion of the candidate's Master's degree
- ⑧ Copy of passport (name page)
- ⑨ English language proficiency certificate (TOEFL, TOEIC L&R or IELTS)
*TOEIC L&R, TOEFL, IELTS official certificates (Digital Official Score Certificate is acceptable.) and test taker score sheets taken **after January 2024** will be valid. TOEIC S&W test score is not available.
- ⑩ Record of Research Achievements (use the prescribed form)
 - 【Applicants who holds a master's degree】
 - ・ Copy of master's thesis and it's summary (maximum 1,300 words; use the prescribed form)
 - 【Applicants who do not have a master's degree】
 - ・ Research progress report (maximum 1,300 words; use the prescribed form)

* Contact the admission office of the Graduate school of Horticulture if there is any document that you are unable to submit at the time of application.

7. Time and method of application

(1) Period: November 25 (Tue.), 2025

(2) Method of application

Application documents mentioned in Section 6 should be sent to the admission office of the Graduate school using a postal (ex. EMS) or other delivery means that provides tracking service.

Address:

Matsudo Area Administration Division, Student Affairs Unit
Graduate School of Horticulture, Chiba University
648 Matsudo, Matsudo-shi, Chiba 271-8510
Phone: + 81-47-308-8712, 8714

(Note)

- (1) All applicants should contact the graduate school prior to applying.
- (2) Incomplete applications may not be accepted.
- (3) Application documents will not be returned and may not be replaced or modified once submitted.

8. First selection

The first selection process will comprehensively assess eligibility for acceptance through document screening and an online oral examination, determining the successful applicant. The online oral examination is scheduled to be conducted around mid-January, specifically by January 24 (Sat.), 2026.

The result of the first selection will be notified to the applicant by post in early March 2026, and a Letter of Conditional Acceptance and a Certificate of Tuition Exemption will be issued to successful applicants.

However, the admission will be cancelled if the applicant is not granted a CGOP scholarship.

9. Final selection

Applicants who have passed the first selection should promptly inform the admission office of the Graduate school of Horticulture after they are qualified as CGOP scholarship students and submit their scholarship certificates (国家留学基金資助出国留学資格証書) .

Upon receiving the abovementioned certificate, the graduate school will make its final decision on whether to accept the applicant. A Letter of Acceptance will be issued to the applicants who have successfully passed the final selection.

10. Admission procedures

Documents required for admission procedures (including the Certificate of Eligibility, an immigration document required to obtain College student visa) will be sent to successful applicants, who then must carry out the procedures by the date designated by the Graduate school of Horticulture.

11. Tuition and other fees

Successful applicants will be exempt from examination, admission, and tuition fees.

12. Security Export Control at Chiba University

Based on “the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act”, Chiba University established “the Security Export Control Regulations of National University Corporation Chiba University” and is conducting rigid examinations before accepting students.

Desired research activities may be restricted when they are applicable to the regulations.

13. Essential considerations

- (1) The admission may be cancelled if the application documents contain false information.
- (2) Personal information collected during the selection process may be used for activities such as managerial and administrative activities, academic guidance activities, and activities related to research and study of applicant selection methods, in addition to screening purposes.

14. Contact Information for Submitting Documents and Making Inquiries

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