



Guidelines for Application 2024

(Internal admissions Term I)

Kobe Global Graduate Program for Agricultural Science (Doctoral program)
Starting in October, 2024

“Kobe Global Graduate Program for Agricultural Science” is offered in English. Students have to write a Doctoral thesis in English.

If you are an international student and wish to take the examination, please be sure to contact your prospective supervisor before applying.

Graduate School of Agricultural Science

KOBE UNIVERSITY

Admission Policy

The Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Agricultural Science aims to cultivate individuals with a high level of expertise and broad perspectives in their respective fields, outstanding creativity and innovative thinking. To achieve this goal, the Graduate School admits individuals with fundamental academic aptitude in agricultural science or related fields at the master's program level, with critical thinking and presentation skills, and with intellectual curiosity and passion for agricultural science research, who wish to become researchers or educators and those who are currently working in public institutes or in the industrial sector and wish to advance their careers as professionals with advanced specialized skills.

Degree Requirements

To obtain a doctoral degree, students are required to complete the doctoral program in English, receive research guidance for a minimum of three years, earn at least 10 credits in their major field of study, and pass the Doctoral thesis defense and final examination, both conducted in English.

Degree Conferred

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Agricultural Science
or Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Application Guidelines

1. Divisions and Enrollment Capacity

Divisions and Research Fields available for the Kobe Global Graduate Program for Agricultural Science:

Departments and Divisions		Research Fields
Agricultural Engineering and Socio-Economics	Agricultural Engineering	Water Resources and Environmental Engineering
		Geotechnical Engineering for Agriculture
		Geo-Environmental Engineering for Agricultural Facilities
		Rural Planning
		Agri-Food Process Engineering
		Mechanical Engineering of Bioproduction
		Information Engineering of Bioproduction
		Field Machinery and Plant Production
	Food and Environmental Economics	Farm and Rural Management
		International Agriculture and Food Studies
Bioresource Science	Animal Science	Animal Breeding and Genetics
		Reproductive Biology
		Developmental Biotechnology
		Animal Nutrition and Metabolism
		Animal Molecular Morphology
		Microbiology and Immunology
		Animal Genetic Resources
		Cell Signaling
	Plant Science	Crop Science
		Plant Breeding
		Forest Resources
		Horticultural Crop Propagation
		Horticultural Crop Production
		Tropical Crop Science
		Plant Germplasm Enhancement
Agrobioscience	Applied Chemistry in Bioscience	Biological Chemistry
		Food and Nutritional Chemistry
		Natural Products Chemistry
		Phytochemistry
		Chemistry and Utilization of Animal Production Resources
		Environmental Microbiology
		Biochemistry Frontiers
	Plant Health, Environment and Biotechnology	Soil Science
		Plant Nutrition
		Plant Genetics
		Crop Evolution
		Cell Function and Structure
		Environmental Chemistry
		Cell Signaling and Regulation
		Plant Pathology
		Insect Molecular Biology
		Insect Biodiversity and Ecosystem Science

Enrollment Capacity:

A few for Doctoral of Philosophy Program

2. Admission

October 1, 2024

3. Eligibility Requirements for Applicants

Applicants must be expected to complete the master's program of the Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University or another Graduate School of Kobe University in September 2024.

4. Selection

Admission will be determined based on the results of an academic examination together with the submitted documents. The academic examination will take place through an interview in English.

5. Period of Application and How to Submit the Application

Applications may be submitted **from February 13 (Tue) to February 19 (Mon), 2024**. When you submit in person, the office hours are Monday through Friday 9:00-12:00 & 13:00-16:00. If you submit by mail, your application document must be postmarked by February 19 (Mon), 2024. On the envelope, write "Application Documents for the Doctoral Program" in red and mail it by "simple registered mail".

Mailing Address:

Kobe University Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Students Affairs Section
1-1, Rokkodai-cho, Nada-ku, Kobe 657-8501

6. Date and Place for the Interview

Date: March 13 (Wed), 2024

Place: Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University

Remark: Applicants will be notified of the time and place for the interview at a later date.

If for some reason you want the exam to be conducted remotely (online), consult with your prospective academic advisor in advance. It may be accepted depending on the reason.

7. Documents to be Submitted

Application documents should be submitted in English. Documents in languages other than English must be accompanied by an English translation.

(1) Application for Admission (Form 1)

Applicants must complete all required items on the form.

Attach your photo (taken within the last 3 months, full-face from the shoulders up, no background) to the designated section of the application form.

(2) Detailed Educational Background and Employment History (Form 2)

Provide your detailed educational background and employment history on the form.

(3) Certificate of expected graduation of Master's course issued by Kobe University.

(4) Transcript/certificate of academic records in the Master's course issued by Kobe University.

(5) Letter of acceptance (Form 3)

Submit a letter of acceptance from your prospective supervisor in the Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University. (Documents written in Japanese are also accepted for this item.)

(6) Research progress report

- a) A summary of the research progress in the Master's course in English (about 1,200 words) on A4 size paper.
- b) Copies of published manuscripts, if any.

(7) Research plan

An approximately 1,200 words plan on A4 size paper, describing planned research.

8. Announcement of Successful Applicants

On March 21 (Thu), 2024, the results will be announced via the website of the Kobe University Graduate School of Agricultural Science. <http://www.ans.kobe-u.ac.jp/>

※Successful applicants will receive an acceptance letter. Inquiries will not be accepted via telephone.

9. Admission Procedure

(1) Admission procedure period and admission documents

The admission procedure period is scheduled to be around mid-September 2024. The details will be mailed to each successful applicant with necessary documents for the procedure.

(2) Where the admission procedure is held

Kobe University Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Students Affairs Section

10. Tuition Fee

Yearly tuition fee: 535,800 yen: This amount may be revised at the time of enrollment.

(Japanese Government Scholarship Students are not collected.)

11. Notes

(1) Tuition Fee Payment Exemption

Applicants who fall under any of the following items and make the relevant application may be exempted from the payment of all or half of the tuition fee upon screening.

- 1. Applicants recognized as having difficulty in making the payment due to financial reasons and having excellent academic records.
- 2. Applicants, except those who fall under (1), recognized as having extreme difficulty making the payment due to any of the following circumstances.
 - i The person mainly responsible for paying school expenses for the applicant having passed away

within a year prior to admission (when concerning the exemption of tuition fee of the term of the admission).

ii The applicant or the person mainly responsible for paying school expenses for the applicant having suffered from flood or storm damage within a year prior to admission (when concerning the exemption of tuition fee of the term of the admission).

iii The applicant having a reason equivalent to either of the above-mentioned that is recognized by the University.

(2) The admission of applicants who fall under the following items may be revoked.

(A) Applicants who made a false declaration

(B) Applicants who did not meet the qualification requirements

(3) Handling of personal information

Personal information (name, gender, date of birth, address etc.) provided in application documents is used only for (1) entrance examinations, (2) admission procedure, scholarship, accommodation, and (3) preparation for accepting students.

(4) If you are an international student and wish to take the examination, please be sure to contact your prospective supervisor before applying.