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**Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics  
Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences  
The University of Tokyo  
Admissions Guide - Doctoral Course  
(General Admissions / Special Admissions for Working Adults)  
Academic Year 2025**

The following is a supplement to the Application Guideline for the 2025 for the Doctoral Course, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the University of Tokyo.

**The written and oral examinations for the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (Schedule A and Schedule B) are not conducted in a face-to-face format. Therefore, applicants do not need to come to Japan to take the examination even if they reside overseas.**

**<Schedule A>**

**1. Application Period**

From Wednesday, June 19, 2024 (10:00 a.m.) to Tuesday, June 25, 2024 (5:00 p.m.)  
Please read the Application Guideline carefully before applying.

**2. Written Examinations**

**(1) Foreign Language (English)**

Applicants must submit official TOEFL-iBT or TOEFL-iBT Home Edition scores. Please refer to "7. Written Examination (Foreign Languages)" in the Application Guidelines for the submission method.

**(2) Specialized Subjects**

At the time of application, applicants must select three of the following subjects: 1) Farm Management, 2) Economics, 3) Agricultural Economics, 4) Agricultural Policy, 5) Agricultural History, 6) Rural Development, and submit an essay for each of the selected subject. Details will be given at the time the essay assignment is sent.

The examinations on the specialized subjects will be given in the form of essays. The assignments will be given out in both Japanese and English and the answers should be given in either Japanese or English, unless otherwise specified in the instructions for the question instructions. After submitting the application form, an essay assignment for each specialized subject will be sent to you. You will be required to prepare an essay on the specialized subject you selected at the time of application and submit it by the specified date. Details will be given at the time the essay assignment is sent.

Note: Depending on the number of applicants, pre-selection may be conducted based on the TOEFL scores and essays on the specialized subjects. For details, please refer to the "Guidelines for Examinees".

The examination fee will not be refunded even if the applicant is rejected in the document screening.

### 3. Oral Examination

The examination will be conducted in an online format. Applicants may choose to take the oral examination in either Japanese or English. The applicant is required to give an 8-minute report on the submitted thesis and research plan.

### 4. Examination Dates

The examination will be held from Monday, July 29 to Friday, August 2, 2025.

Notification on the date, time of the examination and other details will be provided in the "Guidelines for Examinees" to be sent by e-mail in early July 2024.

### 5. Documents to be submitted

Documents to be submitted should be submitted in accordance with "10. Application Documents" in the Application Guideline and (a) through (j) and (l) through (n) of "7. Others (2)" in this admission guide.

"(n) Documents required to be submitted by the department" must be submitted as specified in the table below.

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| Certificate of Confirmation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be submitted by those who do not expect to complete their Master's degree by March 31, 2025.</li><li>• Only the prescribed form should be used. Download the form from the Graduate School's website (<a href="https://www.a.u-tokyo.ac.jp/english/pstudents_e/g_rcourses.html">https://www.a.u-tokyo.ac.jp/english/pstudents_e/g_rcourses.html</a>).</li><li>• Upload the PDF file to the Web Entry System.</li></ul> |
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### 6. October Admission

Those who meet the application qualifications specified in the Application Guideline may apply for admission in October 2024. Applicants must upload the form "(m) Application for admission in October" from "10. Application Documents" in the Application Guideline to the Web Entry System during the application period.

### 7. Other matters

(1) In this department, the first and second examinations will be held within the same schedule without distinction for both Schedule A and Schedule B. Applicants for Schedule A must have completed or be expected to complete a Master's degree by September 2024. Applicants must contact their academic advisor before submitting their application.

(2) Select the required foreign language and specialized subject based on the following table.

| Eligible Applicants | Foreign Language (English) | Specialized Subjects | Submission of thesis | Oral Examination |
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|---------------------------------------|-----|---|-----------------------|------------|---|-------------|
| General Admissions                    | I   | Those who are expected to obtain a Master's degree by March 31, 2025, or those who have obtained a Master's degree from this department.  | Exempted              | Exempted   | Reporting is done by the thesis review board of the department. | Implemented |
|                                       | II  | Those who are expected to obtain a Master's or professional degree by March 31, 2025 from a graduate school of the University of Tokyo, or those who have obtained a Master's or professional degree but not I. | Exempted              | 2 subjects | Submit one copy of Master's thesis                              | Implemented |
|                                       | III | Applicants eligible to apply other than those of I and II   | English (TOEFL score) | 3 subjects | Submit one copy of Master's thesis                              | Implemented |
| Special Admissions for Working Adults | I   | Those who are expected to obtain a Master's degree by March 31, 2025, or those who have obtained a Master's degree in this department.  | Exempted              | Exempted   | Reporting is done by the thesis review board of the department. | Implemented |

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|  | II  | Those who are expected to obtain a Master's degree from a graduate school of the University of Tokyo by March 31, 2025, or those who have obtained a Master's degree but not I. | Exempted              | 2 subjects | Oral examination based on research results and research plan |
|  | III | Applicants eligible to apply other than those of I and II   | English (TOEFL score) | 3 subjects | Oral examination based on research results and research plan |

Note: Papers, reports and abstracts (in Japanese or English) should be submitted in data format. If the paper or report is written in a language other than Japanese or English, an English abstract should also be submitted. Details will be given at the time the essay assignment is sent.

In the oral examination, the applicant is required to give an 8-minute report on the submitted thesis or report and their research plan (for the Special Selection for Working Adults only) together. Reporting materials (resumes, etc.) must be submitted as data by the specified date. Details will be given at the time the essay assignment is sent.

(3) Notes on inputting information into the Web Entry System

- a. All designated fields must be filled in. If any field is not filled in, the application will be treated as incomplete.
- b. Enter the desired field of specialization and the desired academic advisor(s) by referring to the "List of faculty members and their fields of specialization".  
Also, if there are any changes in the names of faculty members, etc., please check the latest version of the "List of faculty members and their field of specialization" in the Application Guideline before applying.
- c. Be sure to enter the name of the subjects you will take in the "Specialized Subjects" column.
- d. Please enter your history up to the date of completion of your Master's degree (expected). Applicants for the Special Admissions for Working Adults should enter their employment history.
- e. If you have jumped years or have been educated outside Japan, please contact the Graduate Student Section, Academic Affairs Division, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences (see "14. Inquiries and Contacts" in the Application Guideline) for information on how to enter your educational background.

- (4) Be sure to contact your prospective supervisor well in advance of application in order to confirm the matching of research themes, etc.

- (5) Refer to the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics website for where to obtain previous years' questions.
- (6) If you have any questions about the entrance examination for this department, please contact the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (see "Contact Information for Each Department" in the Application Guideline).
- (7) Please read the Application Guideline and this Admission Guide for the Graduate School Admission Examination carefully. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Graduate Student Section, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences (see "14. Inquiries and Contacts" in the Application Guideline) well in advance.

## <Schedule B>

### 1. Application Period

From, Thursday November 21, 2024 (10:00 a.m.) to Wednesday, November 27, 2024 (5:00 p.m.)

Please read the Application Guideline carefully before applying.

### 2. Written Examinations

#### (1) Foreign Language (English)

Applicants must submit official TOEFL-iBT or TOEFL-iBT Home Edition scores. Please refer to "7. Written Examination (Foreign Languages)" in the Application Guideline for the submission method.

#### (2) Specialized Subjects

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### 3. Oral Examination

The examination will be conducted in an online format. Applicants may choose to take the oral examination in either Japanese or English. The applicant is required to give an 8-minute report on the submitted thesis and research plan.

### 4. Examination Dates

The examination will be held from Thursday, January 30 to Friday, February 7, 2025.

Notification on the date, time of the examination and other details will be provided in the "Guidelines for Examinees" to be sent by e-mail in early January 2025.

### 5. Documents to be submitted

Documents to be submitted should be submitted in accordance with "10. Application Documents" in the Application Guidelines and (a) through (j) and (l) through (n) "7. Others (2)" in this admission guide.

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## 7. Other matters

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- (2) Select the required foreign language and specialized subject based on the following table.

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|                     | II | Those who are expected to obtain a Master's or professional degree by March 31, 2025 from a graduate school of the                     | Exempted             | 2 subjects           | Submit one copy of Master's thesis                              | Implemented |

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|                                       |     | University of Tokyo, or those who have obtained a Master's or professional degree but not I.  |                       |            |   |             |
|                                       | III | Applicants eligible to apply other than those of I and II   | English (TOEFL score) | 3 subjects | Submit one copy of Master's thesis                              | Implemented |
| Special Admissions for Working Adults | I   | Those who are expected to obtain a Master's degree by March 31, 2025, or those who have obtained a Master's degree in this department.  | Exempted              | Exempted   | Reporting is done by the thesis review board of the department. | Implemented |
|                                       | II  | Those who are expected to obtain a Master's degree from a graduate school of the University of Tokyo by March 31, 2025, or those who have obtained a Master's degree but not I. | Exempted              | 2 subjects | Oral examination based on research results and research plan    |             |
|                                       | III | Applicants eligible to apply other than those of I and II   | English (TOEFL score) | 3 subjects | Oral examination based on research results and research plan    |             |

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