

October 2024 Enrollment
Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT)
Doctoral Program for World-leading Innovative & Smart Education (WISE Program)
Application Guideline (for M1: First year of Master course)

1. Outline of the WISE Program

Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT) WISE program (Program name: Excellent Leader Development for Super Smart Society by New Industry Creation and Diversity) is making a call for student applications. Applicants have to be enrolling in Master course at TUAT in October 2024 and/or April 2024. – Students in any areas and majors at TUAT are eligible.

With the goal of “Globally recognized research university”, we have been promoting education and research as a science-based research university that focuses on developing innovation leaders responsible for creating new industries through advanced graduate education in agriculture and engineering fields.

This program is based on agricultural science and engineering, and is defined as "creation of new industries = creation of new fields through advanced research capabilities.

We provide an integrated five-year education from the master's (first semester of doctoral) to the doctoral (second semester of doctoral) level in order to foster outstanding doctoral candidates with the "ability to boldly conceive of the future and steadily execute step-by-step," who can carry out the program.

The first stage of the curriculum aims to improve research conceptualization skills, form teams that transcend gender, nationality, and field of specialization, understand diversity for leadership acquisition, and improve international understanding and English debate skills. In the second stage, we aim to launch projects and establish collaborative research systems. In the third stage, students will develop an action plan to demonstrate the uniqueness of their own research in society.

All students who understand the purpose of this program and have interests in going on to a doctoral course are welcomed to apply.

Vision of Human Resources:

- Those who will offer solutions for the social challenges by cutting-edge technologies and knowledges in collaboration of agricultural and engineering sciences
- Those who will encourage diversity (e.g., gender, nationality, social experience, ways of thinking) for promoting innovation
- Excellent leaders who have the holistic perspectives, creativity, the appreciation and understanding of diversity, international competitiveness and high-level expertise

2. Curriculum and Completion Requirements

In order to complete the WISE Program, students need to get the required credits by taking the courses provided by the program as below and pass the Qualifying Examinations (QEs) *, in addition to completing their majors. Students need to get 8 credits or more in total to take QE1, and 10 credits or more in total to take QE2. The program will be started in October 2024.

Before QE1

Subject Group	Required Number of Credits	Overview
Basic Subjects for TUAT Co-Creation	2 credits or more	Acquire the basic knowledge to create new industries by integrating agricultural technology viewpoints and engineering technology
Basic Subjects for TUAT Co-Creation	2 credits	Acquire essential knowledge and experience for creating new industries
Subjects for International Training	2 credits or more	Acquire knowledge and experience from an international perspective that is essential for creating new industries
Special Subjects for TUAT Co-Creation	2 credits or more	Acquire more specialized knowledge of agriculture and engineering that are essential for creating new industries
Subtotal	8 credits or more	
QE1		Middle examination in the WISE Program.

After QE1

Advanced Subjects for TUAT Co-Creation and Industry-Government-Academia Collaboration	1 credit or more	Learn advanced knowledge of academic-industry and international collaboration for creating new industries
Advanced Exercise for TUAT Co-Creation and Industry-Government-Academia Collaboration	1 credit or more	Acquire high practical ability in academic-industry and international collaboration for creating new industries
Subtotal	2 credits or more	

QE2

QE2	10 credits or more in Total	Final examination in the WISE Program
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* Qualifying Examinations (QEs)

Qualifying Examinations (QEs) should be taken two times – in the second year of the Master course (QE1), and in the third year of the Doctoral course (QE2), in principle.

3. Qualification Requirements

Applicants should be the students who enrolled in the first year of the Master courses (including the first year of Professional Degree Course and the first year of the five-year integrated Doctoral course in BASE) at TUAT in October 2024 and/or April 2024, who have an interest in going on to the Doctoral courses at TUAT after obtaining Master degrees, and who have goals that match with the educational and research philosophies of the WISE Program.

* Before making your application for this program, you have to receive an approval of your primary supervisor. If you pass the final selection and are admitted to WISE Program, contact each of your supervisors and confer on your future research plan.

* Students who are admitted to WISE Program shall take prescribed subjects. After obtaining required credits and passing the QE2, the student shall have “WISE Program completed” in the Diploma. The Master or Doctorate degree will be obtained from the graduate school of affiliation.

4. Assistance and Support from the WISE Program

Under the WISE Program, research assistant (RA) expenses will be paid mainly to master's students only in FY2024 after screening. In addition, students will be able to receive advice for obtaining research funding, conducting joint research with companies based on the research specialty. Details of the support vary depending on the academic year, so please check the information provided by e-mail etc.

5. Application and Selection Schedule

- Online explanatory meetings: 12:10-12:50 (both days) on September 11 (Wed) and 12 (Thu) (See the WISE program’s website <<http://www.wise.tuat.ac.jp/en/recruitment/>> for the Zoom connection)
- Application period: From September 12 (Thu) to Noon of September 24 (Tue)
- Primary selection (Document Screening): Successful applicants will be announced by e-mail around in the afternoon of October 3 (Thu)
- Secondary selection (Interviews): The interview will be held online on October 8 (Tue) (AM or PM). The details such as Zoom link, time and way for presentation will be announced to each successful applicant of the primary selection individually.
- Selection result announcement: Successful applicants will be announced by e-mail around in the afternoon of October 11 (Fri).

* The Orientation for WISE Program will be held from 15:00 to 17:00 on October 15 (Tue).

6. Selection / Admission Criteria for the Program

(1) Primary Selection: Document Screening

A comprehensive assessment will be made based on of the reason for application and an academic record in the undergraduate course.

(2) Secondary Selection: Interview

A comprehensive assessment will be made of academic and research capabilities as well as the understanding of and enthusiasm for this Program through an 8-minute presentation on the topics that follow below as well as a 7-minute Q&A session (total of 15 minutes for the interview).

- Reasons why you are applying for the WISE Program
- Summary of the research carried out up to now and the future research plan
- Research prospect based on the expected learning experience in this program
- Future vision after completing this program and acquiring the degree

7. Number of students admitted to the Program:

Around 5 students

8. Application procedure

Apply via Google Form (<https://forms.gle/JdwyumaoLPqmQu1q9>). Fill in your name, department, contact, and name and contact of the supervisor. Describe the following items in an application document (Indicate your name in the file name and in the body of the text. The format is free.) and upload it after converting to PDF format.

- Reasons why you are applying for the WISE Program (approx. 300 words)
- Summary of the research carried out up to now and the future research plan (approx. 300 -500 words)
- Research prospect based on the expected learning experience in this program (approx. 300 words)
- Future vision after completing this program and acquiring the degree (approx. 300 words)

Applicants who graduated from other university should ask the university for your transcript of the academic record, scan and upload to the above Google Form. If you cannot receive your transcript by the application due date, please submit an alternative (e.g., a screenshot of the record display screen) if available, and indicate this in the remarks section. After the transcript is delivered, upload it to another Google Form (<https://forms.gle/NrcPKZ4gDBDMWBWf7>).

Applicants who graduated from TUAT need not submit the transcript as the administrative section will check the score result.

9. Contact

(Applying procedure etc.)

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