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**Post-graduate Program for  
Global Human-resources Development (PPGHD)  
in Graduate School of Agriculture, Saga University**

**( Master Course )**

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**Guide for the Application for  
the Foreign Students**

Application Deadline: November 24, 2017

Academic Year Start: April 1, 2018

Graduate School of Agriculture  
SAGA UNIVERSITY

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## Guide for the Application for the Foreign Students of Post-graduate Program for Global Human-resources Development(PPGHD) in Graduate School of Agriculture, Saga University

The Post-graduate Program for Global human-resources Development (PPGHD) in Graduate School of Agriculture provides all lectures, seminars, and internships in English for foreign students. The PPGHD is an educational course in the Graduate School of Agriculture, Saga University, in order to bring up global researchers and/or engineers who will contribute to the agricultural sciences. This is a call for application to a two-year Master Course starting from April, 2018.

Education and research in agricultural sciences should be conducted from comprehensive and global viewpoints. Expertise on agriculture is important for the production of food and biological resources. The synthesis of agricultural expertise is indispensable for understanding and solving the problems posed by the impact of human activities on the global environment and on all living things, including humans. This special course is geared to international students, so that they will be able to acquire agricultural knowledge and enhance their ability of logical thinking, in the hope that their knowledge and ability will be useful for generating clear insights on agricultural issues from comprehensive global viewpoints after they return to home countries.

In the Master Course program of the PPGHD, education and research guidance of the fields are given by the department of Biological Resource Sciences in the Graduate School of Agriculture. Applicants should decide the research fields and choose prospective relevant supervisor(s) appearing on the List of Academic Staffs.

Students who complete the Master Course program of the PPGHD are granted the Master's Degree (Agricultural science). The month of entrance is April, 2018 and the applicants can enter the PPGHD course after completing their Bachelor Course program in their country.

### Qualifications

1. **Nationality:** Non-Japanese citizens can apply for this program.
2. **Academic carrier:** The following candidates may apply for admission.
  - a. Those who have received Bachelor's Degree from Japanese University as of March 31, 2018.
  - b. Those who have received Bachelor's Degree after completing 16 years course of school education in foreign country, or will receive it as of March 31, 2018.
  - c. Those who have completed 16 years course of school education of foreign country in Japan through correspondence education of a foreign school, or will complete the course as of March 31, 2018.
  - d. Those who have completed 16 years course of school education of foreign country at educational institutions of the foreign country in Japan, which is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the Japanese Government, or will complete the course as of March 31, 2018.
  - e. Those who have completed 15 years course of school education in foreign country, and been admitted by the Graduate School of Agriculture, Saga University to obtain sufficient credits with excellent score.
  - f. Those who have successfully completed the course that Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the Japanese Government appoints particularly among a specialized course of a special vocational school (it is limited to the course whose years required for graduation are more than 4 and that satisfies the other standards that Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the Japanese Government establishes.) after the day that Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the Japanese Government establishes.
  - g. Those who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the Japanese Government.
  - h. Those who are 22 years old or more as of March 31, 2018, and are admitted by the Graduate

School of Saga University as that their academic abilities are equivalent to or higher than Bachelor's Degree of Japanese Universities upon reviewing the submitted materials.

\* Those who intend to apply based on the terms e, f, g, or h should submit the application form to the Entrance Examination Office of Saga University one month earlier than the application deadline.

3. **Language proficiency:** A good working level of English is required.
4. **Arrival in Japan:** Applicants should arrive in Japan by March 23, 2018, if admitted.

### **Tuition expenses**

1. **Entrance examination fee:** 30,000 yen.
2. **Entrance fee:** 282,000 yen (scheduled)
3. **Tuition fee:** 267,900 Yen for each semester (scheduled). [535,800 Yen per academic year (scheduled).] Amount of due might be slightly revised depending on the decision of the administration council.

Payments must be done for each semester biannually within the beginning two months of the semester.

### **Selection**

1. Applicants who have excellent record will take an interview or an internet interview by their desired Advisory Professor (Supervisor) after all-round judgment of submitted papers.
2. Applicants shall be examined by the Screening Committee of the PPGHD. Only those who have a solid academic background, research capability and commitment are selected as a successful candidate.
3. The final results of selection will be informed in the middle of January , 2018
4. A few number of students can be admitted.

### **Admission**

1. Date of enrollment is April 1, 2018.
2. Date of registration for admission: March 23 to March 27, 2018. If the applicant does not register on these days, his/her admission shall be canceled.
3. Admission shall be canceled if the applicant fails to receive the Bachelor's Degree on or before March 31, 2018.

### **Application**

1. Applicants should prepare the following documents to be forwarded to the Dean of the Graduate School of Agriculture, Saga University.
  - ① Application Form (Form A).
  - ② Field of Study and Study Program (Form B)
  - ③ Official transcript of Bachelor's degree or certificate representing that the applicant will be conferred Bachelor's degree by March 31, 2018. The transcript or certificate must be sealed by the authority or sent directly from the college.
  - ④ Transcripts of **Academic Record** issued by university authorities and its English translation.
  - ⑤ English summary of **Bachelor's Thesis** or it's equivalent if available, not exceeding four sheets of A4 size paper typed in double space. If a Bachelor's Thesis is not required by the University from which the applicant graduated, prepare a statement to this matter.
  - ⑥ Certificate of **Citizenship** issued by appropriate authorities.
  - ⑦ **Recommendation and Reference**
    - a. A letter of **Recommendation** (Form C) from the head of the applicant's affiliated institution.

- b. Letter(s) of **Reference** from those who know the applicant's research/study capability should be addressed to the Dean of the Graduate School of Agriculture, Saga University.

The letters of recommendation and reference(s) should indicate the English proficiency of the applicant. Enclose, therein, a certificate indicating the scores of TOEFL or a corresponding English Ability Test, if any.

- ⑧ **Three Photographs** (hatless portrait), 4.5 cm × 3.5 cm in size, taken within six months before the date of application. Two copies should be attached to the application form. One extra copy should be enclosed therein, with the applicant's name and nationality on the reverse side of the copies.
- ⑨ **Entrance Examination Fee:** 30,000 yen. The entrance examination fee should be transferred as a postal money order at post office, or send as a check (US dollar) to Entrance Examination Office of Saga University. Note that in the case of a check, if amount of exchanged Japanese yen was below 30,000 Yen, the check cannot be received by Entrance Examination Office of Saga University.
2. All documents should be sent by registered mail and received by the Entrance Examination Office by **November 24, 2017**.

### Remarks

1. The above documents should be type-written in English on A4 size paper.
2. Incomplete documents are not acceptable.
3. Applicants are advised to choose their desired Advisory Professor (Supervisor), and to indicate the supervisor's name on the application form (Form A).
4. None of the documents submitted is returned to the applicant in any case.

### Notes

1. The applicant will be deprived his/her entrance under the following cases:
  - a. False statements on the documents.
  - b. Violation of the pledge.
2. Applicants are recommended to be well acquainted with the Japanese language, culture, customs, etc. A knowledge of the Japanese language is necessary in daily life.
3. Applicants are expected to complete their Master Course Program within two years.

### Correspondence

Any correspondence relating to the application for the PPGHD should be sent by mail to the address below.

**Entrance Examination Office**  
**Saga University**  
**1 Honjo-machi**  
**Saga 840-8502, Japan**  
**E-mail: [contact@mail.admin.saga-u.ac.jp](mailto:contact@mail.admin.saga-u.ac.jp)**

# ACADEMIC STAFFS ATTENDING PPGHD, AND THEIR MAJOR FIELDS AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

## *Course of Applied Biological Sciences*

### **Improvement of Tropical Crops** ..... **Zheng, S.H. and Fujita, D.**

1. Physiology and Eco-morphology of tropical leguminous crops.
2. Sustainable cropping system which adapted to tropical agriculture.
3. Improvement of yield-related traits in rice through genetic and breeding studies.
4. Genetic and breeding studies for resistance to planthopper and leafhopper in rice.
5. Genetic improvement for days to heading in indica rice.

### **Animal Production** ..... **Wada, Y. and Yamanaka, K.**

1. Animal breeding using DNA marker.
2. Molecular genetics for domestic animal.
3. Efficient production of offspring from genetically superior individuals by reproductive technologies.
4. Application of reproductive technology to fertility treatment.
5. Recent problems in animal reproduction.

### **Analysis of Plant Metabolism** ..... **Ishimaru, K.**

1. Chemical analysis of plant secondary metabolites.
2. Biotechnology and plant metabolic regulation.
3. Development of functional food materials.

### **Vegetable and Ornamental Horticulture** ..... **Isshiki, S. and Ogura-Tsujita, Y.**

1. Genetics and systematics of eggplant and its related Solanum species.
2. Cell, tissue and organ culture of vegetables and ornamentals.
3. Breeding of eggplant.
4. Seed germination experiments.
5. Molecular identification of symbiotic fungi in vitro culture of orchid seeds and fungi.
6. Survey of wild orchid habitats.

### **Horticultural Physiology** ..... **Kotoda, N.**

1. Studies on genetic resources of Citrus spp. and its relatives.
2. Elucidation of involvement of phytohormones in the early development of fruit.
3. Studies on juvenility, flower induction and embryogenesis in fruit trees.
4. Functional genomics in horticultural crops such as tree fruits.

### **Genetics and Plant Breeding** ..... **Anai, T. and Watanabe, S.**

1. Molecular breeding in rice and soybean.
2. Development and utilization of breeding methods based on gene manipulation.
3. Improvement of soybean fatty acid composition by induced mutation.

**Plant Virology** ..... **Ohshima, K.**

1. Functions of plant virus genes.
2. Genetic structure of populations of plant viruses.
3. Molecular evolution and ecology of plant viruses.
4. Interactions between host and plant virus genes.

**Plant Mycology** ..... **Kusaba, M.**

1. Classification and identification of plant pathogens.
2. Genetics of pathogenicity of plant pathogens.
3. Genetic diversity in fungal population.

**Entomology** ..... **Hayakawa, Y.**

1. Physiological roles of insect cytokines.
2. Neurochemical and endocrinological regulation insect metamorphosis and diapause.
3. Defense mechanism in insect hemolymph.
4. Chemical ecology and physiology of provisioning shield bug, *Parastrachia japonensis*.

**Animal Behavioral Ecology** ..... **Nomakuchi, S.**

1. Behavioral ecology of insects and other animals, and theoretical analysis using mathematical models and quantitative methods.

**Nematology** ..... **Yoshiga, T.**

1. Biological and physiological characteristics of plant parasitic nematodes.
2. Growth regulation and pathogenicity of entomopathogenic nematodes.
3. Species diversity and ecological significance of brackish water nematodes.

**Systems Ecology** ..... **Tokuda, M.**

1. Insect-plant interactions.
2. Mechanism and adaptive significance of host manipulation by insects.
3. Evolutionary ecology and biosystematics of gall-inducing insects.
4. Insect pest management.

***Course of Agro-Environmental Conservation***

**Environmental Geotechnics** ..... **Kondo, F. and Miyamoto, H.**

1. Sedimentation and self-weight consolidation characteristics of soft clay.
2. Solidification of soft and contaminated clay by fly ash-based geopolymer.
3. Soil management and conservation for sustainable crop production.

**Rural Environment** ..... **Haraguchi, T.**

1. Conservation of the water environment in agricultural field.
2. Water utilization for agriculture.

**Environment of Shallow Sea and Tidal Flat** ..... **Koriyama, M. and Yuge, K.**

1. Conservation of tidal flat environment.
2. Environmental monitoring of shallow sea area.



3. Quantification of water consumption in agricultural field.
4. Multi-functionality in agriculture.
5. Sustainable land use planning in Japanese rural area.

**Environmental Subsurface Science** ..... **Cho, H.**

1. Transport of water, salts, ions and heat in unsaturated soil.
2. Prevention of salt accumulation in the soil using phytoremediation methods.
3. Measurement of soil hydraulic properties and salt movement.

**Environmental Analytical Chemistry** ..... **Ueno, D.**

1. Investigation of environmental pollution by man-made organic chemicals in air, water, soil and biota.
2. Instrumental analytical chemistry (mainly using GC/MS and LC/MS) for detection of environmental pollutants.

**Water Environment in Rural Areas** ..... **Anan, M.**

1. Evaluation of agricultural water management in paddy field.
2. Modeling of water flow and quality in rural area.
3. Quantification of flood mitigation function in agricultural field.

***Course of Resource Recycling Agrobiolgy and Agro-Production Systems***

**Crop Science** ..... **Arima, S. and Suzuki, A.**

1. Morpho-physiological analyses on crop plants and their application to crop production.
2. Mechanism and application of root nodules and mycorrhizal symbioses

**Agricultural Production Engineering** ..... **Tanaka, M.**

1. Environmental control for hydroponic culture of vegetables.
2. Nondestructive quality evaluation of agricultural products.

**Agricultural Machinery and Information Technology** ..... **Inaba, S.**

1. Running resistance of agricultural rubber crawler.
2. Vibration analysis for agricultural vehicles.
3. Database for agricultural production.
4. Management of glassy ratio of rye with image processing technology.

**Fermentation Microbiology** ..... **Kitagaki, H.**

1. Breeding of yeast strains appropriate for production of bioethanol and alcohol beverages.

**Animal Science** ..... **Ebara, F.**

1. Animal behavior and management.

**Integrated Field Science** ..... **Ueno, K.**

1. Production methods for sustainable agriculture.

**Fruit Science** ..... **Fukuda, S.**

1. Molecular breeding in loquat and wild onion.
2. Genetics and genomics of rosaceae.

### ***Course of Rural Development Studies***

**Agricultural Economics & Farm Management** ..... **Tsuji, K.**

1. Agricultural Economics
2. Farm Management
3. Rural Development in Asia

**Regional Resource Management** ..... **Igarashi, T. and Nakai, S.**

1. Geographical studies on landscape, communities, and land utilization of rural settlement.
2. Land improvement and sustainable developments.
3. Food culture from an anthropological perspective.

**Human Ecology** ..... **Inaoka, T. and Fujimura, M.**

1. Environmental change and human survival in Asia and South Pacific.
2. Issues relating to development and conservation in rural community.

### ***Course of Applied Biochemistry and Food Science***

**Biochemistry** ..... **Watanabe, K. and Tsujita, T.**

1. Structure and mechanism of enzyme catalysis and regulation.
2. Roles of proteins in complex cellular processes.
3. X-ray crystallography of proteins.
4. Discovering oxidative stress recognition/response molecular mechanisms using genetically modified mice and cell lines
5. Identify oxidative stress modifiers from natural and synthetic chemical compounds

**Applied Microbiology** ..... **Kobayashi, G and Goto, M.**

1. Development of acetone-butanol-ethanol fermentation from biomass.
2. Microflora analysis by PCR-DGGE.
3. Isolation and characterization of useful bacteria and fungi.
4. Molecular breeding of fungi for production of organic acids, enzymes.

**Biomolecular Chemistry** ..... **Ueda, T. and Soh, N.**

1. Structure-activity relationship of anti bacterial and/or antifungal peptides.
2. Cytotoxicity of amino acid derivatives.
3. Bioanalysis based on fluorescence.
4. Biohybrid materials using artificial polymer or inorganic nanosheet.

**Molecular and Cellular Biology** ..... **Nagano, Y.**

1. Genomics and transcriptomics of various organisms, especially of *Citrus* species.
2. Highly efficient DNA cloning method and its applications.
3. Study of insect gustatory and olfactory sense, and lipid metabolism.

**Food Science** ..... **Hayashi, N. and Noma, S.**

1. Oligosaccharide and ethanol production from biomass waste through pressurized hot water process.
2. Functional materials extraction using hot compressed solvent.
3. Control of microorganisms in foods using carbon dioxide.
4. Development of flavor enhancer derived from fish.

**Bioresource Chemistry** ..... **Hama, Y. and Mitsutake, S.**

1. Structure and function of mucus glycoproteins and algal polysaccharides.
2. Isolation and characterization of novel glycolipids from marine animals.
3. Synthesis, metabolism and cellular signaling of membrane lipid in health and disease.
4. Development of Functional food materials.

**Nutrition Biochemistry** ..... **Nagao, K.**

1. Control of lipid and lipoprotein metabolism by food ingredients and drugs.
2. Nutrition and physiology of polyunsaturated fatty acids.
3. Enzymatic and genetic regulation of glycerolipid metabolism.
4. Lipid metabolism and cytokine regulation in hepatic diseases.

**Chemistry of Natural Resources** ..... **Kawazoe, Y. and Kawaguchi, S-i.**

1. Identification of bioactive small organic molecules.
2. Development of chemical tools for cell biological research.
3. Researches on conversion methods from natural resources such as agricultural product and biomass to cosmetic material and medicinal material.