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(Monbukagakusho) Scholarship of Post-graduate Program  
for Agribusiness Global Human-resources Development (PPAGHD)**

**(Doctor Course)**

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## **Guide for the Application for the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship of Post-graduate Program for Agribusiness Global Human-resources Development (PPAGHD)**

The Post-graduate Program for Agribusiness Global human-resources Development (PPAGHD) in the Graduate School of Agriculture provides all lectures, seminars, and internships in English for both foreign and Japanese students. Students from overseas can learn and study completely in Japan without a hurdle of Japanese language. The PPAGHD is an educational course in the Graduate School of Agriculture, Saga University (in part of the branch of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University. Therefore, the applicants should select the supervisor who belongs to Graduate School of Agriculture, Saga University), that will start in October 2025, in order to bring up global researchers and/or engineers who will contribute to the agricultural science. This is a call for application to a three-year Doctor Course for the academic year of 2025, sponsored by the Scholarship Program of Monbukagakusho (The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the Japanese Government). Foreigners having the nationality in the country list (appendix) and arriving from foreign countries to attend this program can apply to this scholarship program.

Nowadays, education and research in agricultural science should be conducted from comprehensive and global viewpoints. Expertise on agriculture become to more important for produce food and keeping biological resources. The creation of agricultural expertise is indispensable for understanding and solving the problems posted by the impact of human activities on the global environment and on all living organisms, including humans. The PPAGHD has been established in the Graduate School of Agriculture in order to discuss/share global agricultural problems whole over the world. The scope and goal of this PPAGHD are to educate for students to acquire agricultural knowledge and enhance their ability of logical thinking, in the hope from comprehensive global viewpoints after their return to home countries.

In the Doctor Course program of the PPAGHD, education and research guidance of the fields are given by the Department of Biological Resources 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 Doctor Course program of the PPAGHD are granted the Doctor of Agriculture. In this application, the month of entrance is October, and they can enter the PPAGHD course immediately after completing their Master program in their country without learning of Japanese language.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

1. **Applicants:** Foreigners having the nationality in the list in appendix bellow and arriving from foreign countries to attend this program can apply.
2. **Grant history:** Applicants who had been granted with any kind of MEXT scholarship in past three years are required to have an appropriate experience in their study and/or educational activities in foreign countries for at least three years after the scholarship was completed.
3. **Age:** Applicants must be people who were born on or after April 2, 1990.
4. **Academic career:** Student's record of applicants should belong to a highest class in the University from which the applicant graduated. The following candidates may apply for admission:
  - a. Those who have received Master's Degree from Japanese University.
  - b. Those who have received Master's Degree after completing 18 years course of school education in foreign country, or will receive it as of September 30, 2025.
  - c. Those who have completed 18 years course of school education of foreign country in Japan through correspondence education of a foreign school, or will complete the course as of September 30, 2025.
  - d. Those who have completed 18 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 September 30, 2025.
- e. Those who have completed 17 years course of school education in foreign country, and been admitted by the Graduate School of Saga University to obtain sufficient credits with excellent score.
  - f. Those who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the Japanese Government.
  - g. Those who are 24 years old or more as of September 30, 2025, and are admitted by the Graduate School of Saga University as that their academic abilities are equivalent to or higher than Master's Degree of Japanese Universities upon reviewing the submitted materials.
5. **Health:** Applicants should be in good health both mentally and physically.
  6. **Language proficiency:** A good working level of English is required.
  7. **Examination:** Applicant should take entrance exam of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University in September 2025. The further information will be sent to successful candidates.
  8. **Arrival in Japan:** Applicants should arrive in Japan by September 30, 2025, if admitted.

#### Remarks

- 1) Military personnel and civilian employees of the armed forces are not eligible.
- 2) Admission shall be canceled if the applicant fails to arrive in Japan between the dates mentioned above.
- 3) At our university, only one member of a married couple should apply. The scholarship can not be applied for when one member of a married couple has received the Japanese government scholarship.
- 4) Neither applicants for other universities in Japan for the Japanese government scholarship, nor applicants for embassy recommendation, nor the recipients of scholarships from their country are eligible for this program.
- 5) The scholarship shall be canceled if the applicant fails to receive the Master's Degree by September 30, 2025.
- 6) If you are handicapped and hope the special care about the entrance examination or the study in Japan, please consult with the entrance examination office before the application.

#### SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

1. Monthly allowance: A monthly amount of 145,000 Yen (as of 2024) shall be paid from Monbukagakusho for three years from October 2025. This allowance may not be paid if the recipient is absent from school for over a month.
2. Allowance for transportation
  - a. Transportation to Japan: Monbukagakusho shall provide an economy class air ticket between the international airport nearest to the scholarship recipient's residence in the country of the scholarship recipient's nationality and New Tokyo (Narita) International Airport or Fukuoka International Airport. Monbukagakusho will appoint route and date of the flight. The travel fee in the recipient's home country, the airport fee, the airport tax, special tax for the transportation, the travel fee in Japan should be covered at recipient's own expense. (In principle, "the scholarship recipients' residence" is defined as the mailing address denoted on the application form.)
  - b. Transportation from Japan: According to the scholarship recipient's application, Monbukagakusho shall provide a set of economy class air tickets to the recipients who will leave for their home countries in the month of their completion of the program. The coverage of the tickets shall be from Narita International Airport or Fukuoka International Airport to the international airport nearest to the place of their residence in their home country. This privilege shall be applicable for the scholarship recipient.
3. School fees: All school fees such as entrance examination, registration, and tuition costs, shall be waived.

### Remarks

- 1) Travel and accident insurance to/from Japan should be covered at recipient's own expense. The international airport departing to/from Japan must be the international airport in the country of the scholarship recipient's nationality.
- 2) The Monbukagakusho scholarship will be granted for 3 years to complete the Doctor course program of the PPAGHD.

### SELECTION AND ADMISSION

1. Applicants who have excellent records will take an interview or an Internet interview by your desired Advisory Professor (Supervisor) after all-round judgment of submitted papers. The interview or an Internet interview certifies that applicant does not apply for another university and that applicant will enter Saga University certainly when applicant is selected as a candidate of the scholarship. The academic ability of applicants is also confirmed by the interview or an Internet interview.
2. Applicants shall be examined by the Screening Committee of the PPAGHD. Only those who have a solid academic background, research capability and commitment are selected. The selected scholarship candidates will be informed and asked to reply their acceptance of the selection immediately in the middle of February 2025. After receiving their confirmation letter, they will be recommended to Monbukagakusho for the award of a scholarship in the late of February to March. The final decision of Monbukagakusho will be informed to the candidates through Saga University in July 2025.
3. When the applicants accept their scholarship candidate, they should withdraw all other scholarship applications.
4. The total number of scholarship recipients is 3.

### Remarks

- 1) Applicants selected by Monbukagakusho as grantees must enroll in the program. Refusal to enter the course after acceptance is not allowed.
- 2) Those who apply for Saga University are not allowed to apply for any other universities as the Monbukagakusho scholarship student.
- 3) Those who have applied for the Japanese government scholarship from Saga University and other university simultaneously, the Monbukagakusho will cancel their scholarship candidate for all universities, even if applicants are admitted as the Monbukagakusho scholarship student at Saga University.
- 4) If you are selected as a candidate, you will need to take the Kagoshima United Graduate School Doctor Course Entrance Examination.

### ENROLLMENT

1. Date of enrollment is October 1, 2025.
2. Scholarship grantees shall be enrolled as regular graduate students of Saga University.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Applicants should prepare the following documents to be forwarded to the Entrance Examination Office, Saga University.
  - ① **Application Form** (Form A).
  - ② **Application Form for Japanese Government (MONBUKAGAKUSHO:MEXT) Scholarship** (Form B). (This should be printed on both sides.)
  - ③ **Field of Study and Research Plan** (Form C). (This should be printed on both sides.)
  - ④ **Official transcript of Master's Degree or certification of Master's Degree**. If applicant is a student now, **certificate** that the applicant will be provided Master's Degree before September 30, 2025.
  - ⑤ **Transcripts of Academic Record** issued by the university authorities and their English

translation. (The criteria of academic assessment should be also shown.)

- ⑥ **Certificate of a student's record of highest class in the University from which the applicant graduated.** (GPA, ranking at the class, classification of ABC, or another corresponding numerical index)
  - ⑦ **English summary of Master Thesis** or its equivalent if available, not exceeding four sheets of A4 size paper typed in double space. When a Master Thesis is not required by the University from which the applicant graduated, prepare a statement to that effect.
  - ⑧ **Certificate of Citizenship** issued by the appropriate authorities.
  - ⑨ **Recommendation, Reference and Certificate for the relationship**
    - a. A letter of **Recommendation** (Form D) from the head (Dean, in case of University) of the applicant's affiliated institution.
    - b. **Letter(s) of Reference** (Form E) from those who know the applicant's research/study capability addressed to the Dean of the Graduate School of Agriculture.
    - c. **Certificate for the relationship** with the Faculty of Agriculture, Saga University (Optional, if any). Those who have attend SPACE program, short-term program (i.e., Sakura Science Program) or similar ones at Saga University, can be submit the related document or certificate. Additionally, if the applicants have a supervisor who has a relationship with Saga University professors, they can attach the supporting letter that indicates the relationship (free letter style).

The letters of recommendation and reference(s) should indicate the English proficiency of the applicant. The recommendation letter should refer to certification that the applicant will surely enter Saga University, if the applicant is selected as a Grantee of Monbukagakusho scholarship.
  - ⑩ **Certificate of English ability** (for example, TOEFL, IELTS).
  - ⑪ **Three Photographs** (hatless portrait), 4.5 cm × 3.5 cm in size, taken within six months of application date. Two copies should be attached to the application form. One extra copy should be enclosed therein, with the applicant's name and the nationality on the reverse side of the copies.
2. All documents should be sent by registered air mail, and must arrive at the International Affairs Office by **January 21, 2025**.

### 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 rights of a grantee of the scholarship shall be deprived under the following cases:
  - a) False statements on the documents.
  - b) Violation of the pledge.
  - c) Leaving and/or transferring from the Graduate school of Saga University.
  - d) Changing the Supervisor without approval program director /international affairs of Saga University.
  - e) Violation of school regulations, and no satisfactory academic achievement
2. Grantees are recommended to be well acquainted with the Japanese language, culture, customs, etc. A skill of the Japanese language is necessary in daily life.
3. Grantees are expected to complete their Doctor Course Program within three years.
4. Applicants who are not selected as candidate of the scholarship will have the information of failure by the Dean of the Graduate School of Agriculture, Saga University in the middle of February 2025.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The application form of the PPAGHD should be sent by air mail to the address shown below. Note that the application forms must not be submitted in any kinds of electronic form. Forms sent by facsimile and attached files on e-mail are not accepted in any occasion.

**Entrance Examination Office**

**Saga University**

**1 Honjo-machi**

**Saga 840-8502, Japan**

**Fax: (+81)-952-28-8178**

**E-mail: [contact@mail.admin.saga-u.ac.jp](mailto:contact@mail.admin.saga-u.ac.jp)**

対象国リスト  
Applicable countries list

アフリカ Africa

アルジェリア Algeria
アンゴラ Angola
ウガンダ Uganda
エスワティニ Eswatini
エジプト Egypt
エチオピア Ethiopia
エリトリア Eritrea
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ガンビア Gambia
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ギニアビサウ Guinea-Bissau
ケニア Kenya
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ジブチ Djibouti
ジンバブエ Zimbabwe
スーダン Sudan
セーシェル Seychelles
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ベナン Benin
ボツワナ Botswana
マダガスカル Madagascar
マラウイ Malawi
マリ Mali
南アフリカ Republic of South Africa
南スーダン South Sudan
モザンビーク Mozambique
モーリシャス Mauritius
モーリタニア Mauritania
モロッコ Morocco
リビア Libya
リベリア Liberia
ルワンダ Rwanda
レソト Lesotho

南西アジア Southwest Asia

インド India
スリランカ Sri Lanka
ネパール Nepal
パキスタン Pakistan
バングラデシュ Bangladesh
ブータン Bhutan
モルディブ Maldives

東南アジア Southeast Asia

インドネシア Indonesia
カンボジア Cambodia
シンガポール Singapore
タイ Thailand
フィリピン Philippines
ブルネイ Brunei
ベトナム Viet Nam
マレーシア Malaysia
ミャンマー Myanmar
ラオス Lao

中南米 Central and South America

アルゼンチン Argentine
ウルグアイ Uruguay
エクアドル Ecuador
ガイアナ Guyana
コロンビア Colombia
スリナム Suriname
チリ Chile
パラグアイ Paraguay
ブラジル Brazil
ベネズエラ Venezuela
ペルー Peru
ボリビア Bolivia

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アラブ首長国連邦 United Arab Emirates
イエメン Yemen
イスラエル Israel
イラク Iraq
イラン Iran
オマーン Oman
カタール Qatar
クウェート Kuwait
サウジアラビア Saudi Arabia
シリア Syria
トルコ Turkey
バーレーン Bahrain
ヨルダン Jordan
レバノン Lebanon
パレスチナ Palestine

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オーストラリア Australia
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サモア Samoa
ソロモン諸島 Solomon Islands
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トンガ Tonga
ナウル Nauru
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エストニア Estonia
オーストリア Austria
オランダ Netherlands
カザフスタン Kazakhstan
北マケドニア North Macedonia
キプロス Cyprus
ギリシャ Greece
キルギス Kyrgyz Republic
クロアチア Croatia
コソボ Kosovo
サンマリノ San Marino
ジョージア Georgia
スイス Switzerland
スウェーデン Sweden
スペイン Spain
スロバキア Slovakia
スロベニア Slovenia
セルビア Serbia
タジキスタン Tajikistan
チェコ Czech Republic
デンマーク Denmark
ドイツ Germany
トルクメニスタン Turkmenistan
ノルウェー Norway
バチカン Vatican
ハンガリー Hungary
フィンランド Finland
フランス France
ブルガリア Bulgaria
ベルギー Belgium
ポーランド Poland
ボスニア・ヘルツェゴビナ Bosnia and Herzegovina
ポルトガル Portugal
マルタ Malta
モナコ Monaco
モルドバ Moldova
モンテネグロ Montenegro
ラトビア Latvia
リヒテンシュタイン Liechtenstein
リトアニア Lithuania
ルーマニア Romania
ルクセンブルク Luxembourg

北米 North America

アメリカ United States
カナダ Canada

東アジア East Asia

モンゴル Mongolia
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## ACADEMIC MAJOR CHAIR STAFFS ATTENDING PPAGHD(DOCTOR), AND THEIR MAJOR FIELDS AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Name of Major Advisory Professor	Special Subject	Instruction and Research Fields
ISSHIKI Shiro	Vegetable and Ornamental Horticulture	Genetics and breeding in horticultural crops.
GOTO Fumiyuki	Protected Horticulture	Environmental control of greenhouses and physiology of horticultural crops.
SUZUKI Akihiro	Crop Physiology	Mechanism for establishment of symbiosis between higher plants and symbionts.
ZHENG, Shao-Hui	Tropical Crop Science	Cropping system, Physiology and Eco-morphology of tropical leguminous crops.
KOTODA Nobuhiro	Horticulture and Plant Physiology	Physiology and functional genomics of citrus germplasm and horticultural crops.
UENO Daisuke	Environmental Analytical Chemistry	Analytical chemistry on environmental pollutants.
OGURA-TSUJITA Yuki	Horticulture, Plant phylogeny	Studies on mycorrhizal association, plant ecology, conservation and in vitro culture in flowering plants.
FUKUDA Shinji	Fruit Science	Molecular breeding in loquat and wild onion.
FUJITA Daisuke	Plant Breeding	Genetics and improvement in tropical crop.
WATANABE Satoshi	Genetics and Plant Breeding	Molecular breeding in rice and soybean.
YAMANAKA Ken-ichi	Animal Reproduction	Study on the improvement of in vitro embryo production system.
MATSUMOTO Yuichi	Horticultural Science	Cultivation and postharvest management of horticultural crops.
KOBAYASHI Genta	Applied Microbiology	Isolation of useful microorganisms and utilization of biomass using microorganisms.
GOTO Masatoshi	Applied Microbiology	Functional analysis of filamentous fungi and their application.
SOH Nobuaki	Analytical Chemistry, Biopolymer Chemistry	Bio/environmental analysis and Biomaterial.
NAGAO Koji	Nutrition Biochemistry	Regulation of lipid metabolism and physiological functions of food.
HAMA Yoichiro	Bioresource Chemistry	Structure and function of glycoconjugates.
KITAGAKI Hiroshi	Fermentation Microbiology	Analysis of organelles and metabolism of fermentation microbes and its industrial application.
MITSUTAKE Susumu	Lipid Biochemistry and Food Function	Physiological function of lipids on the plasma membrane, and its application on functional food.
KIMURA Kei	Algal Life Science	Developments of molecular breeding method for <i>Pyropia yezoensis</i> "Nori".
NOMA Seiji	Food Process Engineering	Development and improvement of food processing technology.
HORITANI Masaki	Bio-related chemistry and biophysics	Structural and functional studies on enzymes and proteins.
KAWAGUCHI Shin-ichi	Chemistry of Natural Resources	Development of cosmetic and medicinal material from natural resources.
TSUJITA Tadayuki	Biochemistry	Elucidation of the molecular mechanism for oxidative, hypoxia, proteostasis stress using genomic modified vertebrate and/or cell lines.

<b>Name of Major Advisory Professor</b>	<b>Special Subject</b>	<b>Instruction and Research Fields</b>
NAGANO Yukio	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of higher eukaryotes.
KUSABA Motoaki	Plant Pathology	Molecular genetics of plant-microbe interactions.
KONDO Fumiyoshi	Environmental Geotechnics	Study of physical, chemical and geotechnical properties of soft soil, and development of environmental material for soil improvement.
TANAKA Munehiro	Agricultural Production Engineering	Preservation of agricultural products and environmental control for horticulture.
TOKUDA Makoto	System Ecology	Plant-herbivore interaction.
FUJIMURA Miho	Rural Sociology	Community organizations and environmental change in rural society.
YUGE Kozue	Irrigation engineering	Optimization of water management in farmlands and quantification of multifunctionality of irrigation water.
YOSHIGA Toyoshi	Nematology	Physiological and ecological studies on nematodes.
TSUJI Kazunari	Agricultural Economics	Agricultural Economics.
NISHIDA Sho	Plant Nutrition	Plant response to nutrient availability and improvement of crop.
HAYAMI Yuichi	Coastal Oceanography	Environmental dynamics in estuaries and coastal seas.