

# Nagoya University International Programs for AY2024 Biological and Bioagricultural Sciences Graduate Program (Master's Program)

## Admission Requirements (October Admission)

Nagoya University invites students to apply for the Academic Year 2024 admission to the Biological and Bioagricultural Sciences Graduate Program, an English-taught Master's Degree Program, according to the terms and conditions below.

### Admission Policies

For Nagoya University's general admission policies, please see the following website:

[http://en.nagoya-u.ac.jp/about\\_nu/upload\\_images/admission\\_policy\\_en.pdf](http://en.nagoya-u.ac.jp/about_nu/upload_images/admission_policy_en.pdf)

## I. Eligibility for Application

To be eligible to apply for Nagoya University's International Programs, the applicant must satisfy one of the four conditions below:

1. The applicant has completed a 16-year curriculum in an educational system(s) other than the Japanese, or is scheduled to complete such a curriculum by September 30, 2024 in an education institution located in a foreign country.
2. The applicant has been or will be granted, by September 30, 2024, a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree upon completion of a program that consists of at least 3 years of study at an overseas university or other overseas schools (limited to those whose comprehensive situation of educational and research activities have either received evaluation from a person who was authorized by the corresponding country's government or related institutions, or which have been separately designated as being equivalent to such by the Minister of Education; Includes completing distance learning programs conducted by said overseas schools while living in Japan or completing programs conducted by educational institutions located in Japan that follow the same education system as the overseas schools and have been separately designated by the Minister of Education.)
3. The applicant has graduated from a Japanese university or is scheduled to graduate by September 30, 2024; provided that this is limited to persons who have completed (or are scheduled to complete) their higher education curriculum (university curriculum) in the English language.
4. The applicant is deemed by the Graduate School to possess academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a university graduate, and to have received an education equivalent to 1. to 3. as stated above.

[Notes] For applicants applying under eligibility criteria 4:

**(Graduate School of Medicine)**

1. Eligibility review for application

Applicants who apply under the eligibility criteria 4 must download a set of prescribed forms for eligibility review from the website below and submit them to the graduate school to which you are applying as indicated in the "IX. Contact" section by registered mail. For the first round, the application documents must arrive no later than November 15, 2023. For the rolling admission, the application documents must arrive at least one month prior to the application deadline. (Be sure to write "G30 Biological and Bioagricultural Sciences Graduate Program: Eligibility Review for Application" in red on

the front of the envelope.)

The eligibility review (an interview may be performed, if necessary) will be conducted, and applicants will be notified of the results by e-mail on or after early December, 2023.

Download the prescribed forms "Forms for Eligibility Review (PDF format)" from the following website:

<https://admissions.g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp/admissions/graduateprograms/>

2. List of documents to submit for eligibility review

- i). Eligibility review form (prescribed form)
- ii). Certificate of graduation (issued by the principal/dean/etc. of the school attended, no copies allowed)
- iii). Academic transcript (issued by the principal/dean/etc. of the school attended, no copies allowed)
- iv). Curriculum vitae (prescribed form)

**(Graduate School of Science, Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences)**

Individuals wishing to apply under condition 4. of the terms of eligibility must contact the University, as indicated in the "IX. Contact" section, at least one month prior to the application deadline for each round and complete the prescribed procedures for eligibility review.

## II. Requirements for Application

Applicants who have graduated from a university where the primary language of instruction is not English must satisfy one of the following requirements. However, those applicants who graduate from a university where the primary language of instruction is English and can submit official documents coming from this fact (e.g., certificate of expected graduation prepared in the format designated by Nagoya University), will be exempt from submitting a certificate showing their English proficiency test score.

English Language Proficiency Test	Qualification (Minimum)	Remark
IELTS	Overall band score of 6	
TOEFL	80 iBT 60 Paper-delivered Test	*TOEIC is not accepted
Duolingo English Test (DET)	110 and above	
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)	C1 and above	*Must be stated in official transcripts

## III. Number of Available Places

Program (Graduate School(s))	No. of Places
Biological and Bioagricultural Sciences Graduate Program	Limited
(Graduate School of Science, Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences, Graduate School of Medicine)	

## IV. Application Procedure

### 1. Important notes before you apply

- (1) Please refer to the tables containing the names of departments, research laboratories/research groups, research areas, research projects and faculty members on the website (<https://admissions.g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp>) and select your preferred program, graduate school, and laboratory/research group. Furthermore, you may apply to only one graduate school per application. To apply to more than one of the programs from the Graduate School of Science, the Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences, and the Graduate School of Medicine, you need to create accounts for respective programs at the online system, submit a set of documents for each application, and pay examination fees, respectively.

#### \* **Inquiries regarding research projects prior to application**

The applicant must make a pre-application inquiry regarding research projects to a research laboratory/laboratories to which the applicant wishes to belong to receive supervision for his/her master's thesis before submitting application documents.

If the applicant decides to apply to the University based on the information gained through this pre-application inquiry, he/she must submit all application documents (including application fee) to the appropriate address as specified in the "Application documents submission" by the prescribed deadline for each recruitment category.

Also, when submitting documents ii and iii, please make sure to submit original and/or certified copies.

(Please note: even if you have already submitted documents to your preferred laboratory/supervisor in the course of your pre-application inquiry, those documents may not be deemed to be the formal application documents, and thus cannot be accepted as your application.)

#### \* **Other inquiries**

For any other inquiries, please contact us via the contact information indicated in "IX. Contact."

- (2) In the Application Form, you must write only one choice of your preferred research laboratory/research group and supervisor, regardless of whether you choose the Graduate School of Science, the Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences, or the Graduate School of Medicine.
- (3) Check which Graduate School the supervisor belongs to at the list of laboratories, to avoid to apply to wrong Graduate School.

### 2. Application periods

Applicants must submit all the application documents and pay the application fee within the appropriate application period specified in the table below:

(The deadlines below apply to all required documents including those that must be submitted in hard copy.)

<b>Recruitment Categories</b>	<b>Starting</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
First Round	January 5, 2024 9:00 (Japan time)	January 16, 2024 16:00 (Japan time)
Rolling Admission	May 7, 2024 9:00 (Japan time)	May 23, 2024 16:00 (Japan time)

- (1) At Nagoya University, the additional selection of applicants that may occur if quotas are not filled during the first round of admission is called Rolling Admission.
- (2) Each applicant may only apply once, for either the First Round or Rolling Admission.
- (3) Programs conducting Rolling Admission will be announced on or after April 19, 2024 on the G30 website (<https://admissions.g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp>).

- (4) If a complete submission of the application fee and application documents is not made during the application period, the application will not be accepted.
- (5) Application documents that arrive after the submission deadline will not be accepted.
- (6) Original hard copies can be submitted before application opens.

### 3. Application fee payment and application documents submission

To apply, please prepare and submit all required documents in accordance with the prescribed methods and be sure to pay the application fee by the deadline.

In case the application fee is paid via bank transfer, a receipt must be submitted which states the time of transfer. The time shall not be later than the stipulated deadline of the respective admission round. The receipt must be uploaded on the application system before the system closes at the deadline.

Please pay close attention to the notes below the table on the following page when preparing your documents.

#### < Application fee payment >

Application fee: JPY 5,000

Please pay via the Online Admissions System.

Note that the application fee is for the purpose of checking and screening the submitted documents, etc., and will not be refunded or returned once paid to the University.

However, in exceptional cases, as specified below, the application fee can be refunded at an applicant's request after any charges including miscellaneous fees paid on a refund transaction are deducted. For any details, please contact the Admissions Office.

- a. Duplicate payments are made.
- b. Payment is made after the application deadline

The applicant will not be required to pay the application fee if he/she is, or will be accepted as, a Government- or MEXT-sponsored scholar at Nagoya University, at the moment of enrollment (the submission of a "MEXT Scholarship Certificate" or "Letter of Acceptance" as a MEXT scholar issued by the same faculty you are applying to, is required)

#### < Application documents submission >

Online Admissions System: <https://admissions.g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp>

Postal submission: International Admissions Office, Nagoya University

Furo-cho, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya 464-8601 JAPAN

E-mail: [apply@g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp](mailto:apply@g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp)

	<b>Documents and Other Materials</b>	<b>Notes</b>
i	Application Form	Please submit the application form via the Nagoya University Online Admissions System.
ii	Certificate of Graduation or Certificate of Expected Graduation (Original or certified copy)	The certificate of graduation, (certificate of expected graduation) must include the date of graduation/ expected graduation and the school's official seal or signature. The original diploma cannot be accepted. For documents that cannot be reissued (diplomas, etc.), please submit a "certified copy" of the original. For certified copies, please refer to [Notes] below the table. *Please submit certificates pertaining to your Eligibility for Application. *Applicants applying under " <i>I. Eligibility for Application 3.</i> " must, in addition to their certificate of graduation (or expected graduation), submit a certificate stating that the lectures etc. of

		the university in question were conducted principally in English. (No specified format)
	Academic Transcript for Undergraduate Education (Original or certified copy)	Academic transcripts must include the school's official seal or signature. *Be sure to also submit the grade assessment standards.
iii	English Proficiency Test Scores (Original Copy)	Please submit scores that certify your fulfillment of the English proficiency requirement. Make arrangements to have official scores sent directly from the testing institution by the deadline. (The TOEFL institutional code for Nagoya University International Programs is 7256.) Those who have taken the Duolingo English Test are required to send their results online to the institution (Nagoya University) in addition to the original copy. *Please note that, in all cases, only the results of tests taken from January 2022 will be considered valid for application.
iv	Certified Score Report of the GRE (Original Copy)	Submit a certified score report of the GRE, if available. *Please arrange to have official scores sent directly from the testing institution by the application deadline. (The institutional code for Nagoya University International Programs on the GRE is 7256.)
v	Research Proposal	A proposal for the research you want to pursue in the graduate school (approx. 1,000 words). Please submit the document via the Nagoya University Online Admissions System.
vi	Two Letters of Reference	The reference letter must be submitted online directly by the referees themselves. Upon entering referee's information on the Online Admissions System, it will automatically send an email to the email address of each referee you listed. Each referee should upload their letter according to instructions given in the email. The letter should be written on the referee's school or institution's letterhead paper, signed by the referee, printed out, scanned, and saved as a PDF file before submission. The email address of the referee that you register for through the Online Admissions System should be their work email address, which means containing a school- or an institution-managed email domain. If no invitation email is delivered to the registered address, please ask your referee to check their spam mail folder. If no invitation letter can be found, then the referee should send their letter (in PDF format) directly to the Admissions Office as an email attachment. The applicant's full name and applicant number starting with 'G' followed by a 6-digit number, must be displayed in the email subject line. Email to: <a href="mailto:apply@g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp">apply@g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp</a> The letter must reach the Admissions Office before the prescribed deadline.  *If the referee does not have an email address that includes his/her institution's domain, please send the original copy in a

		sealed envelope by mail directly from the referee to the address indicated in "< Application documents submission >" mentioned above. (Must arrive by the prescribed deadline.)
vii	General Performance Evaluation Report from Prospective Supervisor at Your Preferred Graduate School (for Applicants applying to the Graduate School of Medicine Only)	Applicants who wish to apply to the Graduate School of Medicine must undergo an interview by a supervisor, etc. under whom they wish to receive supervision at the Graduate School, and must make arrangements to have a General Performance Evaluation Report containing the results of the interview sent directly from the supervisor, etc. to the address in the "< Application documents submission >" above.
viii	Summary of Undergraduate Graduation Research	If available, please upload a document describing the content of your graduation research to the Online Admissions System.
ix	Major Publications	If available, please upload up to three reprints/offprints of your major publications to the Online Admissions System.
x	Documents Showing Other Strengths	If available, please upload these documents to the Online Admissions System.
xi	Document Validating Your Nationality and Residence Status	This document may be, for example, a copy of your passport or a certificate issued by an embassy or consulate in Japan. The certificate should be prepared in English. Attach a translation if it is issued in any other language. If you reside in Japan, you must also submit a copy of your Residence Card (both sides printing). Please submit the document(s) via the Nagoya University Online Admissions System.
xii	Certificate of Enrollment (Only applicable to Nagoya University students)	Applicants who are research student or are due to graduate from Nagoya University need to upload a copy to the Online Admissions System. Japanese format of the certificate is also accepted.

**[Notes]**

- 1) Applications will be accepted only if all required documents for application are received by the deadline. It is recommended that you send documents by registered express mail or an equivalent air courier (e.g., Federal Express, DHL, UPS, etc.). **Incomplete applications cannot be considered for the selection processes.** No changes to any of the documents will be allowed after submission.
- 2) For non-English documents, the document-issuing school or authority must provide a corresponding English translation of the original language. If the school or authority does not provide such a service, the documents must be translated and verified by an outside translation organization and certified to be the same as those issued by the school or authority. Be sure to submit both the original documents and the certified translations.
- 3) For documents (v, vi, viii, ix, x, xi and xii) that are requested to be sent via the Online Application System, no additional hardcopy version is required to be sent via post. Overlapping hardcopies sent via post will not be included in the application.  
When submitting documents ii, and iii, please make sure to submit original and/or certified copies.
- 4) If a subject title, an evaluation result, or any other information in the certificates requested in items ii and iv above contains codes or abbreviations, an explanation must be attached.
- 5) To calculate the applicant's GPA fairly, the grade assessment standards requested in item ii should include clear evaluation scales (e.g., S=90-100, A=80-89, B=70-79, C=60-69). If there are no evaluation scales and only raw scores are available, the information of full marks and the lowest raw score to get a course credit are required.
- 6) Application documents submitted will not be returned for any reason.

- 7) If, after admission, it is discovered that any of the documents have been falsified or that any necessary details or documents have been omitted, admission will be revoked, even in the event that the candidate has already been admitted to the University.
  - 8) Applicants will be notified of the receipt of their application documents via the Online Admission System's messaging function. If you are unable to check your messages, please send a message to the International Admissions Office
  - 9) Applicants to the Biological and Bioagricultural Sciences offered at the Nagoya University Graduate School of Science who are due to graduate or have graduated from the Nagoya University School of Science should submit the following documents listed above: i, ii ("transcripts"), v, xi, and (for students who are expected to graduate only) xii, along with (if available) their official Biology GRE Subject Test-taker Score Report.
  - 10) Applicants to the Biological and Bioagricultural Sciences offered at the Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences who are due to graduate or have graduated from the Nagoya University School of Agricultural Sciences should submit the following documents listed above: i, ii ("transcripts"), viii, ix, xi, and (for students who are expected to graduate only) xii.
  - 11) The prospective academic advisor/supervisor may contact you directly during the screening regarding your "Research Proposal" submitted under v of Documents and Other Materials.
  - 12) A certified copy is stated as follows:
    - A hard copy sealed or signed by authority
    - A hard copy certified by authority to be a true copy
    - A hard copy notarized by public notary
- \* For any questions, please contact the graduate school indicated in "IX. Contact."

#### 4. Applicants with special needs

Applicants with special needs, who require special support in making their application, should consult Nagoya University before the submission of their admission application, as follows (documents submitted must be in English):

- (1) End of consultation period: **December 6, 2023**
- (2) Contact:
 

International Admissions Office, Nagoya University
- (3) Consultation Process: Please submit the following three documents. If necessary, the applicant or a representative of the school from which the applicant graduated or will graduate who can speak for the applicant will be interviewed by Nagoya University.
  - 1) A document stating the program to be applied for, the desired major, the nature of the applicant's special needs, the arrangements desired for examinations, and the applicant's contact details. (A4 (or letter size) paper. Any format may be used.)
  - 2) A doctor's diagnosis of the applicant's special needs, the written opinion of a social worker, etc. (a copy is acceptable), or a copy of a disability certificate or equivalent document.
  - 3) A document from an official of the school from which the applicant graduated or will graduate (A document stating the nature of the arrangements made at the school for their classes and studies. Please use A4 (or letter size) paper. Any format may be used.)
- (4) If you would like to consult with us regarding the admissions process or your studies after your enrollment, please inquire with us by the application deadline.

### **V-1. Selection Method (Graduate School of Science: Biological and Bioagricultural Sciences Graduate Program)**

1. Selection of successful applicants who are due to graduate or have graduated from the Nagoya University School of Science Biological Science program consists of a first (document) screening and second screening (oral examination).

2. Selection of successful applicants other than applicants due to graduate or have graduated from the Nagoya University School of Science Biological Sciences program consists of a first (document) Screening and second screening (oral examination: as a rule, applicants who do not reside in Japan will be interviewed using a VoIP system on the Internet such as Zoom, etc.).
3. Results of the first (document) screening will be announced via e-mail by the graduate school you applied to.
4. Applicants who successfully pass the first (document) screening will also be informed via e-mail of the date of the second (oral examination) screening by the graduate school to which they applied.
5. Each of the selection methods 1. and 2. above will be conducted separately.

## **V-2. Selection Method (Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences: Biological and Bioagricultural Sciences Graduate Program)**

1. Selection of successful applicants consists of a first (document screening) and second screening (oral examination: as a rule, applicants who do not reside in Japan will be interviewed using a VoIP system on the Internet such as Zoom, etc.)
2. Results of the first (document) screening will be announced via e-mail by the graduate school you applied to.
3. Applicants who successfully pass the first (document) screening will also be informed of the date of the second (oral examination) screening in the e-mail by the graduate school they applied to.

## **V-3. Selection Method (Graduate School of Medicine: Biological and Bioagricultural Sciences Graduate Program)**

1. Selection of successful applicants consists of a first (document) screening and second screening (oral examination: as a rule, applicants who do not reside in Japan will be interviewed using a VoIP system on the Internet such as Zoom, etc.). The oral examination will be conducted in English.
2. Results of the first (document) screening will be announced via e-mail by the graduate school they applied to.
3. Applicants who successfully pass the first (document) screening will also be informed via e-mail of the date of the second (oral examination) screening by the graduate school to which they applied.

## **VI. Announcement of Admission Results**

Admission results will be announced by the graduate school you applied to via e-mail indicated on your Application Form by the date shown as the "Date of Notification of Selection Results" in the table below. Admitted students may also verify their results by logging in to the Online Admissions System. Applicants on a wait list will be separately notified by e-mail.

<b>Recruitment Categories</b>	<b>Graduate School</b>	<b>Announcement Date of Admission Results</b>
First Round	Graduate School of Science	March 22, 2024
	Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences	March 14, 2024
	Graduate School of Medicine	March 22, 2024
Rolling Admission	Graduate School of Science	July 4, 2024
	Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences	June 27, 2024
	Graduate School of Medicine	July 4, 2024



## VII. Admission Procedure

Documents and forms required for university enrollment will be sent to every successful applicant together with an admission offer letter. The registration fee payment must be made in accordance with the due date specified in the table below.

The registration fee will be waived for successful applicants who are Government- or MEXT-sponsored scholars.

### 1. Payment of the registration fee (JPY 282,000)

For details, please refer to the guidelines for enrollment procedures to be sent with the admission offer letter and be sure to complete the registration fee payment no later than the date below; the registration fee payment is required to secure your admission.

Recruitment Categories	Deadline for Payment of Registration Fee
First Round	April 4, 2024 by 16:00 (Japan Time)
Rolling Admission	July 11, 2024 by 16:00 (Japan Time)

#### [Notes]

- (1) If the registration fee is revised by the time of enrollment, the new fee after revision will apply.
- (2) For details regarding the registration fee payment, please refer to the guidelines for enrollment procedures to be sent with the admission offer letter. The registration fee must be paid via the Online Admissions System by the date and time indicated in the table above. The sender is responsible for the costs of the processing fee for the Bank Transfer.
- (3) Registration fees will not be refunded once received by the university.  
However, in exceptional cases, as specified below, the registration fee can be refunded at an applicant's request after any charges including miscellaneous fees paid on a refund transaction are deducted. For any details, please contact the Admissions Office.
  - a. Duplicate payments are made.
  - b. Payment is made after the deadline.
- (4) If payment of the registration is not completed by the stipulated deadline, the applicant will be considered to have withdrawn from admission to the university.

### 2. Other fees required for admission (subject to change)

Program	Tuition Fees	Premium for Personal Accident Insurance for Students' Education and Research (Premium includes third party liability insurance)
Biological and Bioagricultural Sciences Graduate Program	Per semester: JPY 267,900 (Per year: JPY 535,800)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JPY 2,430 (for 2 years) (Graduate School of Science, Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences)</li> <li>• JPY 2,790 (for 2 years) (Graduate School of Medicine)</li> </ul>

#### [Notes]

- (1) If tuition fees are revised at the time of enrollment or during enrollment in the University, the new fee after revision will apply from the time of revision.
  - (2) Tuition fees payment must be made after the semester begins.
  - (3) Please refer to the guidelines for enrollment procedures for any other details.
- ### 3. Reminder to applicants who are expected to graduate from/complete their university/graduate school but have not yet graduated from/completed at the time of application
- Applicants who have not yet graduated from/completed their university/graduate school at the time of

application must ensure that their certificates of graduation/completion and academic transcripts are sent from their school to the University by **August 1, 2024**.

Please note: if you are unable to submit the certificate by the above deadline, you must contact us in advance via the contact information indicated in "IX. Contact."

## VIII. Other

1. All personal information submitted to Nagoya University is appropriately managed in compliance with the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Agencies" and the "Tokai National Higher Education and Research System Rules on the Protection of Personal Information" regulations.
2. The address, name, date of birth and other personal information of applicants obtained at the time of application will be used only for admissions, the announcement of results, enrollment, and related matters.
3. Furthermore, the personal details of applicants admitted to Nagoya University will also be used for i) academic affairs (student registration, academic advising, etc.), ii) student welfare services (health care, career services, tuition exemption, scholarship applications, etc.), and iii) collecting tuition fees.
4. All times and dates indicated in the Admission Requirements refer to Japan Standard Time (UTC+09).
5. Nagoya University has established the "Security Export Control Regulations for Tokai National Higher Education and Research System" in accordance with Japan's "Foreign Exchange Trade Act." The Security Export Control Office provides guidance and rigorously conducts necessary procedures when we accept international students.  
Since November 2021, it has been clarified that the 'deemed export control' is also regulated and controlled by the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act ("FEFTA"), and thus transfer of controlled information, technology, software, and data to anyone even within the territory of Japan is also subject to the FEFTA. As such, to comply with export control regulations, each applicant must submit the 'self-declaration' form (known as 'Declaration of Applicable Specific Categories') through the Online Application System (<https://admissions.g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp>). In addition, some of those admitted might be required to submit the Pledge Form regarding export control compliance, as part of enrollment procedures. Moreover, your research might be regulated if it involves export controlled or restricted activities.

## IX. Contact

If contacting us from abroad, please make inquiries by e-mail.

For any questions concerning the admission requirements of the Biological and Bioagricultural Sciences Graduate Program, please contact us at:

### [Graduate School of Science]

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E-mail: apply@g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp