

# ***Guidelines for Application 2021***



*Kobe Global Graduate Program for Agricultural Science (Master's program)*

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*“Kobe Global Graduate Program for Agricultural Science”* is a course targeted at international students and is offered in English.

Graduate School of Agricultural Science

KOBE UNIVERSITY

## ***Admission Policy***

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The Master's Program of the Graduate School of Agricultural Science aims to train individuals to gain a broad range of knowledge in their respective fields, as well as problem-solving skills and the ability to think creatively with an interdisciplinary perspective. For this reason, the Graduate School accepts people with a solid fundamental academic ability in the field of agricultural science, people excelling in rational thinking, people with a strong desire to study agricultural science, people with a passion for science and strong intellectual curiosity, as well as people who wish to utilize their knowledge in the sciences at public institutes and in the industrial sector.

## ***Completion Requirements***

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To complete the Master's program, students are required to attend the Master's program and receive research guidance for at least two years, to obtain 30 credits or more in their major, and to pass the master's thesis screening and final examination.

## ***Degree Conferred***

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Master's degree in Agricultural Science

## Application Guidelines

### 1. Divisions and Enrollment Capacity

Divisions and Research Fields available for the Kobe Global Graduate Program for Agricultural Science:

Departments and Divisions		Research Fields
Agricultural Engineering and Socio-Economics	Agricultural Engineering	Environmental Engineering for Water
		Geotechnical Engineering for Agriculture
		Geo-Environmental Engineering for Agricultural Facilities
		Rural Planning
		Agri-Food Process Engineering
		Mechanical Engineering of Bioproduction
	Information Engineering of Bioproduction	
Food and Environmental Economics	Farm and Rural Management	
	International Food Information Science	
Bioresource Science	Animal Science	Animal Breeding and Genetics
		Reproductive Biology
		Developmental Biotechnology
		Animal Nutrition and Metabolism
		Animal Molecular Morphology
		Microbiology and Immunology
		Animal Genetic Resources
	Cell Signaling	
	Plant Science	Crop Science
		Plant Breeding
		Forest Resources
		Horticultural Breeding and Propagation
		Horticultural Crop Production and Development
		Tropical Crop Science
Plant Germplasm Enhancement		
Agrobioscience	Applied Chemistry in Bioscience	Biological Chemistry
		Food and Nutritional Chemistry
		Natural Products Chemistry
		Functional Phytochemistry
		Chemistry and Utilization of Animal Production Resources
		Environmental Microbiology
		Biochemistry Frontiers
	Applied Biology	Soil Science
		Plant Nutrition
		Plant Genetics
		Crop Evolution
		Cell Function and Structure
		Environmental Material Science
		Plant Pathology
Insect Biodiversity and Ecosystem Science		

Enrollment Capacity:

**A few** for Master's Program

### 2. Entry

April 1, 2021 or October 1, 2021

### **3. Eligibility Requirements for Applicants**

Applicants must satisfy both of the following requirements, 3.1 and 3.2.

**3.1** Applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements 3.1.1 to 3.1.3.

**3.1.1** Applicants must satisfy at least one of the following requirements (a) to (c) and receive adequate recommendation from the relevant university or organization.

(a) Those currently enrolled in or graduated from universities with which Kobe University or the Graduate School of Agricultural Science has Academic Exchange Agreements, or from universities which have previous exchange arrangements with Kobe University.

(b) Those who have established close communication with faculty members of the Graduate School of Agricultural Science and are recognized as eligible by the Graduate School of Agricultural Science.

(c) Those who have secured a foreign government or private scholarship for their research stay in Japan.

**3.1.2** Those who have obtained consent from a prospective supervisor of the Graduate School of Agricultural Science (who will supervise their studies upon enrollment).

**3.1.3** Those who can acquire “student” visa at time of enrollment.

**3.2** Applicants must satisfy at least one of the following requirements 3.2.1 to 3.2.3. Those who do not satisfy any of these requirements at the time of application must meet one of these requirements by the end of March 2021 for April 2021 entrance, and the end of September 2021 for October 2021 entrance.

**3.2.1** Those who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country.

**3.2.2** Those who have completed 15 years of school education in a foreign country, and who are recognized by the Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University, as having earned excellent grades.

**3.2.3** Those who have qualified through the individual eligibility screening by the Graduate School of Agricultural Science and are judged to have academic ability equivalent to or superior to university graduates, and who are 22 years of age or older.

\* Those who are applying under the requirements 3.2.2 or 3.2.3 must undergo a preliminary eligibility screening process before application. Please contact the Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University ([ans-kyomu@office.kobe-u.ac.jp](mailto:ans-kyomu@office.kobe-u.ac.jp)) six weeks prior to the application deadline.

### **4. Selection**

Applicants are selected by means of a comprehensive evaluation of application documents and interview through e-mail or skype. The details of the interview will be sent to applicants separately by the prospective supervisor.

## 5. Documents to Submit

Application documents should be submitted in English. For documents in a language other than English, an English translation must be attached. To obtain the necessary forms, please send your request by e-mail to “ans-kyomu@office.kobe-u.ac.jp”.

### (1) Application Form for Admission (Form 1)

Applicants themselves must fill in all necessary items on the designated form.

Paste your photo (taken within the past 3 months, full-face from shoulders up, no background) on the specified section of the application form.

### (2) Detailed Educational Background and Employment History (Form 2)

Provide your detailed educational background and employment history via the designated form.

### (3) Application fee

#### (A) Applicants living in Japan

Transferring the application fee payment via postal bank transfer

- Application fee payment of 30,000 yen is possible at post offices in Japan with the application fee payment form from Kobe University.
- After transferring the payment please submit part A of the form together with the required application documents. (Please make sure that the forms for transferring money are correctly stamped).

#### (B) Applicants living outside Japan

Overseas applicants must pay the 30,000 yen application fee via foreign remittance in yen according to the details specified in the table below. In addition to the foreign remittance fee, overseas applicants may be required to pay bank charges to the local remitting bank, depending on the bank's policy regarding international money transfers in yen. Overseas applicants should consult with their local bank to verify that the amount credited to Kobe University's account (see below) of Bank of Sumitomo Mitsui or MUFG is 30,000 yen, and no less. Overseas applicants must also submit a copy of the receipt of foreign remittance issued by the local remitting bank, or some other evidence of such bank transfer, together with the required application documents. Overseas applicants should keep the original receipt for their own records.

#### Details for paying the application fee

Remittance by	Telegraphic transfer
Foreign exchange fee	Payer's Responsibility
Application fee	30,000 yen
Deadline for remittance	November 1, 2020 (April 2021 entrance)
	May 1, 2021 (October 2021 entrance)
Purpose of remittance	Application fee
Bank name	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

Bank code	0009
Swift Code	SMBCJPJT
Branch	Rokko
Branch Code	421
Account No.	4142727
Recipient	Kobe University

OR

<b>Remittance by</b>	Telegraphic transfer
<b>Foreign exchange fee</b>	Payer's Responsibility
<b>Application fee</b>	30,000 yen
<b>Deadline for remittance</b>	November 1, 2020 (April 2021 entrance)
	May 1, 2021 (October 2021 entrance)
<b>Purpose of remittance</b>	Application fee
<b>Bank name</b>	MUFG Bank, Ltd.
<b>Bank code</b>	0005
<b>Swift Code</b>	BOTKJPJT
<b>Branch</b>	Kobe-chuo
<b>Branch Code</b>	453
<b>Account No.</b>	1164161
<b>Recipient</b>	Kobe University

In addition, please include the following information.

Purpose of Remittance : Application Fee

Message to recipient, if any : Please indicate "M65:Applicant's full name"

(Please put "M65"before your name.)

\*1: Once the remittance is completed, please send an e-mail with the following information to the Student Affairs Section (ans-kyomu@office.kobe-u.ac.jp):

Applicant's name, contact address and phone number, and remittance amount.

\*2: If an overseas applicant's remittance is not completed by the deadline, the application will not be accepted. Once paid, the application fee will not be refunded for any reason.

**[Note]**

Kobe University is taking special measures to exempt the Application fee of applicants affected by large-scale natural disasters specified by Kobe University. Applicants who wish to be recipients of these special measures should contact the Admissions Office of Kobe University (Tel: 078-803-5230).

**(4) Original certificate of university graduation (or expected graduation)**

**(5) Copy of university diploma**

Applicants who have not graduated from university at the time of application must submit a copy of their university diploma upon graduation.

**(6) Original academic transcript issued by university attended**

**(7) Abstract of graduation thesis or summary of experiments/practical training/seminars**

Prepare summary on legal-size paper (200 to 300 words).

**(8) Letter of recommendation 1**

Submit a letter of recommendation from supervisor or dean at university to which you belong or from which you have graduated.

**(9) Letter of recommendation 2**

If you are employed at a public agency or company at the time of application, submit a letter of recommendation from your immediate superior.

**(10) Certificate of scholarship award**

If you have secured a foreign government or private scholarship for your research stay in Japan, submit the certificate of scholarship award from the head of the scholarship foundation.

**(11) Letter of acceptance (Form 3)**

Submit a letter of acceptance from your prospective supervisor in the Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University. (Documents written in Japanese are also accepted only for this item.)

**(12) Research plan**

Submit a research plan at Kobe University (legal-size paper, 200 to 300 words).

**(13) Copy of official score of English proficiency test (TOEFL-iBT or IELTS)**

Submit a copy of either TOEFL-iBT Official Score Report or IELTS Test Report Form (must include your photo) dated within 24 months of your application.

**(14) Copy of passport or Certificate of residence**

**(15) Certified copy of the Resident Record**

Foreign applicants residing in Japan must submit a certified copy of the Resident Record issued by the mayor of the municipality.

## 6. Application Procedure

- (1) Applicants must submit the above-listed required documents by registered mail such as EMS, DHL or FedEx (whichever is available) within the application period.

Application documents should be sent to:

Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University  
1-1 Rokkodai-cho, Nada-ku, Kobe 657-8501, JAPAN

- (2) Applicants with physical disabilities who require special arrangements should contact the Student Affairs Section in advance.

## 7. Application Deadline/ Announcement of Successful Applicants

### For April 2021 entrance

Application Deadline: November 6, 2020

Announcement of successful applicants: In the middle of December, 2020

### For October 2021 entrance

Application Deadline: May 7, 2021

Announcement of successful applicants: In the middle of June, 2021

Notification will be mailed to all successful applicants.

## 8. Admission Fee and Tuition

Admission fee: 282,000 yen: \*This amount may be revised at the time of enrollment.

Yearly tuition fee: 535,800 yen: \*This amount may be revised at the time of enrollment.

## 9. Notes

- (1) For selecting a Research Field, please contact the prospective supervisor of the field you wish to enter in advance after carefully reading the Outline of the Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University.

If you have any questions about selecting a laboratory, please contact the Student Affairs Section.  
(e-mail: [ans-kyomu@office.kobe-u.ac.jp](mailto:ans-kyomu@office.kobe-u.ac.jp))

- (2) Applicants who are employed at a company, public agency or research institution: Even if such applicants have passed the selection, unless they resign or take a leave of absence from their work, they will not be admitted.

- (3) Contents of the submitted application documents cannot be changed for any reason.

Please also note that the application fee and admission fee will not be returned under any conditions.

- (4) Handling of personal information

Personal information (name, gender, date of birth, address etc.) provided in application documents is used only for (1) entrance examinations, (2) admission procedure, scholarship, accommodation, and (3) preparation for accepting students.



\* COVID-19 is spreading, and the selection of new students is beginning to be affected. Therefore, depending on the impact of the spread of novel coronavirus infection, the selection may be postponed or selection content may be changed. In that case, we will inform you on the website of the Graduate School of Agricultural Science, so please check accordingly.