

Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences

Yamagata University

Guidelines for April 2026 Applicants

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## I . Admission policy

### 【Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences】

The Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences is aimed at nurturing talented people who can cope with multidimensional aspects and the high level of specialty of agricultural sciences with comprehensive judgment and a sense of balance. In addition, it aims to train highly specialized persons, from Japan and from overseas countries, who can respond to diversified and complex societal needs, and they will attain the practical ability to engage in creative projects, such as research, investigation, and exploitation. The Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences expects students to have the qualities described below.

#### ◆ Desired Qualities

The Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences desires a broad variety of students, from Japan and from overseas countries, who strive to increase their expertise in order to respond to diversified and complex societal needs for developing and deepening research in each specialty and interdisciplinary field.

### Master's Programs

#### 【Department of Agricultural Sciences】

The Department of Agricultural Sciences provides several programs for fostering practical abilities and superior research skills. One program focuses on agricultural management necessary for safe and sustainable production of agricultural and livestock products, as well as for acquiring the high-level knowledge required for research works, including regional revitalization. In another program, cutting-edge methods in biotechnology and other key fields are utilized for the development, modification, improvement, and effective usage of living organism resources, including animals, plants, and microorganisms. A further program offers specialist lectures and practical training in forestry and water and soil environmental sciences, while another involves development from regional and international perspectives that will enable humans to live in harmony with nature. Here, students work to solve various problems in local and international communities. To nurture researchers and engineers, who can take charge of unique scientific and technological developments that will contribute to social welfare and the progress of human society, and foster individuals, who can engage in creative business enterprises, detailed and directed education and research is performed on the axis of individual guidance by supervisors.

The Department of Agricultural Sciences requires students who exhibit the following qualities.

#### ◆ Desired Qualities

- Persons who understand the importance of local, regional, and international contributions and have a strong desire to make such contributions.
- Persons who want to further deepen their basic knowledge of food, agriculture, and environmental management through the efficient use of limited resources and the production of environmentally sustainable agricultural, livestock, and aquaculture products, while actively using the experiences they gain in fieldwork in this department.
- Persons who are interested in understanding the phenomena of life, biotechnology, and other sciences, as well as their applications and new technologies. These persons have a keen interest in developing and improving agricultural, livestock, and aquaculture resources using living organisms to clean the environment. Also, they seek to understand and apply product quality-maintenance technologies for foods and beverages, which can enhance health and quality of life.
- Persons who have concern for forests and rivers and wish to share with society the problem-solution processes and expertise they gain through their study and experiences in this department.

#### ◆ Basic Policy for Selecting Successful Applicants

All applicants are subject to a comprehensive screening process from multiple aspects. To identify those with the desired qualities, with selection being carried out according to the processes described below.

- (1) General Entrance Examination (A comprehensive selection process based on an oral examination (including presentation) and documents submitted by the applicant.)
- (2) Entrance Examination for Working Students (A comprehensive selection process based on an oral examination (including presentation), and documents submitted by the applicant.)
- (3) Entrance Examination for International Students (A comprehensive selection process based on an oral examination (including presentation) and documents submitted by the applicant.)
- (4) Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students (A comprehensive selection process based on documents submitted by the applicant.)

(5) Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination (A comprehensive selection process based on documents submitted by the applicant.)

## II . Enrollment Capacity

Students are selected to the Graduate School through the General Entrance Examination, Entrance Examination for Working Students, Entrance Examination for International Students, Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students, and Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination.

Department	Major	Enrollment Capacity
Agricultural Sciences	Bioproduction Science	38 students
	Bioresource Science	
	Bioenvironmental Science	

Notes: 1. Enrollment Capacity is based on the total number of applicants for the General Entrance Examination, Entrance Examination for Working Students, Entrance Examination for International Students, Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students, and Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination.

2. A limited number of students will be admitted through the Entrance Examination Working Students, Entrance Examination for International Students, and Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students, and Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination.

3. If the Enrollment capacity limits are met by the first application, only a limited number of students will be admitted through the second application.

## III . Applicants with Special Needs Who Require Any Arrangements for Examinations or While on Campus

Applicants should talk to the person-in-charge of the Admission Office of the Faculty of Agriculture if special needs services are required for the exam or while on campus at this Graduate School by the dates mentioned below.

Rounds	Consultation Dates
First Examination	May 21, 2025
Second Examination	Oct.16, 2025

## IV. Admission Examination Schedule

### First Examination

General Entrance Examination Entrance Examination for Working Students Entrance Examination for International Students Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination	
Application Period	Jun. 6 - Jun. 11, 2025, 16:30 The documents will not be accepted if the period for receiving applications has elapsed. Applications are accepted Monday through Friday.
	(Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students only) Jun. 24 - Jul. 1, 2025 Applications are accepted Monday through Friday.
Entrance Examination	Jul. 10, 2025
Notification of Results	Jul. 28, 2025
Enrollment Procedures	Aug. 18 - Aug. 21, 2025

### Second Examination

General Entrance Examination Entrance Examination for Working Students Entrance Examination for International Students Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students	
Application Period	Oct. 21 - Oct. 23, 2025, 16:30 The documents will not be accepted if the period for receiving applications has elapsed. Applications are accepted Monday through Friday.
Entrance Examination	Dec. 4, 2025
Notification of Results	Dec. 26, 2025
Enrollment Procedures	Jan. 19 - Jan. 22, 2026

## V. Eligibility Requirements for Applicants

### 1. General Entrance Examination

Eligible applicants are those who meet one of the following requirements or are expected to meet it by the end of March, 2026.

- (1) A person who has graduated from a university.
- (2) A person who holds a bachelor's degree from National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education in Japan.
- (3) A person who has completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country.
- (4) A person who has completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country by taking a course equivalent to a course in Japan that is offered by a school in the said country.
- (5) A person who has completed a course offered by a foreign university at an educational institution in Japan that has been accredited in the education system of the said foreign country and separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (hereinafter referred to as MEXT Minister). This is limited to courses whose completion is considered equivalent to completing 16 years of school education in the said foreign country.
- (6) A person who holds a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree at a foreign university or school by completing a curriculum of 3 years or more. It completing a curriculum by taking a correspondence course in Japan that is offered by a school in the said country or to completing a curriculum at an educational institution in Japan, which has been accredited by the education system of the said foreign country and designated in Item (5) is also permitted. This is only applicable to foreign universities or schools whose education and research have been evaluated comprehensively the by certified by the government or responsible agency in the said foreign country or those that have been separately designated as equivalent ones by the MEXT Minister.
- (7) A person who has completed a specialized curriculum at a special training college that is separately designated by the MEXT Minister after designation by the said minister. This is only applicable to curriculums of 4 years or more that also satisfy the criteria separately designated by the MEXT Minister.
- (8) A person who has been designated by the MEXT Minister (q.v. Notification No. 5 from MEXT in 1953).
- (9) A person who had studied for 3 years or more in a university or completed 15 years of school education at a foreign country, with acquisition of the credits designated by Yamagata University and high marks recognized by our graduate school. The designated credits must account for more than approximately three quarters of the credits required for graduation from the said university or completion of the curriculum of school education at the foreign country.
- (10) A person who has completed 15 years of school education in the said foreign country by taking its correspondence course in Japan that is offered by a foreign school, with acquisition of the credits designated by Yamagata University and high marks recognized by our graduate school. The designated credits must account for more than approximately three quarters of the credits required for graduation from the said university or completion of the curriculum of school education at the said foreign country.
- (11) A person who has completed a course offered by a foreign university with high marks at an educational institution in Japan, which has been accredited by the education system of the said foreign country and separately designated by the MEXT Minister. The completion of course with high marks has to be recognized by our graduate school. This is only applicable to courses whose completion is deemed as completing 15 years of school education in the said foreign country.
- (12) A person aged 22 or above who has been recognized as having a level of academic ability equal to or higher than average university graduates by the Preliminary Eligibility Screening of our graduate school as explained below.

### 2. Entrance Examination for Working Students

A person who meets one of the following conditions, or a person who will meet the conditions by the end of March 2026 who has been working or had worked in places such as public agencies, companies, and educational institutes for more than two years; or who has been self-employed and has been engaging in agriculture and forestry work for more than two years as of April 1, 2026.

- (1) A person who has graduated from a university.
- (2) A person who holds a bachelor's degree from National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education in Japan.
- (3) A person who has completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country.
- (4) A person who has completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country by taking a course equivalent to a course in Japan that is offered by a school in the said country.
- (5) A person who has completed a course offered by a foreign university at an educational institution in Japan that has been accredited in the education system of the said foreign country and separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (hereinafter referred to as MEXT Minister). This is limited to courses whose completion is considered equivalent to completing 16 years of school education in the said foreign country.
- (6) A person who holds a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree at a foreign university or school by completing a curriculum of 3 years or more. It completing a curriculum by taking a correspondence course in Japan that is offered by a school in the said country or to completing a curriculum at an educational institution in Japan, which has been accredited by the education system of the said foreign country and designated in Item (5) is also permitted. This is only applicable to foreign universities or schools whose education and research have been evaluated comprehensively the by certified by the

government or a responsible agency in the said foreign country or those that have been separately designated as equivalent ones by the MEXT Minister.

- (7) A person who has completed a specialized curriculum at a special training college that is separately designated by the MEXT Minister after designation by the said minister. This is only applicable to curriculums of 4 years or more that also satisfy the criteria separately designated by the MEXT Minister.
- (8) A person who has been designated by the MEXT Minister (q.v. Notification No. 5 from MEXT in 1953).
- (9) A person will be aged 22 or above by March 31, 2026 who has been recognized as having a level of academic ability equal to or higher than average university graduates by the Preliminary Eligibility Screening of our graduate school as explained below.

#### Aims of Entrance Examination for Working Students

Due to the rapid progress of science and technology in recent years, the need for the reformation of the structure of society has been discussed, and a more urgent need for higher education than ever before has arisen. Additionally, as the trend toward lifelong education reaches its peak, universities must open their doors to the public as a part of society. Given this social demand, the aim of Working Students Admission is to make the School of Agriculture an active part of society by accepting students who are working for public agencies, companies, or educational institutes and would like to improve their skills, or who have experiences associated with food, life, and environment and would like to further explore their special fields further. The method of the examination differs from that of the General Entrance Examination.

### 3. Entrance Examination for International Students

Eligible applicants, who are not Japanese nationals and who are living in Japan at the time of application and examination, must meet or are expected to meet any of the following requirements by March 2026.

- (1) A person who has graduated from a Japanese university.
- (2) A person who holds a bachelor's degree from National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education in Japan.
- (3) A person who has completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country.
- (4) A person who has completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country by taking a course equivalent to a course in Japan that is offered by a school in the said country.
- (5) A person who has completed a course offered by a foreign university at an educational institution in Japan that has been accredited in the education system of the said foreign country and separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (hereinafter referred to as MEXT Minister). This is limited to courses whose completion is considered equivalent to completing 16 years of school education in the said foreign country.
- (6) A person who holds a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree at a foreign university or school by completing a curriculum of 3 years or more. It completing a curriculum by taking a correspondence course in Japan that is offered by a school in the said country or to completing a curriculum at an educational institution in Japan, which has been accredited by the education system of the said foreign country and designated in Item (5) is also permitted. This is only applicable to foreign universities or schools whose education and research have been evaluated comprehensively the by certified by the government or a responsible agency in the said foreign country or those that have been separately designated as equivalent ones by the MEXT Minister.
- (7) A person who has completed a specialized curriculum at a special training college that is separately designated by the MEXT Minister after designation by the said minister. This is only applicable to curriculums of 4 years or more that also satisfy the criteria separately designated by the MEXT Minister.
- (8) A person who has been designated by the MEXT Minister (q.v. Notification No. 5 from MEXT in 1953).
- (9) A person aged 22 or above who has been recognized as having a level of academic ability equal to or higher than average university graduates by the Preliminary Eligibility Screening of our graduate school as explained below.

### 4. Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students

Eligible applicants, who are not Japanese nationals and are not living in Japan must meet or are expected to meet any of the following requirements by March 2026.

- (1) A person who has graduated from a Japanese university.
- (2) A person who holds a bachelor's degree from National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education in Japan.
- (3) A person who has completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country.
- (4) A person who has completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country by taking a course equivalent to a course in Japan that is offered by a school in the said country.
- (5) A person who has completed a course offered by a foreign university at an educational institution in Japan that has been accredited in the education system of the said foreign country and separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (hereinafter referred to as MEXT Minister). This is limited to courses whose completion is considered equivalent to completing 16 years of school education in the said foreign country.

- (6) A person who holds a degree equivalent to a bachelor’s degree at a foreign university or school by completing a curriculum of 3 years or more. It completing a curriculum by taking a correspondence course in Japan that is offered by a school in the said country or to completing a curriculum at an educational institution in Japan, which has been accredited by the education system of the said foreign country and designated in Item (5) is also permitted. This is only applicable to foreign universities or schools whose education and research have been evaluated comprehensively the by certified by the government or a responsible agency in the said foreign country or those that have been separately designated as equivalent ones by the MEXT Minister.
- (7) A person who has completed a specialized curriculum at a special training college that is separately designated by the MEXT Minister after designation by the said minister. This is only applicable to curriculums of 4 years or more that also satisfy the criteria separately designated by the MEXT Minister.
- (8) A person who has been designated by the MEXT Minister (q.v. Notification No. 5 from MEXT in 1953).
- (9) A person aged 22 or above who has been recognized as having a level of academic ability equal to or higher than average university graduates by the Preliminary Eligibility Screening of our graduate school as explained below.

## 5. Recommendation–Based Entrance Examination

Applicants must meet the following criteria.

- (1) A person who is expected to graduate from university by March 2026.
- (2) A person who is expected to graduate from Yamagata University, Faculty of Agriculture, and is recommended by their supervisors.
- (3) A person who is expected to graduate from a university is recommended by the President of the University or the Dean of the Faculty they studied in. The recommender must vouch for the applicant’s eligibility.
- (4) A person who meets the eligibility criteria and can assure that they would be joining the university.

Recommendation standard

The recommended person whose credits for S and A scales must be over 80% of the total credits of the special subjects until the end of the third year (omit first decimal place). In addition, the credits of certified subjects must be excluded from total credits of the special subjects.

### Preliminary Eligibility Screening

An applicant who would like to apply under Eligibility Requirements with the following application qualifications, will be subject to a Preliminary Eligibility Screening Application in advance. Please ensure that you submit the Request of Preliminary Eligibility Screening, Preliminary Eligibility Screening Record (No. 1), the Preliminary Eligibility Screening Record (No. 2), a Graduate Certificate, and an Academic Transcript (from the last school from which the applicant graduated.) during the submission periods given below.

General Entrance Examination

: Eligibility Requirements for Applicants(9),(10),(11),(12)

Entrance Examination for Working Students

: Eligibility Requirements for Applicants(9)

Entrance Examination for International Students

: Eligibility Requirements for Applicants(9)

Recommendation–Based Entrance Examination for International Students

: Eligibility Requirements for Applicants(9)

Rounds	Submission Period	Notification of Screening Result
First Examination	May 19 - May 21, 2025 *All documents have to be delivered by May 21 if submitted by post.	May 23, 2025
Second Examination	Oct. 10 - Oct.16, 2025 *All documents have to be delivered by Oct. 16 if submitted by post.	Oct. 20, 2025

## VI. Application Procedure

### 1. Application Documents

Application Documents	Notes to Prepare the Application Documents	General Entrance Examination	Entrance Examination for Working Students	Entrance Examination for International Students	Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students	Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination
Application Form for Admission Examination Resume Admission Ticket	Fill in the forms attached to the Guidelines and submit them.	○	○	○	○	○
Examinee Photo ID	The applicants should face squarely to the front and remove any hats or caps. Head wrappings made of cloth, etc. are acceptable if the face is clearly visible. The photo must be in color and have been taken within three months prior to submission. It should be 4 cm x 3 cm and attached to the Photo ID document.	○	○	○	○	○
Certificate of Graduation or Certificate of Expected Graduation (Note1,Note2)	Applicants must submit a Certificate of Graduation from the graduated university or a Certificate of Expected Graduation.	○	○	○	○	○
Academic Transcript (Note2)	An Academic Transcript issued and prepared by the last school attended by the applicant.	○	○	○	○	○
Copy of Grades Notice	Please submit a copy of the score report of TOEIC® TEST, TOEIC® IP, English proficiency examinations which was conducted after April, 2023 or TOEFL® TEST grade report within the valid period of the score. (A printed copy of the PDF version of the digital official score certificate may also be submitted.) If you cannot submit a copy of the grades notice at the time of application because you have not received the test grade notification by the deadline for submitting the application documents, please submit the reason book attached to this guideline instead and until the day before the test date. Please submit it to the place where you submit the application documents.	○	—	—	—	—

Application Documents	Notes to Prepare the Application Documents	General Entrance Examination	Entrance Examination for Working Students	Entrance Examination for International Students	Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students	Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination
Certificate of Payment (to be attached to the "Certificate of Payment Attachment Form" and submitted) (Note3)	<p>Examination Fee: ¥30,000</p> <p>Make the payment using a credit card or a convenience store's multimedia terminal. For more information, see "3.Payment of Examination Fee" on page 11-13 of this Guidelines.</p> <p>After completing the payment, cut off the "Certificate of Payment (収納証明書)" section from the printed payment sheet (or bring the "receipt" if you made the payment at FamilyMart), and attach it to the "Certificate of Payment Attachment Form (収納証明書はり付け台紙)". Submit it along with the other necessary application documents.</p>	○	○	○	○	○
Return Envelope	On an envelope sized 23.5 cm x 12 cm the applicant's name, address, and postal code should be written, and return postage worth 110 yen must be attached on the envelope (or stamps worth 410 yen if you wish to receive the envelope through express mail). In the event of a postal rate revision, stamps shall be of the revised amount.	○	○	○	—	○
Mailing Label	The applicant's postal code, telephone number, address, and name should be written on each address label form attached to this Guidelines. Label I is for the Acceptance Letter, and Label II is for additional procedures.	○	○	○	○	○
Written consent for taking the Examination	If you wish to join our school while working for the office of a public agency, company, educational institute, and so on, you need to hand in a letter of written consent from the head of the department for which you work. (An applicant who is self-employed and who is working in the agriculture or forestry sectors are exceptions.) Any style or format is acceptable. Similarly, once you are admitted to the school, you need to hand in a letter of written consent for admission.	—	Applicable person only ○	—	—	—
Statement of Reason for Applying	Please complete and submit the form attached to the Guidelines. Write your reason for joining the master's program, to study motivation, and the purpose of your research.	○	○	○	—	○

Application Documents	Notes to Prepare the Application Documents	General Entrance Examination	Entrance Examination for Working Students	Entrance Examination for International Students	Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students	Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination
Graduation Research Summary	Form is optional (1)Expected to complete a bachelor's degree: A summary of the theme, verification process, and expected results of the ongoing graduation research, written in approximately 800 words in Japanese (or 300 words in English). (2)Completed a bachelor's degree: A summary of the theme, verification process, and results of the completed graduation research, written in approximately 800 words in Japanese (or 300 words in English). (3)Applicants other than those in (1)and(2): During the Preliminary Eligibility Screening period, please consult with the Admission Office of the Faculty of Agriculture.	○	—	○	—	—
Research Plan	Please describe the type of research or the research field that the applicant desires to study in our program in approximately 1,000 words. Any style or format is acceptable.	—	○	—	—	—
Professional History	Please describe your professional history in about 1,000 words. Any style or format is acceptable. In addition, please submit a copy of documents if you have research paper, technical report, patent, utility model, etc.	—	○	—	—	—
Registered of Resident, a Copy of Passport, Copy of Family Register, or Proof of Citizenship	Applicants who have registered as a resident must submit proof of residence. Applicants who have not registered as a resident must submit either a copy of their passport, proof of citizenship, or a copy of their family register.	—	—	○	—	—
Letter of Recommendation (Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students)	Please complete and submit the form attached to the Guidelines. Graduation from a university should be recognized by the President of the University or the Dean of the Faculty. For students, who have already graduated, please submit a recommendation written by your supervisor.	—	—	—	○	—
Letter of Evaluation (Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students)	Please submit an evaluation document (character and academic achievement evaluations) from the faculty who will supervise you at the Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Yamagata University.	—	—	—	○	—

Application Documents	Notes to Prepare the Application Documents	General Entrance Examination	Entrance Examination for Working Students	Entrance Examination for International Students	Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students	Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination
Letter of Recommendation (Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination)	Please complete and submit the form attached to the Guidelines. The recommendation letter (must be sealed) of applicants, who are expected to graduate from a Faculty of Agriculture, Yamagata university should be recognized by their supervisor. The recommendation letter (must be sealed) of applicants, who are expected to graduate from other than Yamagata University Faculty of Agriculture are those created by the president or dean of the university of origin.	—	—	—	—	○
Application form for Double Degree Program *Only if you wish to apply (Note4)	Please download the Excel file of this form from our website and fulfill it electrically.	*○	*○	*○	*○	*○

(Note1) Applicants who have received a bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation must submit a Degree Certificate.

An applicant who will be awarded a bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation should submit the documents mentioned below.

- ① Expected Graduation Certificate for the applicant who is expected to graduate from the non-degree course of a Technical College or Junior College.
- ② A Certificate prepared by the President (Dean) of a Junior College or Technical College that the applicant attended, stating that the application for an Academic Degree awarding has been (is being) made.

(Note2) Is not required for Japanese Government Scholarship Students and Foreign Government-Sponsored Students.

(Note3) Is not required if a decision for receiving the Japanese Government Scholarship after enrollment is made at the time of application.

(Note4) More information about Double Degree Program is available on page 18.

(Note5) Please use a ballpoint pen to fill in the form. However, do not use ink that disappears when rubbed. You may also use a computer, etc.

## 2. Application Procedure

An applicant should bring all application documents to the office directly, or post them as registered post and express mail with "Graduate School Application Documents" written in red ink on the front of the envelope. They should reach the Admission Office by the deadline date. (See page 3.)

Before submitting the application documents, please consult with your desired professor about your area of study. At that time, please also confirm the expected retirement date of your desired professor (whether or not he/she will be able to supervise you for two years).

### 3. Payment of examination fee

Examination Fee	30,000 yen *Is not required if a decision for receiving the Japanese Government Scholarship after enrollment is made at the time of application.
Payment Period	<p>First Examination :</p> <p>(1) General Entrance Examination, Entrance Examination for Working Students, Entrance Examination for International Students, Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination May. 28 - Jun. 11, 2025</p> <p>(2) Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students Jun. 17 - Jul. 1, 2025</p> <p>Second Examination: Oct. 9 - Oct. 23, 2025</p> <p>*Due by 16:30 Japan time for both 1st and 2nd exams (Strict deadline adherence)</p>
Payment Procedure	<p>Make the payment using a credit card or a convenience store's multimedia terminal. For more information, see "Payment of Examination Fee" on page 12-13 of this Guidelines.</p> <p>Require payment of a separate commission fee. The commission fee will be borne by the applicant.</p> <p>After completing the payment, cut off the "Certificate of Payment (収納証明書)" section from the printed payment sheet (or bring the "receipt" if you made the payment at FamilyMart), and attach it to the "Certificate of Payment Attachment Form (収納証明書はり付け台紙)" Submit it along with the other necessary application documents.</p>

### 【Credit Card Payment】

Access the online payment e-apply “Learning and Education” Application Service (<https://e-apply.jp/n/yamagata-gs-c>)



Select and read “Introduction”. Then press the “Apply” button.



Select and input personal information, etc. (e.g., Graduate school and department to which you seek admission, full name, address).



Pay by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, JCB, American Express, MUFG Card, DC Card, UFJ Card, NICOS Card).



Print out the “Certificate of Payment (収納証明書)” and cut along the dotted line



Attach the “Certificate of Payment (収納証明書)” to the “Certificate of Payment Attachment Form (収納証明書はり付け台紙)” and submit it along with other documents to be submitted for application. Submission should be in person or by mail (registered express delivery) to the faculty to which you are applying.

### 【Payment from a convenience store’s multimedia terminal】

※ Limited to those applying within Japan

From the screen of the multimedia terminal at a convenience store (7-Eleven, Lawson, Ministop, FamilyMart), select “Payment of Entrance Test Fee, etc.” or “Payment for University, Junior College, Vocational School, Elementary/Junior/Senior High School, etc.” (The steps differ depending on the convenience store. Please see the “Entrance Test Fee Payment Method” attached to the end of this manual.



Select the university, Graduate school and department, etc. to which you seek admission, and input personal information, etc.



Bring the payment slip generated by the terminal to the convenience store’s cash register and pay the test fee.



Receive the “Certificate of Payment (収納証明書)” section (the receipt if you made the payment at FamilyMart) and cut along the dotted line.



Attach the “Certificate of Payment (収納証明書)” to the “Certificate of Payment Attachment Form (収納証明書はり付け台紙)” and submit it along with other documents to be submitted for application. Submission should be in person or by mail (registered express delivery) to the faculty to which you are applying.

### [Contact Details for Test Fee Payment]

Administrated by: Career-tasu Inc.

“Learning and Education” Application Service Support Center

0120-20-2079 (24 hours; toll free in Japan only)

# 入学検定料支払方法

コンビニ端末でお申込みの場合(インターネット不要)

クレジットカードでお申込みの場合

1 お申込み

**セブン-イレブン**  
マルチコピー機

<https://www.sej.co.jp/services/multicopy>

最寄りの「セブン-イレブン」にある「マルチコピー機」へ。



TOP画面の「**学び・教育**」よりお申込みください。



学び・教育  
↓  
入学検定料等支払

LAWSON  
**Loppi** **MINISTOP Loppi**

<https://www.lawson.co.jp>  
<https://www.ministop.co.jp>

最寄りの「ローソン」「ミニストップ」にある「Loppi」へ。



TOP画面の「**各種サービスメニュー**」よりお申込みください。



「各種申込(学び)」を含むボタン  
↓  
学び・教育・各種検定試験  
↓  
大学・短大・専門、小・中・高校等お支払い

あなたも、コンビニ。  
**FamilyMart**

マルチコピー機

<https://www.family.co.jp>

最寄りの「ファミリーマート」にある「マルチコピー機」へ。



TOP画面の「**保険／学び・教育**」よりお申込みください。



保険／学び・教育  
↓  
学び・教育  
↓  
大学・短大・大学院 入学検定料支払いサービス

<パソコン・スマートフォン>

\*出願期間最終日のインターネットからのお申込みは日本時間の16時30分までとなります。余裕を持ってご利用ください。  
\*PDFファイルを印刷するためのプリンターが必要となります。

本学「入学検定料支払い」ページにアクセス



<https://e-apply.jp/n/yamagata-gs-c>



申し込み から

画面の指示に従って出願する入試を選んだ後、基本情報を入力。

入力内容が表示されます。間違いがなければ、次のページで表示される「**受付番号(12桁)**」を必ず控え、お支払い画面に進んでください。

\*カード決済完了後の修正・取消はできません。申込を確定する前に、内容をよくご確認ください。

山形大学大学院 をタッチし、申込情報を入力して「**払込票/申込券**」を発券してください。

\*画面ボタンのデザインなどは予告なく変更となる場合があります。

2 お支払い

①コンビニのレジでお支払いください。

端末より「**払込票**」(マルチコピー機)または「**申込券**」(Loppi、マルチコピー機)が出力されますので、**30分以内**にレジにてお支払いください。



\*お支払い済みの入学検定料はコンビニでは返金できません。  
\*お支払期限内に入学検定料のお支払いがない場合は、入力された情報はキャンセルとなります。  
\*すべての支払方法に対して入学検定料の他に、払込手数料が別途かかります。

クレジットカードでお支払い



●お支払いされるカードの義名人は、受験生本人でなくても構いません。但し、前段の画面で入力する基本情報は、必ず受験生本人のものを入力してください。

(セブン-イレブン、ローソン、ミニストップ)

②お支払い後**チケットとレシート**の2種類をお受け取りください。

「取扱明細書」(マルチコピー機)または「**払込受領証**」(Loppi)。

(ファミリーマート)

②お支払い後**レシート(受領書)**をお受け取りください。

お支払い後に上記URLまたは支払い完了メールに記載されたURLへアクセス(※1)し、**収納証明書の印刷** からPDFファイルをダウンロードの上、印刷してください。

※1:お申込の際に発行された「**受付番号(12桁)**」が必要です。

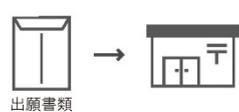
 **上記URLからアクセス**

\*PDFファイルを印刷するためのプリンターが必要となります。

3 出願

お支払いが完了しましたら、入試要項などの指示に従って**出願書類**を郵送してください。

コンビニで受け取った「取扱明細書」「(レシート)」等または「**受領書(レシート)**」等は出願が完了するまで大切にお手元で控えておいてください。



出願書類

【操作などのお問合わせ先】 学び・教育サポートセンター <https://e-apply.jp/> TEL 0120-202079 / Eメール [cvs-web@career-tasu.co.jp](mailto:cvs-web@career-tasu.co.jp)

\*コンビニ店頭ではお応えできません。

\*The examination fee return

The examination fee is non-refundable once it is paid, with the following exceptions:

- ①When the examination fee has been paid, but the application for admission has not been submitted (including cases when the application documents are not submitted, or when the application is rejected).
- ②If the entrance examination fees are mistakenly paid twice.
- ③If after applying, your government sponsored scholarship for foreigners is extended and you will enter our school.

For details on the refund of examination fees, please refer to the Yamagata University website.

<https://www.yamagata-u.ac.jp/jp/entrance/faq/return/>

The deadline for requests is must arrive by March 31, 2026.

#### 4. Additional Information

- (1) No changes to the statements on the application documents are allowed after submission regardless of the applicant's reasons.
- (2) Even a successful applicant might be rejected if the statements on their submitted documents are not factually true.

## Ⅶ. Application Selection Method and Examination Details

### 1. General Entrance Examination

Application Selection Method and Examination Details	Selection will be based on an oral examination (including presentation) and the submitted documents.
	<p><b>【Oral Examination (Including Presentation .)】</b>            An oral examination is conducted for each major.            First, you will be required to give a 10-minute presentation on your graduation research and your intended research theme after admission. This will be followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session, covering the content of the presentation as well as specialized knowledge related to your field of research. English proficiency may also be assessed if necessary. The use of a projector is permitted during the presentation.</p>
Date	First Examination Jul. 10, 2025 13:00～
	Second Examination Dec. 4, 2025 13:00～
Place	Faculty of Agriculture, Yamagata University
Acceptance standards	Admission will be determined based on a comprehensive evaluation of the oral examination (Including Presentation .) and the submitted documents.

### 2. Entrance Examination for Working Students

Application Selection Method and Examination Details	Selection will be based on an oral examination (including presentation) and the submitted application documents.
	<p><b>【Oral Examination (Including Presentation .)】</b>            An oral examination is conducted for each major.            First, you will be required to give a 10-minute presentation on your graduation research and your intended research theme after admission. This will be followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session, covering the content of the presentation as well as specialized knowledge related to your field of research. The use of a projector is permitted during the presentation.</p>
Date	First Examination Jul. 10, 2025 13:00～
	Second Examination Dec. 4, 2025 13:00～
Place	Faculty of Agriculture, Yamagata University
Acceptance standards	Admission will be determined based on a comprehensive evaluation of the oral examination (Including Presentation .) and the submitted documents.

### 3. Entrance Examination for International Students

Application Selection Method and Examination Details	Selection will be based on an oral examination (including presentation) and the documents submitted by the applicants.
	<p><b>【Oral Examination (Including Presentation .)】</b>            An oral examination is conducted for each major.            First, you will be asked to give a 10-minute presentation on the content of your graduation research and your research theme after admission. This will be followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session, including questions on the content of the presentation and specialized knowledge of the applicant's field of research. English proficiency may also be tested if necessary. The use of a projector is permitted during the presentation.</p>
Date	First Examination Jul. 10, 2025 13:00～
	Second Examination Dec. 4, 2025 13:00～
Place	Faculty of Agriculture, Yamagata University

Acceptance standards	Admission will be determined based on a comprehensive evaluation of the oral examination (Including Presentation .) and the submitted documents.
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#### 4. Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination for International Students (First Examination, Second Examination)

Application Selection Method and Examination Details	Selection will be based on the documents submitted by applicants.
Acceptance standards	Admission will be determined based on a comprehensive evaluation of the submitted documents.

#### 5. Recommendation-Based Entrance Examination (Only First Examination)

Application Selection Method and Examination Details	Selection will be based on an oral examination (including presentation) and submitted documents.
Acceptance standards	Admission will be determined based on a comprehensive evaluation of the submitted documents.

### VIII. Common Matters

#### 1. Rules of the Examination

- (1) Examinees need to bring an examination admission ticket to the examination site and must be seated at the desk with their examination ticket number on it.
- (2) Examinees must arrive at the examination site 30 minutes before the examination start time. Examinees who arrive 20 minutes after the start of the examination will not be allowed to enter the examination room.
- (3) If examinees are late for the examination, they should ask a staff member for instructions.
- (4) Examinees are not allowed to use or borrow anything from other examinees in the examination room.
- (5) Electronic equipment such as mobile phones, smartphones, and wearable devices (Smartwatches, smart glasses, etc.) must be deactivated; and placed in a bag before entering the examination room after their alarms are turned off. If these items are not put away or if the examinee holds or touches them during the examination, it may be considered as cheating during the examination. If earphones are in your ears then they are considered to be in use, which constitutes cheating.
- (6) In case of an emergency including if the examinee feels sick during the examination, please contact the person-in-charge of the examination.
- (7) In case an examinee loses their examination admission ticket, they need to inform an Admission Office or person-in-charge of the examination about it immediately.

#### 2. Notification of Successful Applicants

Round	Date and Time of Notification for Successful Applicants
First Examination	Jul. 28, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
Second Examination	Dec. 26, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

The examination ticket numbers of successful applicants will also be posted on the website of the Faculty of Agriculture.

[Website] <https://www.tr.yamagata-u.ac.jp/>

We will not answer inquiries by phone or email regarding pass / fail.

The results for the examinations will be sent out to successful applicants on the day of notification of successful applicants.

### 3. Enrollment Procedures

#### (1) Enrollment Procedure Periods:

Category of Examination	Enrollment Procedure Periods
First Examination	Aug. 18– Aug. 21, 2025 *All documents have to be delivered by Aug. 21 if submitted by post.
Second Examination	Jan. 19– Jan. 22, 2026 *All documents have to be delivered by Jan. 22 if submitted by post.

Applications are accepted between 9:00 and 16:30.

#### (2) Enrollment Fee:

The enrollment fee of 282,000 yen should be paid during the Enrollment Procedure period.

However, the enrollment fee and tuition will be waived for those who have already been awarded the Japanese Government Scholarship for foreign students. The enrollment fee and tuition for Foreign Government-sponsored Students and Privately Financed Foreign Students will be the same as that for applicants of the General Admission process.

Note: Details such as the payment methods are provided in the Acceptance Letter.

For a successful applicant who has significant difficulties in paying the Enrollment Fee, an exemption from all or half of the fee for a grace period is available based on Application and Screening Procedures.

#### (3) Required Enrollment Documents:

Oath of enrollment, contact information, and a photo (4 cm height x 3 cm width) and other documents. Details are provided in the Acceptance Letter.

#### (4) Note:

Even an applicant who has completed the Enrollment Procedures can be rejected if they cannot meet the requirements for the application qualifications by March 31, 2026.

### 4. Tuition

Tuition should be paid after enrollment.

535,800 yen per year (267,900 yen per semester) (scheduled).

The payment method can be chosen from the following: once a year, twice a year, ten times a year, and ten times a year with additional payments.

Note: 1. The tuition total has not been finalized and is tentative.

2. In case the tuition is revised, the new tuition fee is applied at the time of revision.

3. Details such as the payment methods are provided in the Acceptance Letter.

For a student with excellent academic achievements who has financial difficulties in paying the tuition fee, an exemption from all or half of the fee is available for each semester based on Application and Screening Procedures.

### 5. Sundry Expenses

Additional expenses that an applicant needs to pay at enrollment are the premiums for Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research, the Supporters' Association fee etc. Details are provided in the Acceptance Letter.

### 6. Exceptional Measures in the Education Method

The exceptional measures in the education method designated in Article 14 of the Graduate School Establishment Standards will be applied if they are deemed necessary from the point of view of education and research. When such an occasion arises, students will be able to take courses according to the following:

① If needed, special evening classes (17:10–21:10) as well as regular daytime classes (8:50–17:05) will be offered.

Additionally, classes will be offered during summer and/or winter breaks.

- ② If you wish to take classes at specific times under the Exceptional Measures in the Education Method, please apply by indicating the subjects, times, and periods you wish to apply for, at the beginning of the school year, with prior approval from your academic adviser to obtain permission from the professors in charge of the classes.

## 7. Course Term Extension System

The system allows students under certain circumstances, such as working students, to complete their courses of study by taking classes in a carefully planned way over a certain period, exceeding the regular course term of 2 years. For further information on applying or the tuition payment, please contact the person-in-charge at the Admission Office of the Faculty of Agriculture.

## 8. Double Degree Program

This program provides the chance to earn two master's degrees, one from the Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Yamagata University and the other from our partner universities in foreign countries. The program students have to study at both Yamagata University and a partner university for at least one year each.

Applicants for this program are required to pass the evaluation based on the application form and the interview, separately from the entrance examination for our master's program. We highly recommend that the applicants should consult with the program coordinator, as well as the professors by whom they wish to be supervised, at Yamagata University in advance.

For more information on the program, please visit the following website.

<https://tr-yamagata-u-en.info.tr.yamagata-u.ac.jp/ddp>

<Contact for the Double Degree Program>

International Office, Faculty of Agriculture, Yamagata University

TEL: (+81) 0235 28 2847 / 2827

Email: [yu-nogaku-ryug@jm.kj.yamagata-u.ac.jp](mailto:yu-nogaku-ryug@jm.kj.yamagata-u.ac.jp)

## 9. Method of disclosure and request for individual evaluations in the entrance examinations

Period for receiving disclosure requests	May 1 - 31, (postmark effective) Receiving hours are 9:00 to 16:30. (Saturdays and Sundays and public holidays are excluded).
Requester	Limited to the people taking the examinations (no proxies, agents, etc. accepted)
Method of request	The section in charge of the department for which you took the entrance examination will accept your request with documents ①~③ below by mail or in person. When requesting by mail, please write "Request for Disclosure of the Results of the Entrance Examination for Faculty of Agriculture" using red ink on the front of the envelope that you send to the faculty for which you took the examination. ① Document Requesting the Disclosure of the Results of the FY 2026 Yamagata University Examination to Select Students for Admission ※ Download the request form from the Yamagata University website after the middle of April 2026. ② Yamagata University examination voucher (copies not accepted) ※ If requested in person, it will be returned on the occasion of the request; if requested by mail, it will be enclosed together in the envelope and returned when the results are sent back.

Method of request	③ Reply envelope (a Long No.3 (23.5cm×12cm) envelope on which stamps for a total of 460 yen are put and the postal code, address, and name of the requester are inscribed.
Means of disclosure	We will disclose your evaluation by mail (simplified registered mail) within two weeks from the day after your request is received.

## 10. Approval of Course Completion and Degree

We will approve completion of the course and grant a master's degree in Agriculture for the students who have enrolled in this department for more than 2 years, acquired 30 or more credits including required subjects, and passed the master's thesis screening and the final exam.

## 11. Enrollment to the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Iwate University (Doctoral Program)

Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Yamagata University, does not have own doctoral program but has joint programs with Iwate University and Hirosaki University. The joint programs of three majors (Bioproduction Science, Bioresource Science, and Regional Environment Creation), nine specialties that ordinarily three years are offered at the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science (UGAS), Iwate University. UGAS students can study at one of the three members universities where their supervisors work.

Master's students at the Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Yamagata University, as well as graduates from the school in the last three years, do not have to pay entrance examination fee and enrollment fee for UGAS.

## 12. Regarding Security Trade Controls

Yamagata University stipulates the Security Trade Control Guidelines for Yamagata University based on the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, etc., and manages the technology provided and goods exported from the university. In order to manage these exports, we may ask you to submit a declaration relating to the applicability of circumstances (designated types) that are strongly influenced by foreign governments and corporations. If the regulations apply, the university may need to apply for a permit from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), and as a result, technology provisions may not be implemented swiftly. Furthermore, if the application to METI is denied from the stance of maintaining international peace and security, the university may not be able to provide the technology in question as a result.

## 13. Other Points

### About the enrollees of the entrance examination for working students

In general, once the applicant has joined our school, they have to take classes and follow the curriculum provided, according to the registration rules of our school. For this reason, when the applicant starts school while having a job, your position in your place of employment (ex. in office or on leave) will depend on the regulations of your place of employment. Additionally, if you are joining our school while working, you need to submit a document confirming that you will be able to leave the office and focus on studying. Therefore, a letter of written consent to join school, or a certificate of a leave of absence from the head of your department is necessary during the enrollment procedure.

### About the handling of personal information

Personal information on submitted documents is used only for the following purposes. We will never disclose, provide, or consign the information to a third party except for those purposes.

- ① For entrance examination management
- ② For enrollment procedure management
- ③ For a statistical survey of enrolled students
- ④ For student management
- ⑤ For university management

#### 14. Introduction : Master' s Program, Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences Yamagata University

For the following information on the Graduate School, please refer to the "Student Handbook" on the website of the Faculty of Agriculture.

(<https://www.tr.yamagata-u.ac.jp/exam.html>)

- ① Objectives (p.39)
- ② Major (p.39)
- ③ Educational Principles and Objectives of the Agricultural Sciences' Major (p.39)
- ④ Introduction to Research Areas, Teaching Staffs, Research Fields, and Research Topics (p.82-86)