

# Nagoya University International Programs for AY2024 Biological and Bioagricultural Sciences Graduate Program (Doctoral 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 Doctoral 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 conditions below:

1. The applicant has been awarded a master's degree in an educational system(s) other than the Japanese in an education institution located in a foreign country, or is expected to be awarded the degree on or before September 30, 2024.
2. The applicant has completed a 12-year curriculum in an educational system(s) other than the Japanese one in an education institution located in a foreign country, and has earned a master's degree from a graduate school of a Japanese university, or is expected to have earned a master's degree by September 30, 2024.
3. The applicant has earned a master's degree from a graduate school of a Japanese university or is expected to have earned a master's degree by September 30, 2024; provided that this is limited to persons who have completed (or are scheduled to complete) their master's program in the English language.
4. The applicant is deemed by a Graduate School of Nagoya University to possess academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a master's degree or professional degree holder based on the individual eligibility review.

### [Notes]

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

## II. Number of Available Places

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

### III. 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.

**\* 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 doctoral 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 "Application documents submission" by the prescribed deadline for each recruitment category. Also, when submitting document ii, please make sure to submit original and/or certified copies.

(Please note that 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 "VIII. Contact."

- (2) In the Application Form, please indicate only one choice of your preferred research laboratory/research group and supervisor.
- (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 during 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)
Second Round	May 7, 2024 9:00 (Japan Time)	May 23, 2024 16:00 (Japan Time)

- (1) Each applicant may only apply once, for either the First Round or the Second Round.
- (2) If a complete submission of the application fee and application documents is not made by the First Round deadline, the application will be processed in the Second Round.
- (3) In case of situation (2), an e-mail notification to that effect will be sent to the applicant.
- (4) The applicant who wishes to advance to a Final Three-Year Program (doctoral program) at a Graduate School of Nagoya University directly after the completion of an Initial Two-Year Program (Master's program) at a Graduate School of Nagoya University must apply during the Second Round. Applicants will be separately notified of selection methods and admission results by the administration section responsible for admissions at the responsible Graduate School.
- (5) Application documents that arrive after the submission deadline will not be accepted.
- (6) Original hard copies can be submitted before the 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. The sender is responsible for the costs of the processing fee for the Bank Transfer of your application fee payment.

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 falls under either of the following:

1) The applicant wishes to advance to the Doctoral Programs directly after the completion of a Master's Program at a Graduate School of Nagoya University (the submission of a certificate of expected completion is required).

2) The applicant 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 for the International Programs, 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	Bachelor's Degree Diploma and Master's Degree Diploma (or Prospective Diplomas of Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree) (Original Copies)	These degree certificates (or prospective certificates) must include the date of graduation/prospective graduation and the school's official seal or signature. *Please submit certificates pertaining to your Eligibility for Application.
	Academic Transcripts of Undergraduate and Master's Education (Original Copies)	Academic transcripts must include the school's official seal or signature. *Be sure to also submit the grade assessment standards.
iii	Research Proposal	A proposal for the research you want to pursue in the graduate school (approx. two A4 (or letter size) pages). Please submit the document via the Nagoya University Online Admissions System.
iv	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.)
v	Summary of Master's Thesis	Submit your master's thesis, if available. Also submit a summary of your thesis written in English using the set form (download the form from: <a href="https://admissions.g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp">https://admissions.g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp</a> ). Please submit the document via the Nagoya University Online Admissions System.
vi	Major Publications	If available, please upload up to three reprints/offprints of your major publications to the Online Admissions System.

vii	Documents Showing Other Strengths	If available, please upload these documents to the Online Admissions System.
viii	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 Resident Card. Please submit the document(s) via the Nagoya University Online Admissions System.
ix	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, vii and viii) that are requested to be sent via the Online Application System, no additional hardcopy version is required to be send via post. Overlapping hardcopies sent via post will not be included in the application.  
When submitting document ii, 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 item ii 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; Upon request, however, certain materials that are unable to be reissued may be returned. Please attach a note to this effect if applicable.
- 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 if the candidate has already been admitted to the University.
- 8) Applicants will be notified of the receipt of their application documents via the Online Admissions System's messaging function. If you are unable to check your messages, please send a message to the International Admissions Office
- 9) Applicants who wish to advance seamlessly, after the completion of master's program at Nagoya University's Graduate School, to the doctoral program at the same graduate school, will be required to submit the documents specified in items i and viii and ix.
- 10) The prospective academic advisor/supervisor may contact you directly during the course of the screening regarding your "Research Proposal" submitted under iii of Documents and Other Materials.

#### 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 must be

submitted 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 (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.

#### IV. Selection Method

Selection of a successful applicant consists of a document screening and an oral examination. (The oral examination will include a presentation on the applicant's master's thesis or published papers equivalent to the thesis, and an oral examination. If the applicant does not reside in Japan, the oral examination will, as a rule, be conducted using a VoIP system on the Internet such as Zoom, etc.)

#### V. 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 in the table below. Applicants on a wait list will be separately notified by e-mail.

Admitted students may also verify their results by logging in to the Online Admissions System.

Recruitment Categories	Graduate School	Announcement Date of Admission Results
First Round	Graduate School of Science	March 22, 2024
	Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences	March 14, 2024
Second Round	Graduate School of Science	July 4, 2024
	Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences	June 27, 2024

#### VI. 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.

You will not be required to pay the registration fee if:

- You wish to advance to doctoral program at the Graduate School of Science or Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences directly after the completion of master's program at a Graduate School of Nagoya University; or
- You are a Government- or MEXT-sponsored scholar.

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)
Second Round	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 either PayPal (recommended) or Bank Transfer 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 application deadline.
- (4) If the payment of the registration fee is not completed by the stipulated deadline, the applicant will be regarded as withdrawing from admission to the University. **Please be particularly mindful of this point.**

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)	JPY 3,620 (for 3 years)

[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 been awarded a master's degree at the time of application must ensure that their master's degree certificates 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 "VIII. Contact."

## VII. 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 "Management of Nagoya University Students' 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.

## VIII. 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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### **[Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences]**

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Note: For inquiries regarding how to use the Online Admissions System, please contact:

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