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The Shikoku Education Consortium for Special Course from Asia, Africa and the Pacific Rim (SECAAP) has been established under an integrated concept shared by the three graduate schools of agriculture of Ehime, Kagawa and Kochi Universities, in Shikoku, Japan. The SECAAP offers a Special 5-year Course for students from Asian, African, and Pacific Rim countries (Special Course). The program and application procedures are outlined below.

1. PROGRAM GOALS

In the special course, all classes and study will be conducted in English to foster global leader. In this era of diverse challenges that are closely related to agriculture, agricultural technology, and marine science, such as the global population explosion, climate change, destruction of the environment and bio-diversity, this program has been established to foster global leaders to contribute to agriculture, agricultural technology and marine science, effectively utilizing the regional characteristics of the Shikoku area as an academic research field.

2. ACADEMIC PLAN

- (1) The special course is a five-year continuous education program composed of master's and doctoral courses. After completion of all the requirements in the master's course (two years), students will be awarded a master's degree from the university where they conducted studies. (The requirements include 30 credits from the special course curriculum, an approved master's thesis, and a passing grade on the final examination.) Students may continue their studies in the doctoral course (three years) of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University. Students will be awarded doctoral degrees after completion of all requirements. The requirements include, earning more than 12 credits, approval of their doctoral dissertation and passing the final examination.
- (2) This system enables students to create a curriculum that corresponds to their needs. With the guidance of academic advisors, students may select from over 130 classes to develop their own unique program.
- (3) All classes and research instruction are conducted in English. However, all students are required to take a 'Survival Japanese' class after entering the program and, students may take other Japanese language classes.

3. FIELD OF STUDY

Applicants should choose a field of study related to that of their prospective academic adviser. (Please refer to the list provided in this outline). Applicants are required to consult with their prospective academic advisor about the field of study before applying to the program.

4. NUMBER OF STUDENTS

Two

5. Qualifications

- (1) Eligibility: Applicants must be currently enrolled in or graduates of one of Ehime University's partner universities in Southeast, South Asia and Africa.

- (2) Citizenship: Applicants must hold citizenship of countries in Southeast, South Asia and Africa that have diplomatic relations with the Japanese government.
 - (3) Eligible University: The universities which concludes the Exchange agreement with Ehime University.
 - (4) Age: There is no age restriction, as long as the academic requirements are fulfilled.
 - (5) Academic Career: Applicants must meet one of the qualifications below:
 - 1) Have graduated from a Japanese university or have academic ability equal or superior to that of a university graduate.
 - 2) Have completed or will complete a 16-year school curriculum in a foreign country.
 - 3) Have completed a 15-year school curriculum in a foreign country, and have been recognized by the SECAAP to have obtained the prescribed units with first-class honors.
 - (6) Health: Applicants must be sufficiently physically and mentally healthy to pursue study at university.
 - (7) Language: Applicants must be proficient in English. (CEFR: B1 level and above)
 - (8) Those who intend to continue their studies in the doctoral program of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University (doctoral course).
 - (9) Visa Requirement: If selected, applicants will be required to acquire a “College Student, (*ryuugaku*)” visa prior to coming to Japan.
- Note 1 Military personnel and civilian employees in the armed forces are not eligible
- Note 2 Applicants that do not arrive in Japan by the designated date will be ineligible for admission.
- Note 3 If an applicants should apply as a prospective university graduate and fail to graduate from their university by September 2024, their enrollment shall be cancelled.

6 . Benefits

- (1) School Fees: All school fees, i.e. entrance examination, registration and tuition, shall be waived.
 - (2) Traveling expenses
 - 1) Transportation to Japan: Ehime University will pay for the least expensive air ticket from the international airport closest to the student's present place of residence to the Matsuyama Airport.
 - 2) Transportation from Japan: The grantee who returns to his/her home country within the last-payment month of his/her scholarship will be provided, upon application, with an economy class air ticket for a flight from Matsuyama airport to the international airport closest to his/her place of return.
- Note 1: Insurance covering your trips to and from Japan will not be provided.
- Note 2: When arriving and returning home, the nearest international airport must be used in the nation where you have your nationality.

7 . Application Procedure

Applicants must submit the following documents to the Dean of the Graduate School of Agriculture, Ehime university by April 22, 2024.

- (1) Application form (use provided form).
- (2) Field of study and study program (use provided form).
- (3) A copy of the certificate of graduation (undergraduate school, and graduate school if applicable) issued by the university authority or an official form indicating that the applicant is expected to graduate and the date of expected graduation. (For documents that are not in English or Japanese, an English translation of the certificate is required.)
- (4) A copy of the applicant's academic record (undergraduate school and graduate school) issued by the university authority. (For documents that are not in English or Japanese, an English translation of the certificate is required.) If possible, a document issued by the undergraduate school attended indicating the applicant's academic record, including his/her GPA or class standing, i.e. within the top 5%, of the class.
- (5) A copy of passport (If you do not have a passport, we accept a certificate of citizenship issued by municipal or

appropriate authorities. For documents that are not in English or Japanese, an English translation of the certificate is required.

- (6) A letter of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor or equivalent, regarding the applicant's ability and career. The letter of recommendation should also include an evaluation of the applicant's English language proficiency, ranked as "excellent" or "good". (use provided form) [Letter of Recommendation]
- (7) A letter of recommendation from the person who has conducted research with the prospective academic advisor. If there is no such person around you, this is not required.
- (8) Three 4.5×3.5cm photographs taken within 6 months of submission of the application: hatless, showing the full face and upper torso, applicant's name and citizenship written on the reverse side. One photograph be pasted to the application form as indicated.
- (9) An abstract of the applicant's graduation thesis or equivalent (less than 5 pages, A4 size). If applicants are not required by their university to write a graduation thesis, this should be explained. Any publications should be submitted.
- (10) The original or certified copy of the results of an internationally recognized English language proficiency test such as TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS.

※Applicants who have completed the school curriculum conducted in English are not required to submit the document (10) if it is stated in the document (4) that all the curriculum were conducted in English.

- (11) A record of contact with the prospective academic advisor which indicates the applicant's choice of academic advisor (use provided form). [Record of Contact with the Prospective Academic Advisor]

Note 1: All applicants are required to be in close contact with prospective academic advisor of their choice, and the research proposal must be prepared in consultation with the prospective advisor.

Note 2: All applicants must have an interview with the prospective main advisor to discuss the program for his/her thesis and study program in Japan. If an interview is not possible, the interview can be conducted via email. Email interviews should be conducted individually with the prospective main advisor, the sub-advisor and one other professor in the same area of research.

Note 3: All forms should be typed in English and submitted in A4 size.

Note 4: Submitted documents will not be returned.

Note 5: Incomplete documents or documents arriving at each university after the deadline will not be accepted.

8. Selection and Notification of Acceptance

Ehime University will evaluate the applications based on the submitted documents.

Successful applicants will be notified by the end of June, 2024.

You can not refuse the scholarship once you have accepted it.

9. Remarks

Students may be withdrawn from the program if:

- (1) There are errors, misinformation, or falsified documents or materials in the application.
- (2) The student does not uphold the pledge of conduct to the President of Ehime University.
- (3) The student violates school regulations or has not performed to the satisfaction of the graduate school.

10. Date of Enrollment

Fall enrollment: September 24, 2024

11. Note

Successful applicants are advised to learn about Japanese culture and customs, climate, and their selected university before arrival

in Japan. Although education and research will be conducted in English, all successful applicants are advised to learn Japanese language for daily life.

INQUIRIES

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