

## **Admission to the Special Selection for International Applicants**

This page gives information for those considering applying to the Department of Earth and Planetary Science and is in addition to [the Instructions for International Students applying to the Graduate School of Science \(Special Selection for International Applicants\)](#) prepared by the Graduate School of Science. Applicants should refer to the Graduate School of Science instructions to confirm aspects such as their eligibility.

### **Examination Type and Required Subjects**

The type of examination and the range of subjects accepted is determined by each potential supervisor of the Department. The main distinction is between potential supervisors who require GRE subject test scores to be submitted and those who require applicants to take an online written test organized by the Department. There are also additional subject requirements. Applicants should consult the following list and verify the appropriate examination type and subjects for their own application. Applications as Embassy Recommended Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholars are only accepted if accompanied by appropriate GRE subject test scores. Online written tests organized by the Department are not available for this scheme and there is a separate list of requirements for potential supervisors.

[▶ Requirements set by Individual Faculty Members](#)

### **Application Documents Required**

A list of documents required for applications is given in section 3 (Application Documents) of the [Instructions for International Students applying to the Graduate School of Science \(Special Selection for International Applicants\)](#). For the Department of Earth and Planetary Science, we also require all applicants to submit a Preliminary Evaluation Certificate (see (1) below). Here, we also give more details on the information that should be included in the Statement of Purpose and Personal Statement (see (2) below).

#### **(1) Preliminary Evaluation Certificate**

All applicants are required to obtain a Preliminary Evaluation Certificate (PEC) from their potential supervisor. The PEC will be issued after an interview with the potential supervisor, which can be conducted either online or in person and should be arranged by direct contact with the proposed supervisor. In the PEC, the potential supervisor will include confirmation of the type of exam (GRE test scores or online department test) and the subjects that will be assessed. A list of the possible application periods is given in Section 4 (Application Period) of the [Instructions for International Students applying to the Graduate School of Science \(Special Selection for International Applicants\)](#).

## **(2) *Statement of Purpose and Personal Statement***

The following points must be included either in the Statement of Purpose (Application Document 9) or in the Personal Statement (Application Document 8):

- Your proposed thesis research topic(s) and your reasons for choosing it (them)
- A summary of your undergraduate study (and previous graduate study, if any)
- Any work experience relevant to your proposed research in our department
- Any particularly significant experience or achievement in your academic or working career, and its possible relevance to your proposed program of study and research.

## **Online Examination (Master's course applications)**

Applicants who pass the documentary assessment will be invited by the Department to take an online examination. Note)

For those who selected a Departmental online written test, this examination will include a written test of 20 minutes followed by a further oral examination also of 20 minutes. For those who selected to submit their GRE subject test scores, there will be no further written test, but the same 20-minute oral examination is required. The oral examination will consist of a 10-minute presentation of your research background and research plan in the University of Tokyo, followed by

10 minutes of questions by the examiners. The applicants should prepare a presentation that can be displayed online using software such as Powerpoint. The online examination will be held using Zoom.

Note) The final admission decision regarding the success or failure of applications will be announced by the Graduate School Office (not by the Department).

### **Online Examination (Doctoral Course Applications)**

Applicants who pass the documentary assessment will be invited by the Department to take part in an online examination. Note)

For those who selected a Departmental online written test, this examination will include a written test of 20 minutes. For those who selected to submit their GRE subject test scores, there will be no further written test. Doctoral course applicants are required to take an oral examination lasting 40 minutes and consisting of a 20-minute presentation of your master's (or equivalent) study and a 5-minute presentation of your research plan at the University of Tokyo, followed by 15 minutes of questioning by the examiners. The applicants should prepare an abstract of their master's research (1-2 pages in single-spaced A4 format) for the oral examination. This must be submitted through the proposed supervisor no later than 3 days before the examination. Presentations should be prepared so they can be displayed online using software such as Powerpoint. The online examination will be held using Zoom.

Note) The final admission decision regarding the success or failure of applications will be announced by the Graduate School Office (not by the Department).

### **Dates of the oral examinations** (Schedules are subject to change)

- September 9-10, 2024: for applicants wishing to enroll in either April or October, 2025, applying for "Embassy Recommended Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship for 2025"

- December 4-5, 2024: for applicants wishing to enroll in April, 2025
- December 4-5, 2024: for applicants wishing to enroll in October, 2025, applying for "University Recommended Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship for 2025"
- February 4-5, 2025: for applicants wishing to enroll in October, 2025, applying for the *Global Science Graduate Course (GSGC)*.
- February 4-5, 2025: for applicants wishing to enroll in October, 2025

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