Hokkaido University Graduate School of Engineering English Engineering Education (e³) Program

Application guidelines
[Double Degree Program
Special Selection]

MASTER'S PROGRAM
DOCTORAL PROGRAM

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Notice:

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the examination may be conducted in a manner that differs from those described in this guideline.

Please check the following sites for the latest entrance examination information.

 $e^{3}\ website: \underline{https://www.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/e3/admission-int/apply-admission}$

Goal of Education and Admission Policy at the Graduate School of Engineering

Goal of Education

The goal of Hokkaido University Graduate School of Engineering is to inherit academic achievements accumulated over human history and to advance science and technology beyond past achievements, and thereby, to nurture individuals with a solid education background and advanced technical skills over diverse engineering fields and with the ability to adapt to globalization, ongoing advancements in science and technology, the trend toward interdisciplinary research, and who can think, decide and respond to practical challenges.

· What we look for in a student

-Master's Program

- (1) Students who have a wide range of education and specialized knowledge of science and technology from a broad perspective, and who have the thinking and decision-making skills necessary to solve problems.
- (2) Students with communication ability to enable mutual understanding with people from all over the world who have various ideas.
- (3) Students who are motivated to continuously acquire and improve the above knowledge and abilities.
- (4) Students who are willing to think about and solve various problems that arise in society. Students are expected to have acquired before entering the Master's Program academic skills and ethics required to study and conduct research in their field of specialization.

-Doctoral Program

- (1) Students who have a wide range of education and a wealth of advanced specialized knowledge of science and technology from a broad perspective, and who have the excellent thinking and decision-making skills necessary to solve problems.
- (2) Students with high communication ability to enable mutual understanding with people from all over the world who have various ideas.
- (3) Students who are motivated to continuously acquire and improve the above knowledge and abilities.
- (4) Students who are willing and able to think about and solve various problems that arise in society and create new science and technology through problem solving.

Students are expected to have acquired before entering the Doctoral Program high academic skills and ethical standards required to study and conduct research in their field of specialization.

· Basic Policy for Selection of Applicants

The Graduate School of Engineering selects individuals of any nationality who have graduated from a specialized field of science and engineering and intend to obtain a master's or doctoral degree in the field of engineering, as well as qualified individuals who intend to obtain a doctoral degree while working after completing their undergraduate or master's degree.

· Double Degree Program Special Selection

The Double Degree Program Special Selection selects students who are currently enrolled at one of the university's overseas partner universities, and who wish to obtain a degree at the graduate school in English based on an oral examination of their specialized knowledge, research ability, and willingness to tackle research problems, and a comprehensive evaluation of their basic academic skills and foreign language ability based on their application documents.

1. About Double Degree Program

The Double Degree Program is educational program established by official agreement between the Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University and partner universities and satisfied the requirements of each of the universities. Academic degrees of the same level are separately conferred to the students who have completed the requirements of both universities. Such degrees will be conferred on qualified students by each of the universities. Individual program's plan is established by the agreement between the Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University and partner universities. Candidates accepted to the Double Degree Program enroll into the English Engineering Education program of the Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University and their study plan is based on the curriculum of the program.

2. About e³ Program

International graduate program in English (Master's and Doctoral degree) was first established at the Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University in the year of 2000 as English Graduate Program in Social Environmental Engineering (EGPSEE) in order to attract qualified international students, who speak little or no Japanese. The e³ program has gradually expended to cover the other fields of engineering, and was renamed English Engineering Education Program (hereafter referred to as the e³ program) from 2007. The e³ program comprises of 13 divisions, encompassing all fields of engineering.

The e³ program aims to educate together international and Japanese students in both Master's and Doctoral degrees in a multicultural and inter-disciplinary environment in English. The goal of the e³ program is to foster globally competitive individuals, engineers and researchers, who possess in-depth knowledge, are equipped with up-to-date technologies, have a global mindset, and are able to work, taking leadership in various fields.

To foster the individuals described above and achieve its goal, the e³ program embraces the diversity of origins of the applicants and recruits students from all over the world.

3. Admission Categories

Admission screening to the program is conducted under the two categories, e³ Special Selection, and Double Degree Program Special Selection. Please carefully confirm eligibility, requirements, and deadlines for each category in the respective application guidelines. This guideline describes the matters related to Double Degree Program Special Selection.

- Double Degree Program Special Selection
- e³ Special Selection (please refer to the respective guidelines)

Application guidelines for each category are published online on the e³ program's website: https://www.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/e³/

4. Partner Universities and Available Degree Programs

As of April 2023, the following overseas partner universities have established Double Degree agreements with the Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University at the following degree levels:

University/ Faculty or School	Master's Program	Doctoral Program
AGH University of Science and Technology (Poland)	Yes	Yes
Asian Institute of Technology / School of Engineering and Technology (Thailand)	Yes	No
Chulalongkorn University / Faculty of Engineering (Thailand)	Yes	No
Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology (SIIT), Thammasat University (Thailand)	Yes	Yes
Xi'an Jiaotong University / School of Materials Science and Engineering (China)	No	Yes*
Seoul National University / College of Engineering (Korea)	Yes	Yes
National Tsing Hua University / College of Engineering, College of Science, College of Nuclear Science (Taiwan)	No	Yes
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	No	Yes

^{*}Only at the Division of Material Science and Engineering

5. Divisions Accepting Applications

There are 13 divisions accepting applications. However, acceptance of students in a specific research field under a Double Degree Program in each division depends on individual agreement between the Graduate School of Engineering and applicant's university.

Divisions	
Applied Physics	Engineering and Policy for Sustainable Environment
Materials Science and Engineering	Architectural and Structural Design
Mechanical and Space Engineering	Human Environmental System
Human Mechanical Systems and Design	Environmental Engineering
Energy and Environmental Systems	Sustainable Resources Engineering
Quantum Science and Engineering	Cooperative Program for resources Engineering
Field Engineering for the Environment	(Master's program only)

6. Nomination as a Double Degree Candidate

Applicants to the Double Degree Program shall be officially nominated by his or her home university which has a Double Degree agreement with the Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University as Double Degree candidates.

For the details of the Double Degree nomination procedure, please inquire to the office in charge at your home university. The below listed application qualifications, selection and screening procedures only refer to the part of selection process at the Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University.

7. Qualifications for Applicants

7-1. Nationality

Applicants shall fulfill both criteria*.

- 1. Non-Japanese nationals
- 2. Those who have or will obtain the Japanese residence status "student" by the time of enrollment*

*If you are a non-Japanese national, but do not fulfill the condition stated "2" above, please inquire to the e³ program office between August 24 and August 31, 2023. There is a possibility you are qualified to apply for admission.

7-2. Educational Qualifications

Master's Program

Individuals who are currently enrolled or accepted to the master's program at the partner university which has a Double Degree agreement with the Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University.

Doctoral Program

Individuals who are currently enrolled or accepted to the Doctoral program at the partner university which has a Double Degree agreement with the Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University.

7-3. English Requirement

The medium of instruction of the e³ program is English, and applicants must possess comprehensive knowledge of the English language. Applicants are required to submit an official English test score above the minimum requirement or the Medium of Instruction certificate as a proof of English proficiency.

Minimum English Proficiency Requirements		
TOEFL iBT Test	IELTS	TOEIC L&R
79	6.0	730

^{*}TOEFL university code: 8648

Medium of Instruction (MI) certificate

MI certificate is an official letter or a certificate stating that English is the language of instruction at the university or a specific degree program. If English being the language of instruction is clearly specified in the transcript or diploma, there is no need to submit MI certificate separately.

-Examples

- -Master's applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from a full-time Bachelor's degree program for which the medium of instruction is English
- -Doctoral applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from a full-time Master's degree program for which the medium of instruction is English

Exemptions

Applicants who fulfill one of the following conditions can be exempted from submitting an English score and MI certificate.

- -Applicants whose native language is English
- -Applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from universities in a country where the first official language is English

If you have any concerns whether you qualify as a native speaker of English, please directly inquire to the e³ program office well in advance of the Matching Check deadline in the section 8.

^{*}Please see p.16 for details.

8. Application and Screening Schedule

- The Double Degree Program Special Selection will be conducted on the schedule below.
- For further details, please refer to each section.
- For the schedule and details of the nomination as a Double Degree candidate from your home university please contact the office in charge at your home university.
- Application is considered complete only when the examination fee is paid and original application documents, including the **Double Degree Program nomination letter from currently enrolled university** have arrived at the e³ office during the specified application period.

Schedule	Dates
Matching Check	Sep 4 –15, 2023
Notification of Matching Check	By Sep 29, 2023
Submission of Hard Copy Application	Oct 2 –17, 2023
Admission Screening Document screening and interview. *Whether or not you need to take an interview depends on the division, so please inquire your prospective supervisor.	Nov 8 –17, 2023
Announcement of the Results	Dec 4, 2023

9. Matching Check

All the applicants are required to take a Matching Check.

Matching Check

Graduate students conduct research under the guidance of a supervisor. All applicants are required to take a Matching Check to find a faculty member whose research topic matches their research interests and get acceptance from a prospective supervisor before submitting application materials.

Please submit the necessary documents on the e³ online system during the Matching Check so that the e³ office can forward your documents to your prospective supervisor. You will receive the matching result from the e³ office by email. Please check the details for our website (https://eprogram.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/).

Required documents

All applicants are required to submit the documents listed in section "17. List of the Documents" for a Matching Check before submitting original application documents.

Submission method

The documents shall be submitted on the e³ online system.

https://eprogram.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/apply/

If there is any problem uploading, please consult to the e³ program office (eprogram@eng.hokudai.ac.jp).

Notification of Matching Check

Notification of Matching Check is announced by e-mail from the e³ office. Only applicants who passed Matching Check are required to pay the examination fee and post the original documents. The examination fee is paid through the website (https://e-apply.jp/e/hokudai-eng/) during the application period. In the case that you do not receive an e-mail from the e³ program office by the deadline, please inquire about it.

10. Application Submission

List of the Documents

Please refer to the section "17. List of the Documents"

All the forms can be downloaded from the e³ program's website. (https://www.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/e3/admission-int/apply-admission)

Submission Notes

- 1. All the required documents shall be delivered to the e³ program office before the application deadline. When you ship the documents, make sure to use a courier service that provides tracking options such as DHL, FedEx, EMS. It is applicant's own responsibility to estimate the required delivery time. Application will not be accepted if the hard copies are delivered after the deadline.
- 2. After you have completed the submission of your application, you cannot change the contents of the application.
- 3. Once your documents are delivered and processed, you will receive a notification e-mail from the e³ program office. The notification will usually be sent within 3 working days of the documents' delivery to the e³ program office.
- 4. Application documents shall be written in English or an official English translation shall be attached if it is written in language other than English.
- 5. Submitted documents are not returnable to the applicants for any reason. If any of the documents cannot be re-issued (such as graduation certificates, transcripts etc.), please submit a certified copy.
- 6. If any false description is found in application documents, entrance approval may be cancelled.
- 7. Please do not staple the documents. If necessary, please use clips instead.

Postal Address: English Engineering Education (e³) Program Office c/o International Affairs Office (A1-05)
Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University
Kita 13 Nishi 8, Kita-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido 060-8628, Japan Tel: +81 11 706 8089 Fax: +81 11 706 6141

11. Admission Screening

Documents Screening

In the process of document screening, various components of the application are considered and evaluated, such as the quality of the applicant's prior academic degree, grades, record of accomplishment and publications, research proposal, a recommendation letter, relevant work experience, and so on.

Interview

An Interview is required as a part of the application review process. An Interview will be conducted on online in principle.

Interviews are scheduled individually. In some cases, an online interview during the period other than mentioned in the section 8 may be conducted. Applicants will be notified about the schedule of the interview through their prospective supervisors.

<GPA>

In most cases, e³ applicants should have a high academic performance (e.g. 80%, or 3.0 on a 4.0-point GPA Scale) to qualify for the Double Degree Program Special Selection.

12. Examination Results and Admission Certificate

The examination results are notified to the applicants by e-mail from the e³ program office.

Admission Certificate

The admission certificate is sent in a PDF file by e-mail to those who are accepted.

13. Examination Fee, Enrollment Fee and Tuition

Required fees are defined as per agreement with partner university. Double Degree candidates are normally exempt from paying examination and enrollment fees at Hokkaido University. Tuition fees at Hokkaido University are exempt for the period of simultaneous enrolment at Hokkaido University and a partner university, and after graduating from a partner university, for up to 6 months of enrollment at Hokkaido University.

Please make sure to confirm the details of the agreement at your home university.

Amount of Fees

Examination fee	30,500 JPY (500 JPY is for transaction fee)
Enrollment fee	282,000 JPY (At the time of enrollment)
Tuition for a semester	267,900 JPY (Annual fee: 535,800 JPY)

⁻ Fees listed above are subject to change. If any revision is made at the time of admission or while the student is enrolled, the new amount will be applied as of the time of the revision.

14. Visa Application Assistance

Applicants needed Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)

Once the applicants receive the admission certificate, the e³ program office will apply for a CoE on behalf of the applicants. After the CoE is issued, the e³ program office will send it to each applicant's home address. After receiving the CoE, applicants must proceed to apply for a student visa at a Japanese Embassy or Consulate.

15. Protection of Personal Information

- (1) All personal information collected by Hokkaido University will be completely protected in compliance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Agencies, etc., and other related acts and pursuant to the Hokkaido University Regulations on Personal Information Management.
- (2) Names, addresses, and other personal information provided to the university through application procedures will be used solely for (a) enrollee selection (application processing and the screening process), (b) the announcement of exam results, (c) admission procedures, (d) surveys and research on enrollee selection methods, and (e) related processes.
- (3) Some of these processes may be outsourced by the university to a contracted service provider (hereinafter referred to as "contractor"). All or some of the personal information provided by applicants may be provided to the contractor only as needed to perform the tasks for which it has been contracted.
- (4) Personal information obtained through application procedures will be used only for those who are admitted for (a) school administration purposes (student registration, academic counseling, etc., (b) student support services (health management, scholarship applications, etc.), and (c) tuition and other administrative purposes. (Personal information of applicants for Cooperative Program for Resources Engineering will be used in Kyushu University for the purpose of (a) and (b).)
- (5) Of the personal information described in item (4) above, only names and addresses will be used to facilitate communication with students from the Hokkaido University Frontier Foundation and organizations related to Hokkaido University, such as (a) the Hokkaido University Athletic Union, and (b) Hokkaido University Faculty of Engineering "Hokkokai".

16. Contact Information

English Engineering Education (e³) Program Office c/o International Affairs Office (A1-05) Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University Kita 13 Nishi 8, Kita-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido 060-8628, Japan

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Tel: +81 11 706 8089 Fax: +81 11 706 6141

17. List of the Documents

Documents marked * are required only when it is applicable, and unmarked documents are required for all applicants. Please read the details for each item, and upload e³ online submission system.: https://eprogram.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/apply/

If designated format is required, you may either download from website or e^3 online submission system.

e³ Website: https://www.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/e³/admission-int/apply-admission

No. **Required Documents** e³ Double Degree Application Form Please note that original handwriting signature is required on the last page when submitting the 1 original. No electronic signature is allowed. e³ Application Form is automatically generated on e³ online submission system. Please download and print it out for submission. **Double Degree Program Nomination Letter from Currently Enrolled University** Format: All applicants shall use the designated format. **Education History** Please make sure to include currently enrolled program (expected to enroll program) at the partner university which has a double degree agreement with the Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido 3 University. Education History is automatically generated on e³ online submission system. Please download and print it out for submission. **Three Photographic Portraits of Applicant** • Two of the photos in size 4cm long x 3cm wide • One photo in size 3cm long x 2.5cm wide 4 * Front facing without a hat * Without background (including shadow) * Ones that are vivid * Taken within the last 3 months * Write your name on the back of the photos **Research Proposal** 5 **Format:** Please use e³-designated proposal format.

No. Required Documents

Abstract(s) of Bachelor's/Master's Thesis(es)

Format: Any format is acceptable (one to two pages long).

Please include the title, the author, the name of the supervisor, the submission date (or expected to be submitted), and specify the type of work (Bachelor's thesis, graduation project, etc.)

Doctoral applicants are required to submit both Bachelor and Master's thesis abstracts.

If a formal thesis was not a part of your degree program, please prepare a summary of the research project etc. you conducted at your home university.

Abstract(s) of the Publication(s)

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If you published papers including conference as a first author, please attach an abstract. Do not attach the full paper. If your paper was published in a language other than English, please prepare an English abstract. Please make sure that the abstract is accompanied with full reference information including name(s) of the author(s), title, and publication information.

Academic Transcripts

Official academic transcripts for every graduated /expected to graduate university program (originals, certified copies, or verification report from CHSI) shall be prepared.

* Transcripts are not required from the applicants who are currently enrolled as research students of the Graduate School of Engineering, Hokkaido University.

<Applicants who graduated/ are expected to graduate from a university in any country/region other than China >

If the transcript is issued in a language other than English, please submit the copy of transcript in your native language and the original English translation certified by an issuing institution or public notary.

- -Bachelor's degree holders: please submit transcripts from the undergraduate school(s).
- -Master's degree holders: please submit transcripts from both undergraduate and graduate schools even if you are still in school.

Please make sure the date of issue is specified.

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<Applicants who graduated/ are expected to graduate from Chinese University>

Please go to the website CHSI https://www.chsi.com.cn/en/ and apply for verification report of transcript in English. (It costs 150 RMB)

Please request CHSI to send the transcript directly to the e³ program office via e-mail by the deadline of Matching Check.

e³ program office e-mail: eprogram@eng.hokudai.ac.jp

You can also download in PDF format and upload it on e³ online submission system.

As a part of Matching Check, upload a screenshot (PDF) of the e-mail that you send to CHSI to make the above request.

Please note that it could take a long time to issue the transcript at CHSI. It is recommended to apply for it well in advance. The application will not be accepted if transcripts are sent by CHSI after the deadline.

For Matching Check, please upload your official academic transcripts or certified transcripts issued by school on e³ online submission system.

No. Required Documents

Graduation/Expected Graduation Certificates

Applicants are required to submit the originals, certified copies, or verification diploma from CHSI for each graduated program. High school certificates are not required.

<Applicants who graduated/ are expected to graduate from a university in any country/region other than China>

Applicants who are expected to graduate

- Please prepare the most recent expected graduation certificate.
 It must show the expected month and year of your graduation.
- If your university does not issue an expected graduation certificate, please obtain a certificate of enrollment which shows the month and year of the enrollment and graduation.
- Once you are conferred a diploma, please submit a copy if it is written in English or bi-lingual (English and other languages).
- If the diploma is written in a language other than English, please submit the copy of diploma in your native language and the original English translation certified by an issuing institution or public notary.

<Applicants who graduated/ are expected to graduate from Chinese University>

Applicants who already graduated

Necessary documents: Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate from CHSI

- Please go to the website CHSI (https://www.chsi.com.cn/en/), and apply for 「中国高等教育学位在线验证 报告 翻译件 (英文)」(Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate).
- Please request CHSI to send the verification report directly to the e³ program office **by the deadline of Matching Check**. You can also download in PDF format and upload it on e³ online submission system. As a part of Matching Check, upload a screenshot (PDF) of the e-mail that you sent to CHST to make the above request.
- Please note that it could take a long time to issue the report at CHSI. It is recommended to apply for it well in advance. The application will not be accepted if reports are sent by CHSI after the deadline.
- e³ program office e-mail: eprogram@eng.hokudai.ac.jp

•Applicants who are expected to graduate Necessary documents: Online Verification Report of Student Record from CHSI

- Please go to the website CHSI (https://www.chsi.com.cn/en/), and apply for 「教育部学籍在线验证报告 翻译件 (英文)」(Online Verification Report of Student Record).
- Please request CHSI to send the verification report directly to the e³ program office **by the deadline of Matching Check**. You can also download in PDF format and upload it on e³ online submission system.
- Please note that it could take a long time to issue the report at CHSI. It is recommended to apply for it well in advance. The application will not be accepted if reports are sent by CHSI after the deadline.
- e³ program office e-mail: eprogram@eng.hokudai.ac.jp
- *Those who submitted the Online Verification Report of Student Record from CHSI are required to submit the Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate (CHSI) by the time of enrollment at e³ program.

Recommendation Letter Format: You may either download the e³ designated letter format or use free format. The letter shall be provided by the supervisor at your current program. Please note that an original handwriting signature is required. No electronic signature is allowed. Please do not attach a letter from a prospective supervisor at Hokkaido University.

Documents to prove English Proficiency

Applicants are required to submit an official English test score above the e³ minimum requirement or the Medium of Instruction certificate as a proof of English proficiency. (Please read "Medium of Instruction certificate" and "Exemptions" under Notes on Submission.)

English Proficiency Requirements

Type of examination	Minimum English Proficiency Requirement
TOEFL iBT TOEFL iBT Home Edition	79
IELTS (Academic)	6.0
TOEIC L&R	730

TOEIC IP/TOEIC Institutional Test Sessions, TOEIC Speaking & Writing Tests, TOEIC Speaking Test, TOEIC Bridge Test, TOEFL ITP Plus for China, Revised TOEFL PDT and IELTS (General Training) are not acceptable.

Notes on Submission

11 TOEFL iBT, TOEFL iBT Home Edition

Institutional Score Report must be sent directly to the e³ program office from ETS. You are required to order it by the deadline of Matching Check, using an Institutional code. Please note that the e³ program does not accept MyBest scores, we will accept Test Date scores only.

Institutional code: 8648

IELTS (Academic)

Test Report Form must be sent directly to the e³ program office from IELTS center. You are required to order it by the deadline of Matching Check

TOEIC Listening & Reading

Please submit an original Official Score Certificate in unopened envelop from ETS.

You are required to request the original Official Score Certificate to ETS even in a case that you can get the Official Score Certificate online. Please keep in mind that once the envelop is opened, it is no longer considered as a valid certificate.

Period of Validity of the tests

The test must be taken within the last two years from the deadline for submitting a hard copy of the application documents.

Please note that if you can't provide the official English test score by the deadline of Matching Check, your application will not be reviewed.

No. **Required Documents** Medium of Instruction certificate (MI) Applicants who completed full time degree programs in English can submit MI certificate as a proof of English proficiency. MI certificate is an official letter or a certificate stating that English is the language of instruction at the university or a specific degree program. Please submit the original certificate. If English being the language of instruction is clearly specified in the transcript or diploma, there is no need to submit MI certificate separately. Examples: -Master's course applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from a full-time Bachelor's degree program for which the medium of instruction is English. 11 -Doctoral applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from a full-time Master's degree **program** for which the medium of instruction is English. **Exemptions** Applicants who fulfill one of the following conditions can be exempted from submitting English scores and MI certificates. -Applicants whose native language is English -Applicants who graduated or expected to graduate from universities in a country where the first official language is English If you have any concerns whether you qualify as a native speaker of English, please directly inquire to the e³ program office well in advance of the deadline of Matching Check. **Photocopy of Passport** 12 Please provide a photocopy of the page showing your photo, nationality, and name. **Declaration of Finance and original Bank Deposit statement** These documents are only required from self-supported applicants. Applicants with a full support scholarship are not required to submit these documents. 13* Format: Declaration of finance: please use the e³ designated format. Bank deposit statement: please get original bank deposit statement. Copy of Scholarship Approval Letter and Scholarship Information Form These documents are required only from applicants who were granted a scholarship or are in the process of application for a scholarship. 14* - If you are granted a scholarship, please submit a letter from the organization confirming the scholarship nomination and scholarship form describing the details of the scholarship. - If you are still in the process of application/selection, please first submit the scholarship information form only. Copy of Residence Card (Both sides) 15* Applicants currently residing in Japan are required to submit a copy of their residence card.