

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Greetings. Please allow us to introduce the Master's Programme in Sport and Olympic Studies implemented by the Tsukuba International Academy for Sport Studies (TIAS) at the University of Tsukuba in Japan.

TIAS offers an eighteen-month Master's Programme in Sport and Olympic Studies. Professors from the University of Tsukuba together with guest speakers and educators from around the world share knowledge and expertise with our students who will shape the future of the world of sport.

TIAS provides international students with major financial support for travel and living costs. The details are shown on our website. Student accommodation is also available. Moreover, international students are exempt from enrolment fees and tuition. As students receive financial support to cover their needs, they are relieved of any financial burden and are able to concentrate on study in a fulfilled academic environment.

Detail of Scholarship (as of 2016):

<http://tias.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/TIAS-Scholarship-2016-for-International-Students-1.pdf>

Information on student accommodation: http://www.meikei.or.jp/shukusha/index_en.html

TIAS is seeking highly motivated applicants from all over the world. Details of the 2017 examination schedule (for entrance on October 2017) are as follows. Please refer to the Admission Guidelines for more details.

Release of Admission Guidelines:	Mon. 5 December 2016
Application period:	Mon. 30 January 2017 - Fri. 3 March 2017 (JST)
Oral examination:	Mon. 17 April 2017- Wed. 19 April 2017
Announcement of final results:	Fri. 19 May 2017

We would appreciate it very much if you could kindly distribute this information to anyone in your country/organization who would be interested in our programme.

Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact us via email at tias-admin@un.tsukuba.ac.jp or visit our website on <http://tias.tsukuba.ac.jp/>

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,

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Chairman of Tsukuba International Academy for Sport Studies (TIAS)
University of Tsukuba



*Note that the benefits of TIAS Scholarship Programme 2017 will be similar to that of 2016. The exact detail will be available in April 2017.

Tsukuba International Academy for Sport Studies (TIAS) Scholarship Programme 2016

(for *International Students)

Tsukuba International Academy for Sport Studies (TIAS) offers scholarships to international students who are successfully accepted to enroll in the Master's Programme in Sport and Olympic Studies. The details are as follows.

* International Students' are designated as those students who possess a 'College Student' status of residence according to the Immigration Law.

1. CONDITION OF SCHOLARSHIP

(1) Nationality:

Applicants must be foreign nationals. Those who have Japanese nationality at the time of application are not eligible.

(2) Visa Requirement:

Foreign applicants who wish to enroll in University of Tsukuba as an international student must acquire "College Student" (ryugaku, 留学) visas before enrolling. The visas should be issued at the Japanese legation, located in the country of applicants' nationality.

2. TERM OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship will be payable for 18 months from October 2016 through March 2018.

3. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

(1) Allowance:

International students will be provided monthly with 146,000yen. However, the amount of allowance will be subject to change depending upon the annual budget for each fiscal year. In principle, those who plan to receive scholarship from other organisation (including any governmental organisation of his/her own country) are not eligible for the TIAS scholarship.

(2) Travel Costs:

An economy class airfare to Narita or Haneda airports in Tokyo (from the airport nearest to home address) and return home (after successful completion of Master's programme within the 18 month period) shall be covered by TIAS. All other travel costs and expenses (travel from home to airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, insurance fees, internal travel costs within Japan etc.) shall be borne by the student.

(3) School Fees:

International students are exempt from enrolment fees and tuition. They are responsible for paying his/her own accommodation costs.

4. NOTES

(1) Students should bring approximately US \$2,000 or the equivalent to cover immediate needs after arrival in Japan since the scholarship will not be paid immediately.

(2) Accommodations:

[1] Residence halls for students

University of Tsukuba has residence halls for students who wish to reside under certain conditions. However, because of the limited number of rooms, some of these facilities may not be able to accommodate all the students.

[2] Apartments.

Those who are not able to find accommodation in the aforementioned facilities may live in an apartment.

It is very difficult for international students with dependents to find appropriate housing in Japan. All international students are advised to arrive in Japan alone and secure housing before inviting his/her spouse and/or children to Japan.

Refer to the following link for more information about the accommodation. (Page 76)

[Enrollment Guide for International Students-General Information 2016-2017 \(PDF\)](#)

The contents written above are subject to change.

Related links:

[University of Tsukuba](http://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/english/) (<http://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/english/>)

[International Student Center](http://www.global.tsukuba.ac.jp/isc) (<http://www.global.tsukuba.ac.jp/isc>)

Admission Guidelines (Simplified ver.) for 2017 Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Sciences, Master's Program in Health and Sport Sciences, Master's Program in Sport and Olympic Studies (For International Students)

Entrance

October 1, 2017

Programme Term: Oct, 2017 – Mar, 2019 (18month)
TIAS aims to finish the programme within 18 month by recruiting excellent students across the world.

Necessary Expenses

International students are exempt from paying the examination fees, admission fees and tuition.

Eligibility for Application

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria

1. Individuals who have graduated or who will finish a Japanese four-year University by September 2017.
2. Individuals who have completed a 16 year school education curriculum which includes a Bachelor's degree outside Japan, or individuals who will obtain their Bachelor's degree by September, 2017.
3. Individuals who have received or will receive a Bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation by September 2017.
4. Individuals who have been recognised by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
5. Individuals who are 22 years of age or older by September 2017, and whose qualification is recognised equivalent to a Bachelor's degree through Eligibility Screening conducted by TIAS.
6. Others

Schedule (Japan Time)

Deadline for applying for eligibility	January 10 2017
Web Entry	January 30 2017, 12:00 - March 3, 2017, 15:00
Deadline for document submission (by registered mail)	March 21, 2017, 17:00
Announcement of results of screening	March 31, 2017, 15:00 on Website
Oral Examination (Skype Interview)	April 17, 2017 – April 19, 2017
Announcement of Final Results	May, 19, 2017, 15:00 on Website

Application Documents

① Web Entry

1. Applicant's Information
2. Employment Records (if applicable)
3. Research Activity (if applicable)
4. Research Plan

② Necessary Documents

(Original documents must be submitted by registered mail)

5. (Expected) Graduation Certificate ※
6. Degree certificate ※
7. Academic Transcript ※
8. Letter of Recommendation
9. TOEIC/ TOEFL/ IELTS Official Score Record/ Letter of Recommendation for English Proficiency (if applicable)
10. Letter of Approval for Entrance Exam (if applicable)
11. Certificate of Government Sponsored Foreign Student (if applicable)

※ Applicants with Master's degree will also need to submit their certificate of Bachelor's degree.

Contact

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※ Office closed on Sat, Sun and public holidays.

Other

- Refer to admission guidelines which will be published in December 2016 for detailed information.
- After the announcement of examination results, the TIAS Admission Office will inform each of the newly admitted students with the foreign nationality (without appropriate legal status in Japan) about the status of residence by email.
- TIAS provides travel expenses and scholarship for students with the status of residence "student" in Japan.