

Application Guidelines for the 2025 “China State-Sponsored Postgraduate Study Abroad Program” at Nagoya University

1. Overview

Nagoya University invites students from China to apply for the Academic Year 2025-2026 admissions under the China State-Sponsored Postgraduate Study Abroad Program (“国家建设高水平大学公派研究生项目”), according to the terms and conditions below.

The Program consists of two categories:

- Doctoral Degree Seeking Program (36 to 48* months)
- Joint Educational Program (6 to 24 months).

Successful applicants – those who pass an entrance examination administered by each graduate school of Nagoya University and then are selected as a scholarship recipient by the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC) – will be granted admission and exemptions from paying the entrance fee and tuition fee.

*Note: The Medical Doctoral Programs in the Graduate School of Medicine are four-year (48-month) programs. Other programs are 36 to 48 months.

2. Eligibility for Application

a. Eligibility Requirements for “Doctoral Degree Seeking Program”

The applicant must be a Chinese national and satisfy the eligibility criteria for the "China State-Sponsored Postgraduate Study Abroad Program" prescribed in application guidelines published by the China Scholarship Council (CSC), and whom one of the two conditions applies to:

- (1) The applicant currently resides in China and has been granted a master's degree
- (2) The applicant is expected to complete a master's degree program (if wishing to enroll in October 2025, the applicant must possess a master's degree by the end of September 2025; if wishing to enroll in April 2026, the applicant must be granted a master's degree by the end of March 2026)

For the Doctoral Programs in the Graduate School of Medicine, applicants will be considered eligible if (1) they have completed or are expected to complete a five-year (or longer) curriculum equivalent to, or higher than, an undergraduate degree curriculum by the end of September 2025 in a foreign country, or (2) after an eligibility review, are deemed by the Graduate School of Medicine to possess academic ability equivalent to, or superior to, that of a university graduate and have received an undergraduate-level education in medicine and are at least 24 years old at the time of enrollment.

b. Eligibility Requirements for "Joint Education Program"

The eligible applicant must be a Chinese national who satisfies the eligibility criteria for the "China State-Sponsored Postgraduate Study Abroad Program" prescribed in application guidelines published by the China Scholarship Council (CSC) and are currently enrolled in a doctoral program at a university in China.

3. Application Documents

All documents must be written in Japanese or English.

Write an item number (1)-(12) in the upper right corner of each document and organize them together in ascending order. Do NOT staple documents together.

We explicitly prohibit the use of generative AI tools to generate text or any other content to be submitted as part of application documents.

- (1) Application Form (attached form, A4 size)
 - The form can be downloaded from the university's website and must be typed, not hand-written.
<http://www.nushanghai.net/>
 - Sign and write a date in the original copy of the application form sent to the University.
- (2) Chronological resume (A4 size, no preferred form)
- (3) Copy of passport (the page with your photograph) or copies of both sides of your People's Republic of China ID card
- (4) Research Plan
 - A4 size, free format, approximately 1,000 characters in Japanese or 500-700 words in English
- (5) Master's (or Prospective) Degree Certificate*
(For the Graduate School of Medicine, Degree Certificate (Undergraduate or Master's) from the last university or college you attended)
 - We only accept official certificates issued by the university you attended or by the Chinese government.
 - The Degree Certificate (or Prospective Degree Certificate) must include both a graduation date (or prospective graduation date) and the educational institution's official seal or signature.
 - If the certificate is written in a language other than Japanese or English, a Japanese or English translation with an official seal or signature must be attached.
 - Do not submit your original diploma (which is granted only once).
 - Applicants currently enrolled in a dual master's and doctoral program (combined master's and doctoral program) should also submit a Certificate of Enrollment (or Prospective Enrollment) to show that they have completed, or are expected to complete, a portion of the curriculum equivalent to a master's degree program.
- (6) Original transcripts from all universities/institutions attended after high school (undergraduate level and above)
 - We accept only transcripts issued by the universities and colleges you attended.
 - If the transcript is written in a language other than Japanese or English, a certified translation (Japanese or English) with an official seal or signature must be attached.
- (7) Two reference letters (using the referee's school or institution's letterhead paper)
 - Referees should be professors, academic advisors, or faculty members with whom the applicant has worked closely or whose class(es) the applicant has taken.
- (8) Summary of publications such as research papers, reports and/or books, to show the applicant's academic achievement and ability.
- (9) Essay: Describe your academic and/or research background and how it would be linked to your intended research at Nagoya University.
 - Up to 3 pages, A4 size

- (10) Standardized Japanese or English proficiency test score(s) (however, the Graduate Schools of Economics, Medicine, Engineering, Bioagricultural Sciences and Environmental Studies only accept an English proficiency test score, and the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences requires both a Japanese proficiency test score and an English proficiency test score).

Please see the attachment “Contact Information and Document Submission Requirements for Each Graduate School” for more detailed information on language proficiency test scores and the minimum score requirement.

- (11) Two identification photographs (3.5cm × 4.5cm)
- Electronic copies are not acceptable.
 - Write your full name and the name of your university on the back and attach one photo to the Application Form.
- (12) ‘Declaration of Applicable Specific Categories’
- Fill out the Form ‘Declaration of Applicable Specific Categories’ and submit it along with any required documents. For more details about ‘Declaration of Applicable Specific Categories’ and deemed export control measures at Nagoya University, please look at page 6.
- (13) For other documents required by each Graduate School, refer to the attachment.

*Documents (5) should be original copies. However, in case original or certified copies are not available to be submitted by the deadline electric copies mentioned below would be accepted temporarily as a substitute. Even in such a case, original copies should be still submitted by a deadline determined by the Graduate School you apply to. Failure to submit any original copies may lead to revocation of admission.

Substitutes for (5) Master’s (or Prospective) Degree Certificate

The following documents issued by 教育部学生服务与素质发展中心中国高等教育学生信息网(CHSI) with its expiration date later than September 30, 2025:

- If applicants have already earned a master's degree: Both 1) Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (English) and 2) 教育部学历证书电子注册备案表 (Chinese).
- If applicants are currently enrolled in a master's degree program and expected to complete at the time of enrollment to Nagoya University: Both 1) Online Verification Report of Student Record (English) and 2) 教育部学籍在线验证报告 (Chinese).

All those documents should be obtained from the 教育部学生服务与素质发展中心中国高等教育学生信息网 (China Higher Education Student Information - CHSI)

4. Application Procedure

- (1) Important notes before you apply:

A: Contacting the Graduate School (Education and Human Development, Law and Economics)

Before submitting your application documents, you must directly contact the graduate school using the contact information found in the “Contact Information and Document Submission Requirements for Each Graduate School” to inquire whether there is a vacant seat available in

the graduate program you are applying to. Please attach your research proposal, prospective advisor's name, and resume to an inquiry email.

Note: In the case of the Graduate School of Law, it is unnecessary for the applicant to contact an individual faculty member in advance.

B: Contacting a prospective academic advisor at Nagoya University (Humanities, Informatics, Science, Medicine, Engineering, Bioagricultural Sciences, International Development, Mathematics, Environmental Studies and Pharmaceutical Sciences)

Before submitting application documents, you must contact the individual faculty member whom you wish to be your academic advisor and receive unofficial permission to apply to your intended program. Please express interest, let them know about your intended research topics and background, and ask if there is any specific qualification you may have to satisfy. (Please refer to the graduate school website listed in the attachment "Contact Information and Document Submission Requirements for Each Graduate School" for faculty contact information.)

(2) Application Procedure

Please enclose all documents listed in the Section "3. Application Documents" and write "China State-Sponsored Postgraduate Study Abroad Program" (or "国家建设高水平大学公派研究生项目") clearly on the envelope. To send application documents, please use a registered or express mail service. Applicants also need to email a digital copy of the application form along with, if applicable, a scanned copy of 1) Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (English version) and 教育部学历证书电子注册备案表 (Chinese version) or 2) Online Verification Report of Student Record (English version) and 教育部学籍在线验证报告 (Chinese), all of those issued by the 教育部学生服务与素质发展中心中国高等教育学生信息网 (China Higher Education Student Information-CHSI). Please use the information found in Section "10. Contact (1)."

5. Application Deadline

December 13 (Fri), 2024

All application documents (application form and any required documents) must physically arrive at, and be emailed to, 名古屋大学中国交流中心 (Nagoya University Chinese Exchange Center) by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

6. Selection Method

- (1) To assess applicant's knowledge and academic ability, document screening and oral examination (in Japanese and/or English) will be conducted.
- (2) If the graduate school requires an oral examination, applicants will be notified of details of the oral examination by the graduate school you applied to.

7. Selection Results

The selection results will be announced to applicants by Thursday, March 6, 2025.

A Letter of Acceptance and a Tuition Exemption Certificate will be mailed to successful applicants.

8. Enrollment Period

October 2025 or April 2026 (no exceptions)

9. Enrollment Procedure

- (1) Persons who have been selected by the China Scholarship Council (CSC) must notify Nagoya University and send the scanned copies of the "Certificate of State Scholarship Fund for Postgraduate Study Abroad Program (国家留学基金资助出国留学证书)" (both English and Chinese versions) to the address stated in Section "10 Contact (2)".

*Applicants who have not yet completed their master's degree program at the time of application must ensure that final versions of the certificate of graduation/completion and academic transcript are sent to the University once these become available (digital copies must be emailed to the Admissions Office for International Programs and the originals to 名古屋大学中国交流中心 by using the contact information stated in "10. Contact."

All the documents must be written in English or submitted together with a certified true copy of English or Japanese translation signed/stamped by authority.

- (2) Pre-arrival information, including student visa information and dormitory application, will be provided to admitted students after the original copy of the Certificate of State Scholarship Fund for Postgraduate Study Abroad Program is sent to the University as mentioned above.

10. Contact

- (1) Application documents should be submitted to:

名古屋大学中国交流中心 刘蕾老师收

200030 上海市徐汇区淮海西路 55 号 申通信息广场 27 楼 D

Phone: 021-6280-6185

Email: office@nushanghai.net

- (2) Inquiries concerning the application requirement and/or admission procedures (in Japanese or English):

Admissions Office for International Programs, Nagoya University

Address: Furo-cho, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya, 464-8601, JAPAN

Phone: +81-52-747-6525

E-mail: info-cn@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp

- (3) To contact prospective academic advisors for inquiries concerning research, please refer to the attachment:

"Contact Information and Document Submission Requirements for Each Graduate School"

11. Other

- (1) Insufficient documentation, including insufficient information or unclear explanations, may result in your application being rejected. Replacement of, or changes to, any of the submitted documents is not permitted.
- (2) Application documents submitted will not be returned for any reason.
- (3) If, after admission, it is discovered that any of documents have been falsified or that any necessary details or documents have been omitted, admission will be revoked, even if the student has already been admitted.
- (4) Applicants should consult Nagoya University by email before the submission of their application if they have special needs or require special support in making their application.

Contact:

Admissions Office for International Programs, Nagoya University

Address: Furo-cho, Chikusa-ku Nagoya 464-8601, JAPAN

E-mail: info-cn@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp

- (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’) along with other required documents. 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.

Contact Information and Document Submission Requirements for Each Graduate School (Section 3.(10)and(13) of the Application Guidelines) for AY 2025

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Graduate School	Required document #10 Language Proficiency Requirements	Required document #13 Other documents required by each Graduate School	E-mail Address	English Website	Contact
Humanities	JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) (copy, taken in the last two years) TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS English test score (original, taken in the last two years)	Copy and abstract of your completed master's thesis (the abstract should be around 3000 characters in Japanese or around 2000 words in English) or summary of the master's thesis you are writing (around 2000 characters in Japanese or around 1000 words in English). If you obtained/plan to obtain a master's degree without writing a master's thesis, submit a copy and summary of your publications which demonstrate your research achievements, such as research theses, research papers, research reports, etc. (around 2000 characters in Japanese or around 1000 words in English).	hum@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp	http://www.hum.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/	B. Professor
Education and Human Development	JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) (copy) TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS English test score (original, taken in the last two years)	If you completed a master's thesis, provide a copy and abstract (around 3000 characters in Japanese or around 1500 words in English).	ryuugaku@educa.nagoya-u.ac.jp	http://www.educa.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/index2.shtml	A. Graduate School
Law	JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) (copy, taken in the last two years) TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS English test score (original, taken in the last two years) A language test will be conducted to determine whether you are able to write a doctoral thesis in Japanese or English. However, persons with the following scores will be exempt from the language test. TOEFL PBT: 550 or more / TOEFL IBT: 79 or more IELTS Band Score: 6.5 or more / TOEIC: 800 or more JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test): N1	Copy and abstract of your master's thesis, 5-6 pages, A4 size in (1) Chinese and (2) Japanese or English, and your research plan in (1) Chinese and (2) Japanese or English (approximately 2,000 characters in Chinese; 3,000 characters in Japanese; or 1,500 words in English). If you are in the process of writing your master's thesis, submit the title of your master's thesis. In addition, along with your abstract, you are required to submit a document showing that your academic supervisor has verified the content. *You do not need to submit an essay (Application Document #9) if you submit a copy of your master's thesis, an abstract of your master's thesis and research plan.	law-kyomu@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp	https://gsl.law.nagoya-u.ac.jp/	A. Graduate School
Economics	TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS English test score (original, taken in the last two years)	An application form specified by the Graduate School of Economics (inquire with the graduate school) The following two items are required for the "Doctoral Degree Seeking Program": 1. A master's thesis related to the field of Economics or Business. 2. The purpose of your submitted thesis, an summary of the thesis, a comparison to other related research, and a research report that clarifies the problems presented in your thesis (around 1,600 characters in Japanese or around 800 words in English).	ryu-gaku@soec.nagoya-u.ac.jp	http://www2.soec.nagoya-u.ac.jp/?lang=en	A. Graduate School
Informatics	JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) (copy) TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo English test score (original, taken in the last two years)	1 copy of your master's thesis (a copy is acceptable) and 1 copy of the thesis abstract (in Japanese or English) (those who obtained their master's degree without submitting their master's thesis may submit a research thesis, etc. instead). Those who have not yet obtained their master's degree should submit just the copy of the thesis abstract instead of their master's thesis.	admission@i.nagoya-u.ac.jp	https://www.i.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/graduate-school-of-informatics/	B. Professor
Science	JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) (copy) TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS English test score (original, taken in the last two years)	N/A	ri-ryu@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp	http://www.sci.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/index.html	B. Professor
Medicine	Language test score to demonstrate English proficiency (original, taken in the last two years) (1) TOEFL - 80 or more on iBT, 60 or more on Paper-delivered Test (2) IELTS - Overall band score of 6 or more (3) Duolingo English Test 110 or above (4) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) C1 or more (5) Scores that verify that you have English proficiency equivalent to or more than the above.)	Based on your application documents, an oral examination in English will be conducted in January 2025. In addition, an interview with your prospective supervisor at the Graduate School of Medicine will be conducted. The results must be included in your overall grade evaluation report. For more details, contact your prospective supervisor. If you are unable to submit a master's degree diploma (or prospective diploma), submit your bachelor's degree diploma (or prospective diploma) instead.	iga-ryu@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp	https://www.med.nagoya-u.ac.jp/medical_E/	B. Professor
Engineering	TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo English test score (original, taken in the last two years).	N/A	kou-ryu@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp	https://www.engg.nagoya-u.ac.jp/?lang=en	B. Professor
Bioagricultural Sciences	TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS English test score (original, taken in the last two years) In addition, those with a JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) score may submit a copy to use as reference.	N/A	kyomu@agr.nagoya-u.ac.jp	http://www.agr.nagoya-u.ac.jp/index-e.html	B. Professor
International Development	JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) (copy) TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo English test score (original, taken in the last two years) (NOTE) When you submit your TOEIC score, you must take both the Listening & Reading test and the Speaking & Writing test and submit scores for both. For the TOEFL, iBT (Internet-based test), CBT (computer-based test), and PBT (paper-based test) scores will be accepted but ITP (Institutional testing program) will not be accepted.	Copy and abstract of your completed master's thesis (the abstract should be around 3,000 characters in Japanese or around 1,200 words in English) or summary of the master's thesis you are writing (around 3,000 characters in Japanese or around 1,200 words in English). If you obtained/plan to obtain a master's degree without writing a master's thesis, submit a copy and summary of your publications which demonstrate your research achievements, such as research theses, research reports, research books, etc. (around 3,000 characters in Japanese or around 1,200 words in English).	gsidexam@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp	https://www4.gsid.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/	B. Professor
Mathematics	JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) (copy) TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS English test score (original, taken in the last two years)	N/A	ri-ryu@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp	http://www.math.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/index.html	B. Professor
Environmental Studies	TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS English test score (original, taken in the last two years)	Abstract of a master's thesis using A4 sized paper, no preferred format; 600-1,000 words in English or 1,000-2000 characters in Japanese; converted into PDF when submitted. If your master's degree program does not require a thesis, or you do not have a written thesis for any reason, you must submit the final project you submitted as a requirement for completion of your master's degree (could contain drawings, figures, images, and tables).	env@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp	http://www.env.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/index.html	B. Professor
Pharmaceutical Sciences	JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) (copy) and TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS English test score (original, taken in the last two years) Submit more than one English test score if at all possible.	Copy and abstract of your completed master's thesis (2000 characters in Japanese or 1000 words in English. May include images) or summary of the master's thesis you are writing (2000 characters in Japanese or 1000 words in English. May include images). If you obtained/plan to obtain a master's degree without writing a master's thesis, submit a copy and summary of your publications which demonstrate your research achievements, such as research thesis, research reports, research books, etc. (2000 characters in Japanese or 1000 words in English. May include images).	souyaku.nyushi@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp	http://www.ps.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/	B. Professor

Note: Applications to the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences have resumed from the 2025 intake.