Application Guideline for  
Global Program in Economics and Management (GPEM)  
Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University  
2020 Academic Year  
Doctoral Program (October Entrance)

The Global Program in Economics and Management (GPEM), which is taught exclusively in English, was developed as part of the Future Global Leadership Program conducted by Tohoku University. GPEM offers high-quality learning and research opportunities for students who aspire to take on key international leadership roles in the areas of economics and management. GPEM widely welcomes applicants with such aspirations and excellent English ability, provided that they have completed or expect to complete a master’s program. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics or Doctor of Philosophy in Management is conferred upon completion of the program.

1. Major and Enrollment Quota

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2. Application Qualification etc.
To be eligible, you must not be a Japanese citizen. In addition, you must have one of the qualifications listed in (1) Basic Qualifications and fulfill the requirements described in (2) Requirements below by September 30, 2020.

(1) Basic Qualifications

The applicant is required to have done at least one of the following:

(i) obtained a master’s degree or professional degree.
(ii) obtained a degree equivalent to a master’s degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree at an educational institution outside of Japan.
(iii) taken distance education in Japan administered by an educational institution outside of Japan, and obtained a master’s degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree.
(iv) completed a course of study at an international educational institution located in Japan that holds the status of a graduate school program within the
education system of that country and which has been specially designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan ("educational institution having a graduate school program at a foreign country"), and obtained a master’s degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree.

(v) completed a curriculum at the United Nations University and obtained a degree equivalent to a Master's degree.

(vi) enrolled in the educational curriculum of a foreign school, foreign educational institution that includes a graduate school program, or a United Nations University, and passed an examination or screening equivalent to those specified in Article 16-2 of the Graduate School Establishment Standards (1974 Ministry Ordinance 28), and is regarded as possessing academic abilities equivalent to those of a person who has obtained a Master degree.

(vii) been accredited by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan.

- graduated from university, and has engaged in research for no less than two years, and is recognized by this school, through such research outcomes, to be equal or superior in scholastic attainments to a holder of a master’s degree or professional degree.

- completed 16 years of school education outside Japan, or has completed 16 years of school education in Japan by taking correspondence courses offered by schools outside Japan, and has engaged in research for no less than two years, and is recognized by this school as equal or superior in scholastic attainment to a holder of a master’s degree or professional degree.

(viii) been recognized, through an individual screening process, to be equal or superior in scholastic attainment to a holder of a master’s degree or professional degree, and is at least 24 years old.

Note 1: Applicants eligible according to “2 Application Qualification” No. (vi) should inquire in advance with the Instruction Section of this school.

Notes 2: Applicants eligible according to “2 Application Qualification” items (vii) or (viii) should contact us (gpm@grp.tohoku.ac.jp) in advance to screen their eligibility.

(2) Requirements

A TOEFL iBT® Test score of 79 or higher (for TOEFL® PBT Test, 550 or higher) or an IELTS (Academic) score of 6 or higher is required.
3. Application Procedures

Applicants are required to complete the Pre-application process and documents Examination process.

(1) Pre-application process

The applicant should apply by accessing the GPEM Pre-application system on the website of Graduate School of Economics and Management.

Please check the following first:

① Applicants should register the required information of two referees by accessing to the Recommendation letter system of the GPEM pre-application system. Our system will automatically ask your referee to upload a recommendation letter. Be sure to ask and get consent from your referees for using his/her information prior to registration.

② When both recommendation letters are uploaded, you will receive an email, informing you of the URL to the GPEM pre-application system. You are required to fill in your information and upload some documents (PDF etc.). Important requirements follow:

a. Official academic transcript from the graduate school or other higher educational institution issued by the school. Submission is not necessary for (expected) graduates of this school.

b. Certificate of (Expected) Completion. Submission is not necessary for (expected) graduates of this school

If you are applying under item (ii) of the above Basic Application Qualifications, submit your master's or professional diploma (or certificate of expected completion). Not required for students who graduated from the Tohoku University Graduate school of Economics and Management.

c. Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate or Online Verification Report of Student Record

(Only those who graduated or expected to graduate from a university in People's Republic of China)

d. Research Plan (approx. 3,000 words in English)

※ Upload the data in PDF format

e. TOEFL® Test or IELTS (Academic) Score

If submitting a TOEFL® Test score, please have ETS send the Institutional Score Report for your test, which must have been taken on or after March 1, 2018, to this graduate school. The Institution Code is 0232. We only accept TOEFL iBT® scores from a single test date, not MyBest™ scores. If submitting an IELTS score, please submit the IELTS Test Report Form (official certificate) original or copy,
for your test, dated on or after March 1, 2018. Neither of these tests is required if you graduated from a university in a country where English is an official language, such as the UK, the USA, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. In such cases, please contact us in advance for instructions. If you provide multiple English skill scores, we will calculate and use the highest score.

Inquiries: gpm@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

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f. Proof of expected scholarship funding, etc. (if applicable)
g. Resident Registration
   This must be submitted only if you are a non-Japanese citizen currently residing in Japan (unless your period of residence is less than 90 days).
h. Pledge (official form)
i. Picture (High resolution image)

③ Once we confirm all of your required documents have been uploaded to our system and confirm you are qualified to apply, you will be notified the next steps (Documents examination) by email from us.

④Pre-application period
   December 2nd, 2019 to March 16th, 2020, 23:59 (JST)

⑤URL of Global Program of Economics and Management in graduate school of Economics and Management

⑥Notes:
   Notes 1: Submitted documents must be written in English or Japanese.
   Notes 2: We do not accept applications which are not completed by the due date, even in the event we require you to resend or resubmit documents to complete your application.
   Notes 3: After submitting the application, your application documents cannot be cancelled, altered or returned.
   Notes 4: If it is discovered that the application documents include any false declaration, even after enrollment, then admission will be cancelled.

(2) Documents Examination
①Send the following documents by complying with the guide which is sent to you after the pre-application.
Use the prescribed printed forms that can be downloaded and printed from the school’s website under “Admission”. Send all the necessary documents listed below directly to the Instruction Section of this school by mail or in person.

a. Application form
   Attach a photograph (4 cm high, 3 cm wide), taken within the last three months as indicated on the form.

b. Official academic transcript from the graduate school or other higher educational institution in a sealed envelope issued by the school. Submission is not necessary for (expected) graduates of this school.

c. Certificate of (Expected) Completion. Submission is not necessary for (expected) graduates of this school.

d. Three (3) copies of your master’s thesis or an equivalent paper.
   If this thesis or paper is written in a language other than English, it should be translated into English.

e. Three (3) copies of the abstract of your master’s thesis or equivalent paper (approx. 1,500 words in English).

f. Application fees
   30,000 yen
   For residents of Japan, please submit a Japanese postal money order issued by the post office and leave the recipient column blank. Those residing outside of Japan, we will send you the electronic payment instructions. In this case, print out the receipt page and submit it with your application documents.

g. Resident Registration
   Only applies to foreign applicants residing in Japan for more than 90 days:
   Submit a certificate of residence [Jumin Hyo].

h. Pledge (official form)

i. Checklist of admission documents (official Form)

2 Application period
   Friday, March 2, 2020 to Monday, March 31, 2020. The application documents must arrive no later than March 31, 2020, JST.

Note 1: Submitted documents must be written in English or Japanese.

Notes 2: After submitting the application, your application documents cannot be cancelled, altered or returned. The examination fee cannot be refunded.

Notes 3: We cannot accept incomplete applications.

Notes 4: If it is discovered that the application documents include a false declaration, even after enrolment, admission will be cancelled.
Notes 5: We accept only those application documents arriving during the application period.

4. Consent of the Prospective Advisor
   You should obtain a prospective advisor’s consent to be your academic advisor before starting the pre-application process in the event you pass the entrance screening.
   Refer to the faculty section of our website at:
   https://www.econ.tohoku.ac.jp/english/page-teacher.html
   Inquiries about the e-mail address of your expected advisor can be made below.
   Contact e-mail: gpem@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

5. Application Mailing Address
   Instruction Section, Graduate School of Economics and Management
   Tohoku University
   27-1 Kawauchi, Aoba-Ku, Sendai 9808576 JAPAN
   Send the application documents to the above address via registered mail, EMS, DHL or FEDEX. The application documents will not be returned to the applicant.

6. Screening
   Screening of applications is performed, and a comprehensive judgment made, based on the submitted documents.

7. Admission Notification
   The school will send an official notification of the results to each applicant by email and postal mail on Friday, May 22, 2020.

8. Entrance Period and Procedures
   Detailed information related to the entrance period and procedures will be provided in the enrollment documents sent after the announcement of successful applicants.

9. Fees and Tuition
   Application fee: 30,000 yen
   Admission fee: 282,000 yen (estimate)
   [to be paid during the entrance period described above]
   Tuition: 267,900 yen/fall semester (535,800 yen/year) (subject to change)
   [paid in the October 2020 entrance period or later]
   Note 1: In the event that the fees are revised at the time of admission or while you are
enrolled, the new fees will become effective from the date of the revision.

Notes 2: Information about exemptions from admission and tuition fees, as well as payment extensions will be sent together with the documents for admission after successful applicants have been announced.

10. Entrance Period

The Entrance Period will be in October 2020.

11. Important Notes

(i) For information about the application procedures, contact gpm@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

(ii) After entering, you must enroll in Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai) and Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with PAS for International Students (Inbound futai-gakuso). Additionally, if you expect to rent private housing, then you must enroll in an insurance/mutual relief program, such as Comprehensive Renters' Insurance for Foreign Students Studying in Japan.

(iii) No questions regarding the screening results will be accepted.

12. Privacy Policy on the Treatment of Personal Information

(i) Tohoku University handles personal information in strict compliance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Incorporated Administrative Agencies and the National University Corporation Tohoku University – Policy on the Protection of Personal Information. Tohoku University takes all precautions to protect personal information.

(ii) Personal information acquired through the application process, such as examination results, will be used for screening, enrollment procedures, preparatory courses and follow-up surveys, as well as student support after enrollment (e.g., scholarships and tuition exemption, health care), academic guidance, and the collection of tuition fees.

(iii) Tohoku University may outsource administrative work in educational affairs to third-party companies and provide them, depending on their needs, with personal information in compliance with the National University Corporation Tohoku University – Policy on the Protection of Personal Information.
Appendix: Faculty Members of Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University
2020 Academic Year

You must choose your academic advisor among the professors and associated professors listed below.

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**Associate Professors**

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