

**Application Guideline for
Global Program in Economics and Management (GPEM)
Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University
2019 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 Management is conferred upon completion of the program.

1. Major and Enrollment Quota

Major	Quota	Admission Category
Economics and Management	few	Global Program in Economics and Management (GPEM)

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, 2019.

(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 a foreign country's educational institution 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 Minister 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 in a foreign country, 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 (gpem@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

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.

- (i) Application form and Curriculum Vitae. Attach a photograph (4 cm high, 3 cm wide), taken within the last three months as indicated on the form.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) Certificate of (Expected) Completion. Submission is not necessary for (expected) graduates of this school.
- (iv) Two letters of recommendation from academic advisors or equivalent in the sealed envelope. It is preferred that one of the letters be written by your graduate school's dean.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) Three (3) copies of the abstract of your master's thesis or equivalent paper (approx. 1,500 words in English).
- (vii) Three (3) copies of your research plan (approx. 3,000 words in English).
- (viii) TOEFL[®] Test score or IELTS (Academic) score

For the TOEFL[®] Test, request that ETS send the Official Score Report for the test to this graduate school. The test must be dated March 1, 2017 or later. Our Institution Code Number is 0232. If submitting an IELTS score, send the IELTS Test Report, original or copy. The test must be dated March 1, 2017 or later.

Any student who graduated from a university in a country in which English is an official language, such as the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand may inquire in advance about the possibility of waiving the English test requirement.

If you provide multiple English skill scores, we will calculate and use the highest score.

Contact e-mail: gpem@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

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- (ix) Application fees
30,000 yen

Submit a Japanese postal money order issued by post office and leave the recipient column blank if you apply by mail. Those residing outside of Japan, please contact gpem@grp.tohoku.ac.jp in advance regarding the payment method, as electronic payment system on the website is available. In this case, print out the receipt page and submit it with application documents.

(x) Certificate or other documents verifying the prospective scholarship (if applicable).

(xi) Certificate of Residence

Only applies to foreign applicants residing in Japan for more than 90 days:

Submit a certificate of residence [Jumin Hyo].

(xii) Pledge (official form)

(xiii) Checklist of admission documents (using Tohoku University's Official Form)

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

Notes 2: Other than the TOEFL[®] Test score described in item (viii) of the Application Procedures above, you should send all application documents together directly to us. Regarding letters of recommendation, if the letter-writers prefer to send these to us separately themselves, then they may do so.

Notes 3: After submitting the application, your application documents cannot be cancelled, altered or returned. The examination fee cannot be refunded.

Notes 4: Download the official application forms from the admissions section of the Faculty of Economics/ Graduate School of Economics and Management website, print them, and fill them out.

Notes 5: We cannot accept incomplete applications.

Notes 6: If it is discovered that the application documents include a false declaration, even after enrolment, admission will be cancelled.

Notes 7: 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 from in the event you pass the entrance screening.

Refer to the faculty section of our website at:

<http://www.econ.tohoku.ac.jp/econ/english/staff/index.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 Period

Friday, March 1, 2019 to Friday, March 29, 2019. The application documents must arrive no later than March 29, 2019.

6. Application Mailing Address

Instruction Section, Graduate School of Economics and Management
Tohoku University

27-1, Kawauchi, Aoba-Ku, Sendai 980-8576 JAPAN, Phone: +81-22-795-6265

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.

7. Screening

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

8. Admission Notification

The school will send an official notification of admission/ rejection to each applicant by email and postal mail on Friday, May 24, 2019.

9. 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.

10. 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) (estimates)

[paid in the October 2019 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.

11. Entrance Period

The Entrance Period will be in October 2019.

12. Important Notes

- (i) For information about the application procedures, contact gpem@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.

13. 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*.

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**Appendix: Faculty Members of Graduate School of Economics and Management,
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You must choose your academic advisor among the professors and associated professors listed below.

Professors

Name	Specialized Subject
Kenji MORI	Political Economy I (Marxian Economics)
Mitsunobu MIYAKE	Theoretical Economics I (Microeconomics)
Akiomi KITAGAWA	Theoretical Economics II (Macroeconomics)
Hiroshi HASEBE	History of Japanese Economy
Yoh KAWANA	Economic History of Western Europe
Naoki ODANAKA	History of Social Thoughts
Shinji OHSETO	Economic Planning
Tomoatsu SHIBATA	Innovation Research
Jiro AKITA	International Finance
Akira HIBIKI	Environmental Economics
Shigemi IZUMIDA	Industrial Organization
Yasumasa MATSUDA	Economic Statistics
Takeshi ITOH	Industrial Engineering
Ken-ichi SUZUKI	Decision Making
Nobuhiko TERUI	Marketing Research
Masahiko FUJIMOTO	Organization and Management
Fumihiko KIMURA	Accounting Information
Masaaki AOKI	Cost Accounting
Hiroshi YOSHIDA	Aging Economy
Norio SASAKI	Public Finance
Norio TSUGE	Agricultural Economics
Michi FUKUSHIMA	Regional Enterprises
Satoru MASUDA	Regional Planning
Shiro HIOKI	Asian Economy
Nozomu KAWABATA	Industrial Development
Jun NAGAYASU	International Economics
Yuko NISHIDE	Non-profit Organization

Associate Professors

Name	Specialized Subject
Yutaka FURUYA	History of Economic Thought
Michio SUZUKI	Applied Macroeconomics
Yasunari TAKAURA	Management
Takeyasu ICHIKOJI	Marketing Management
Hiroto YOSHINAGA	Financial Accounting
Yasuhiro MATSUDA	Management Accounting
Fumiki ISHIZUKA	Social Policy
Kazuhiro KUROSE	Economic Policy
Hiroaki CHIGIRA	Econometrics
Tsukasa ISHIGAKI	Business Statistics
Takenobu YUKI	Business History
Yoshifumi MUROI	Investment and Security Analysis
Kiyohiro YAMAZAKI	Management Strategy
Kenji KOMETANI	Financial Reporting
Midori WAKABAYASHI	Welfare Economy
Michio YUDA	Health Economics
Ayumu SUGAWARA	Global Business History
Heejin KIM	International Business