

2026 Academic Year

Application Guideline

Global Program in Economics and Management (GPEM)

Doctoral Program

for Continuation to the 3-Year Doctoral Curriculum

(October Entrance)

Application Period	July 10, 2026, 9:00 - July 17, 2026, 16:00 (JST)
Download the Exam Admission Ticket	From August 28, 2026 onwards from TAO
Screening	September 2, 2026
Result Notification	September 10, 2026
Enrollment Procedure Period	September 11, 2026 - September 17, 2026, 16:00 (JST)
Enrollment Date	October 1, 2026

Graduate School of Economics and Management

Tohoku University

Admission Policy

The Graduate School of Economics and Management at Tohoku University offers two majors. The Department of Economics and Management seeks students who are strongly interested in economy or business management, have basic academic skills in those areas, and aspire to work as researchers or highly specialized professionals in such fields in the future. Students are educated with the aim of providing them broad perspectives and profound knowledge, the ability to conduct original research at an international level, and the ability to contribute to social and academic development. The Department of Accountancy (Accounting School) seeks students who have the basic academic skills for accounting and who aspire to be accounting professionals working in international settings. Students are educated with the aim of providing them academic and practical knowledge of accounting, international perspectives, communication skills, and the ability to contribute to social development with strong professional ethics. The Graduate School of Economics and Management also actively accepts working adults aspiring to learn economics or business administration based on new problem awareness or to improve their skills as accounting professionals while using their real-world experience.

Department of Economics and Management, Doctoral Program

While the course is not divided into categories, the GPEM doctoral program is offered. The screening categories below are available. In all categories, applicants having high English language proficiency, specialized knowledge of the relevant fields, and research aptitude will be selected. Research skills will be important criteria. Examination methods vary depending on the screening category. All categories require applicants to meet specified standards for admission according to the examination method.

General screening for transferred students

Examinations are conducted orally and are based on submitted documents.

Screening for working adults transferring from another university

Working adults who have research achievements are eligible to apply in this category. Examinations are conducted orally and are based on submitted documents.

Screening for foreign students transferring from another university

Only the GPEM doctoral program is available. Examinations are conducted based on submitted documents.

Continuation to the 3-year doctoral curriculum

Students in the master's program of the Graduate School of Economics and Management at Tohoku University, or a master's program or professional degree program at Tohoku University, are eligible to apply in this category. Examinations are conducted orally and are based on submitted documents.

Applicants are recommended to acquire specialized knowledge, skills for conducting research and demonstrating results, international perspectives, and the ability to act at the graduate level (for a master's degree) before admission.

Application Guideline

The GPEM doctoral program recruits eligible students for the 3-year Doctoral Curriculum who are currently enrolled in the GPEM 2-year Master Program in the Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University. All students who wish to continue to this curriculum must follow the application procedure stated below.

I. Enrollment Quota

The program will enroll a total of 14 students. This number includes those admitted through other screening categories.

II. Application Qualifications

Applicants must be currently enrolled in the GPEM 2-year Master Program in the Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University, and expected to receive a master's degree by September 2026.

III. Application Procedure

A. Online Application Procedure

Applicants are required to complete the application procedures by the online application system, The Admissions Office (hereinafter referred to as 'TAO'), within the application period. The general application process is as follows.

1. Confirm Application Guidelines and obtain the required documents

Please carefully read through these application guidelines and confirm the required documents listed in 'B. Application Documents' below.

2. Submit application via TAO

- Please visit TAO's website (<https://admissions-office.net/en/portal/>), create an account, and enter the required information.
- Upload your research plan and other documents to TAO.
- After you have submitted your application, you will not be able to make any changes to it. Therefore, when inputting your information and uploading documents, please do so carefully and make sure that there are no errors.
- There is a temporary save function available, so please use it and carefully check your information.

After you submit your application via TAO, the application procedure is complete.

B. Application Documents

Please upload and submit the following required documents to TAO.

No.	Document	Abstract
1.	Application to Continue, CV, Photo Data of the Applicant	Fill in the required fields and upload a photo of the applicant to TAO. 【Photo data requirements】 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The photo must be colored and be taken within 3 months prior to the application.- If the applicant takes the examination wearing glasses shall be photographed wearing them.- With the upper half of the body, without a headband, facing front.- No backgrounds or patterns.- Available data must be in jpeg, jpg or png format and between 100 KB and 5 MB in size.- The ratio of 4:3 (length: width)- The photo will be used to verify your identity, so please do not edit or add filters to the photo data.
2.	Research Plan	Typed on A4-size paper (approximately 3,000 words, double-spaced, in English). Please convert it to PDF and upload it to TAO.
3.	Project Paper	The version you submitted showing the result of your project. Please convert it to PDF and upload it to TAO.
4.	Abstract of Project Paper	Typed on A4-size paper (approximately 1,500 words, double-spaced, in English). Please convert it to PDF and upload it to TAO.
5.	Certificate of Residence (Jumin-hyo)	Certificate of Residence must be issued within 3 months prior to your application. The certificate must not contain your Individual Number (also referred to as your 'My Number') and it must clearly indicate your residence status. Please convert it to PDF and upload it to TAO.

IV. Consent of the Prospective Advisor

You must obtain a prospective advisor's consent to be your academic advisor before you begin the application procedure. Without the prior consent of an academic advisor. Your application will not be considered. Please note that when you contact faculty members, they will not be able to respond to inquiries regarding the specific aspects of the screening process, such as the criteria for admission decisions. For information about our faculty, please refer to our website.

To request the contact information of a professor whom you would like to serve as your academic advisor, please contact the GPEM Office at gpem@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

V. Application Period

July 10 (Fri.), 9:00 to July 17 (Fri.), 2026, 16:00 (JST).

Note 1: We do not accept incomplete applications with missing information (Including the information you register on TAO).

Note 2: After submitting your application materials (Including the information you register on TAO), they cannot be changed or withdrawn.

Note 3: **At the time of enrollment, you will be required to submit original copies of some of the documents uploaded for the application procedure.** If the original copies cannot be verified during the enrollment process, admission may be withdrawn.

VI. Exam Admission Ticket

Your Exam Admission Tickets may be downloaded from TAO starting on August 28, 2026. Please be sure to print it and bring it with you on the day of your examination. Please print your ticket in color on white, A4 paper.

VII. Screening

Applicants will be comprehensively assessed based on the examination result of their project report, their project paper, an oral exam, and their research plan.

Examination Date	Examination Time	Subject of Examination
September 2 (Wed.), 2026	9:00-	Oral Examination

Note: You must bring your exam admission ticket to the designated testing venue, the Graduate School of Economics and Management on the south side of Tohoku University's Kawauchi Campus, at least 15 minutes before your examination time. You must present your exam admission ticket at the Instruction Section's counter before your examination time. You will be notified of your assigned examination time at a later date.

VIII. Notification of Admission Results & Enrollment Procedures

A. Notification of Admission Results

We will post an announcement on the Instruction Section's Bulletin Board when admission results are finalized. An official notification regarding admission is tentatively scheduled to be sent to successful applicants via TAO on **September 10 (Thur.), 2026, at 17:00 (tentative)**. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. Please note that we cannot respond to inquiries made by phone or written correspondence that are related to unsuccessful applications.

B. Enrollment Procedures

Those who received the acceptance letter must adhere to the enrollment procedures as set out in the acceptance notification between **September 11 (Fri.) and September 17 (Thur.), 2026**. Submitting enrollment documents in person will be accepted during the hours of 8:30 to 16:00 (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holiday). Please be advised that if you do not enroll in the prescribed time period, you will lose your place in the course.

The admission procedures are not online, but by post or in person.

IX. Term of Enrollment

The standard term of enrollment is 3 years

X. Tuition Fee

Tuition per semester is JPY267,900 or yearly tuition is JPY535,800 (both figures are subject to change).

Note 1: If tuition amounts are revised, the new tuition will become applicable from the time of the revision.

Note 2: Information on waivers and deferments of tuition fees will be announced after the announcement of successful applicants.

XI. Consultation with applicants who need special accommodations for examination and study

Those with disabilities or other conditions who need special accommodations related to the examination and/or their studies should submit an application form (the format is not specified) that describes the following items. In addition, in the entrance examination of this graduate school, making a request for special accommodations creates no disadvantage in the decision-making process regarding acceptance.

Example of special accommodations: for the deaf and hearing impaired, the graduate school will provide important points of note for oral examinations, etc., in writing.

- A. Deadline for consultation: May 26 (Tue.), 2026 (in principle)
- B. Contents to be entered in the application form
 1. Your name and address (including contact telephone number)
 2. Examination-related matters for which you would like special accommodations
 3. Study-related matters for which you would like special accommodations
 4. Types of accommodations that you have received before
 5. Status of daily life
 6. Other reference materials (If you are currently undergoing treatment, attach a medical certificate from a doctor)

Note 1: Depending on the type of accommodation(s) you request, it may take some time for the graduate school to consider and decide on a response.

Note 2: If you are unable to apply before the consultation deadline for unavoidable reasons, the graduate school may not be able to consider and prepare for your accommodations in time.

Note 3: You can request a consultation regarding accommodations even if you have not yet decided whether to apply to the graduate school. Making a request for a consultation does not mean you are required to apply to the graduate school.

XII. Comments

- A. If it is discovered that applicants have made false declarations in the application documents, admission will be cancelled even after enrolment.
- B. After entering the graduate course, and a certain period of time has passed, students are allowed to change their academic advisors, if they receive permission to do so from this graduate school's Faculty Committee.

XIII. Privacy Policy on the Treatment of Personal Information

- A. All personal information gathered by Tohoku University shall be treated with due care in compliance with the relevant university regulations, such as the Act on the Protection of Personal Information (2003, Act No. 57), and the National University Corporation Tohoku University Policy on the Protection of Personal Information, and security measures will be taken to protect it.
- B. Personal information, such as examination scores, used to screen applicants will be used exclusively for educational purposes, such as selecting applicants, enrollment procedures, pre-enrollment instruction, follow-up surveys, post-enrollment student support (scholarships, tuition waivers and health management etc.) and academic advising, or in connection with tuition collection etc., or surveys/research (surveys/analysis related to entrance examination improvements and reasons for applying; including analysis using the enrollees' personal information after enrollment).
- C. Tasks related to entrance examinations and academic affairs may be outsourced by Tohoku University to third-party contractors (hereafter, "contractors"). If personal information is provided in whole or in part to contractors, necessary measures will be taken to ensure it is handled appropriately in accordance with the relevant university regulations, such as the National University Corporation Tohoku University Policy on the Protection of Personal Information.

XIV. Educational Data Usage

Data, including personal information, that Tohoku University collects through its education/learning activities and stores on its information systems (hereafter, Educational Data) is analyzed with the latest analytical and A.I. technology and is considered vital to our implementation of evidence-based education.

Consequently, the university strives to use Educational Data effectively and appropriately in compliance with our "Statement on Educational Data Usage," "Policy on Educational Data Usage," and "Tohoku University's 8 Principles of Educational Data Acquisition."

After being admitted to the university, students' personal information, such as entrance exam scores etc., is merged with the university's Educational Data.

URL : <https://www.tohoku.ac.jp/japanese/studentinfo/education/08/education0801/>

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**Appendix: Faculty Members of Graduate School of Economics and Management,
Tohoku University
2026 Academic Year**

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

Professors

Name	Specialized Subject
Akiomi KITAGAWA	Theoretical Economics II (Macroeconomics)
Yutaka FURUYA	History of Economic Thought
Yoh KAWANA	Economic History of Western Europe
Naoki ODANAKA	History of Social Thoughts
Shinji OHSETO	Economic Planning
*Akira HIBIKI	Environmental Economics
Shigemi IZUMIDA	Industrial Organization
Kazuhiro KUROSE	Economic Policy
Yasumasa MATSUDA	Economic Statistics
Tsukasa ISHIGAKI	Business Statistics
Ken-ichi SUZUKI	Decision Making
Fumihiko KIMURA	Accounting Information
Yoshifumi MUROI	Investment and Security Analysis
Yuko NISHIDE	Non-profit Organization
Midori WAKABAYASHI	Welfare Economy
Hiroshi YOSHIDA	Aging Economy
Michio YUDA	Health Economics
Norio SASAKI	Public Finance
Michi FUKUSHIMA	Regional Enterprises
Shiro HIOKI	Asian Economy
Nozomu KAWABATA	Industrial Development
Jun NAGAYASU	International Economics
Ayano FUJIWARA	International Business

Associate Professors

Name	Specialized Subject
Takehito MASUDA	Microeconomics
Kazuho SAKAI	History of Japanese Economy
Michio SUZUKI	Applied Macroeconomics
Yasunari TAKAURA	Management
Yuto YOSHINAGA	Financial Accounting
Yasuhiro MATSUDA	Management Accounting
Atsushi AKIIKE	Innovation Research
Koji ASANO	Monetary Economics
So KUBOTA	Monetary Policy
Yu BAI	Labor Economics
Yuta KURODA	Econometrics
Iat-Meng KO	Data Science in Business
Yinxing LI	Applied Data Science
Takuya ISHIHARA	Data Science in Economics
Eriko KAMEOKA	Auditing
Shinsuke KAMOTO	Financial Management
Chi Nghia NGUYEN	Management Strategy
Yanjun LI	Development Economics
Ayumu SUGAWARA	Global Business History

*will retire at the end of 2026 academic year.

As of April 2026