2027 Academic Year

Application Guidelines

Global Program in Economics and Management (GPEM)
Doctoral Program
for Continuation to the 3-Year Doctoral Curriculum
(April Entrance)

Application Period	December 8, 2026, 9:00 – December 15, 2026, 16:00 (JST)
Download the Exam Admission Ticket	From February 5, 2027 onwards from TAO
Screening	February 12, 2027
Result Notification	March 4, 2027
Enrollment Procedure Period	March 5, 2027 - March 15, 2027, 16:00 (JST)
Enrollment Date	April 1, 2027

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 Guidelines

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 March 2027.

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】 - 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 be unable 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

December 8 (Tue.) 9:00 (JST) to December 15 (Tue.), 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 February 5, 2027. 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
February 12 (Fri.), 2027	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 **March 4 (Thur.), 2027, around 17:00 (JST)**. 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

After the notification of admission results, successful applicants will be provided with detailed information related to the enrollment procedures. Follow the instructions and complete all the necessary procedures between **March 5 (Fri.) and March 15 (Mon.), 2027.**

You may submit your enrollment materials in person during our office hours, which are 8:30 to 16:00. Please note that we cannot accept materials in person on Saturdays, Sundays, public

holidays, and March 11 (Thur.) and March 12 (Fri.). Please note that if you do not complete the enrollment procedures by March 15, we will understand that as your decision to not enroll. The enrollment procedures must be completed by post or in person, not online.

IX. Term of Enrollment

The standard term of enrollment is 3 years.

X. Tuition Fee

Tuition for the first semester is JPY267,900. For reference, this is half of the annual tuition fee of JPY535,800 (subject to change).

Note 1: If tuition fees, etc. are revised, the new tuition fee and/or other charges will apply from the time of the revision.

Note 2: Information on waivers and deferments of tuition fees will be provided in the materials on enrollment procedures that sent after the announcement of admission results.

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 a request that describes the following items (*the format is not specified). In addition, making a request for special accommodations related to the entrance examination of this graduate school creates no disadvantage in the decision-making process regarding admission.

Example of special accommodations: For applicants who are deaf and hearing impaired, we can provide important points of note, etc., for oral examinations in writing.

A. Timing of consultation: As a general rule, please consult with us by October 28 (Wed.), 2026

B. Contents to be included in your request

1. Your name, address and phone number
2. Examination-related matters for which you would like special accomodations
3. Study-related matters for which you would like special accomodations
4. Types of accomodations 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. Making a request for a consultation does not mean you are required to apply.

XII. Additional Notes

A. If we discover any false statements in your application materials, your admission may be revoked, even after enrollment.

B. Students who receive permission from the graduate school’s relevant faculty are allowed to change their academic advisor once some time has passed after enrollment.

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
Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University
List of Faculty & Areas of Specialization
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You must choose your academic advisor among the professors and associated professors listed below.

Professors

Name	Area of Specialization
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
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	Area of Specialization
Takehito MASUDA	Microeconomics
Kazuho SAKAI	History of Japanese Economy
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
NGUYEN Chi Nghia	Management Strategy
Yanjun LI	Development Economics
Ayumu SUGAWARA	Global Business History

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