Application Procedures and Guidelines for The Doctoral Program, International Program in Economics, Graduate School of Economics, the University of Tokyo (UTIPE) (Enrollment in October 2024)

International Program in Economics at Graduate School of Economics, the University of Tokyo (hereafter UTIPE), began with a Master's program in April, 2010 for English-speaking students. The Doctoral program was launched in April 2012. The Doctoral program has two purposes: to nurture personnel who can transmit information from a Japanese perspective both to their home country and abroad by means of educating students with an aim of their papers being published in international academic journals; to develop talent who can conduct forefront research on theory and practice of socio-economic systems in Japan and Asia, communicate their results to the international society and make/propose policy under the supervision of full-time faculty members of Graduate School of Economics who have teaching experiences in Europe and U.S.. Therefore, students with advanced knowledge in mathematics, economics and English proficiency above that required for the Master's program are particularly welcome.

1. Eligibility

Applicants who are expected to complete UTIPE Master's program and satisfy the requirements to advance to UTIPE Doctoral program by the time of enrollment in the program.

Those who have earned UTIPE Master's degree by the time of application are NOT eligible to apply.

2. Course Overview

UTIPE offers a three-year Doctoral degree program in English, and the program does NOT require Japanese language ability to obtain the degree. An eligible applicant of UTIPE Doctoral program is not allowed to transfer to other departments at and after the enrollment. To complete the program, UTIPE students are required to earn a minimum of 20 credits by the end of three years including the completion of a Doctoral dissertation and the defense, which will be supervised by one of the UTIPE faculty. Selection of supervisor is limited within UTIPE faculty. The Doctoral dissertation needs to consist of more than three relevant papers which can be published in international academic journals. UTIPE students have a wide selection of courses to choose from both in English and Japanese (See the list of courses: http://www.gaia.e.u-tokyo.ac.jp/utipe/courses/index.html); however, it is advised to check the medium of instruction before the course registration.

The students of the Doctoral program attend various workshops and conferences, in order to

acquire the skills required to conduct forefront research and to improve their presentation abilities. As this program has cooperation with public offices and private corporations, the students of this program will cultivate the abilities to solve political and practical problems. At the same time, experiences as a teaching assistant will enhance their teaching abilities.

3. Fees (As of 2023, subject to change.)

Tuition fee: 520,800 JPY per year

*Application and admission fees will be exempted for the students who are to advance directly from our Master's program.

4. Selection

Selection is based on the evaluation of an applicant's grade records and degree thesis including its defense at UTIPE Master's program.

5. Application Documents

Application Form

One ID photo (Size: 4cm x 3cm) should be pasted on the application form.

6. Application Period

June 20 to June 21, 2024 for enrollment in October 2024.

To apply, send the Application form by the registered postal service. Applications postmarked by June 21, 2024 and reached to UTIPE office by 17:00 of June 26, 2024 (JST) will be received. Applications sent by other methods are not acceptable. Any late application will NOT be considered.

Address:

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7. Notification of the result

Result will be announced after 15:00 on August 22, 2024 at the website. The website URL will be provided to applicants separately. Successful applicants should pick up the offer of admission letters at the graduate office of Graduate School of Economics, the University of Tokyo.

8. Miscellaneous

- The University of Tokyo shall use the personal information obtained through the application process only for the purpose of (1) Selection procedures, (2) Notification of results and (3) Enrollment procedures. For those who enroll, this personal information and the examination results used for admission selection shall also be used for (4) Educational Affairs (school registration, attendance, etc.), (5) Student Support (healthcare, career support, application procedure for tuition exemption and scholarships, use of libraries, etc.) and (6) the Management of tuition payment.
- 2) The examination results used for admission selection may be used in future studies for the improvement of admission and education systems at the University of Tokyo.
- 3) The offer of admission may be withdrawn at any time, even after the enrollment, if any of the submitted documents is found to be untrue.
- 4) The University of Tokyo has established the "The University of Tokyo Security Export Control Regulations" in accordance with Japan's "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act", and rigorously implements security export control for potential students before and after their enrollment on the basis of these regulations. In particular, pre-enrollment screenings are mandatory for all international students and also for Japanese students in certain circumstances.

Please be aware that applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in the Act may not receive permission to enroll at the university or may have their research activities restricted after their enrollment even if they have passed the entrance examinations.