

World-leading Innovative Graduate Study of Advanced Economics  
(Takuetsu Program)

Application guideline for UTIPE

Graduate School of Economics

1. Overview

This program aims to promote doctoral studies of outstanding students in the field of advanced economics, and to train doctoral holders active in the world. In the first half of the program, we will offer an integrated curriculum of undergraduate and master's curriculum for outstanding students of the Faculty of Economics. The second half of the program is integrated with master's and doctoral studies and interacts with researchers from the world's leading advanced economics through the workshops in each field. This program also offers non-refundable financial support.

2. Purpose

From the viewpoint of economics, management and close range, responding to the demands of a modern society changing dynamically, through theoretical and empirical research, we encourage students to challenge new value creation and foster them who can feedback policy evaluation and recommendations based on new knowledge to society.

3. Number admitted

A few per year

4. Completion requirements

- To obtain 4 credits or more from the following courses and;
  - Microeconomics Workshop I
  - Microeconomics Workshop II
  - Macroeconomics Workshop I
  - Macroeconomics Workshop II
- To satisfy the completion requirements for Economics course in Master's/Doctoral programs. Credits earned for this program may also satisfy the requirements for the degree program.

5. Eligibility

- Must have an outstanding academic record and be a prospective Doctoral student at the Graduate School of Economics.
- Must complete a Master's program at the Graduate School of Economics by March 2026.
- Should apply for AY 2026 JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC1). If not successful in the DC1's application, apply for JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC2) after enrolling to the Doctoral program.
- Must fully understand purpose and completion requirements of this program.

★Multiple applications to other Takuetsu programs (WINGS) operated by other graduate schools are not accepted. Application to more than one program which application periods (from the submission of application to the announcement of the results) overlaps are prohibited. Application to this program after receiving the unsuccessful result from other Takuketsu program (WINGS) can be accepted.

★Contact the Graduate Office in February before your advancement to the Doctoral program in case you are not successful in the selection of DC1 and need to apply DC2.

6. Selection

Selection will be made based on the DC1's application documents and an interview.

7. QE (Qualifying Examination), FE (Final Examination)

QE will be conducted at the time of admission to the Doctoral program, and FE will be conducted at the completion of Doctoral program after being selected,

8. Financial support

(1) At the selected year (April to March, 2nd year at Master's program) Those who are selected for the program may receive non-refundable support as Takuetsu research assistants for 9 months from June 2025 to February 2026. 120,000 yen will be paid for June and 90,000 yen per month to be paid from July to February (Payment will be a month after the commissioned month, and daily calculation will not be offered). After a selection process, some may be supported by additional grants. In this case, the Office will inform the applicants separately.

(2) From the selected year on ward (After the advancement to Doctoral program)

Those who applied for DC1, but unsuccessful in the application could apply for DC2

in May. The selection is based on the application documents to DC2. If accepted, 2 years of non-refundable financial support (from past April) for up to 180,000 yen per month will be granted. (Refer to 5.★)

\*Type/amount of financial support will be decided based on the application documents, and the result will be informed to applicants. Interviews are to be offered to some applicants.

※ Non- eligible;

- ① Those who have income exceeding the amount that is considered to be sufficient for living expenses (about 2,400,000 yen per year)
- ② Students on a leave of absence
- ③ MEXT scholarship students
- ④ Recipients of Research Fellowship for Young Scientists

※ Those below may apply

- (1) Students, exempt from the tuition fee (full/half)
- (2) Teaching Assistants
- (3) JASSO Scholarship students
- (4) Temporary hourly employees at specific task

## 9. Application

To apply, submit below by noon of May 7, 2025 to the Graduate Office by email.

- (1) Application Form (Excel)

Download from the website of Graduate School of Economics.

- Research plan as a Takuetsu research assistant for World-leading Innovative Graduate Study of Advanced Economics program (Excel, download from our website)

- (2) Application Form for JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (PDF)

Email: [daigakuin.e@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:daigakuin.e@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp).

## 10. Selection schedule (tentative)

Interview: May 14-15 2025 \*Time/Venue will be informed in due course.

Result: Late May 2025

## 11. Others

- (1) It is a must to submit the report once you complete the appointed term as a Takuetsu research assistant.
- (2) Those who have completed this program, at the graduation of Doctoral program, it is noted that you have completed this program in the diploma.
- (3) If you take a leave of absence or decide to withdrawal from the degree program after being selected, you will lose your qualification for this program. Please inform the Graduate Office for this matter at the earliest.
- (4) Income as a Takuetsu Research Assistant may be considered as taxable income. For details, please contact tax office and social insurance office.