

Thank you for your interest in becoming a research student under my supervision. Please look over my publications list and courses that I teach and see if your research interests are a good fit with mine.

Before you contact me, I would strongly recommend that you try to obtain the necessary resources (private or scholarship funding) to pursue your studies in Japan. One good source that I recommend for students coming from overseas is the Monbukagakusho=MEXT scholarship. You can apply for this prior to your arrival to Japan and receive initial funding as a Research Student. This will take care of your funding for coming to study in Japan and greatly increase your chances of completing your degree. Please contact the Embassy of Japan in your country and review the application to see if you are eligible and have a chance in getting this scholarship.

In the application process, you will eventually need to find an advisor, so if your research interests are compatible with mine, that will work out. However, this will depend on your research interest, study plan and your past publication trends. In any case, I will need to review your documents to check if I am good fit for your needs.

IMPORTANT: As my administrative duties have increased, I will no longer write letters for students that will be applying to multiple universities. I will need to obtain guarantee that you will be applying to the University of Tsukuba as your first choice. Also, you will need to send your guaranteed promise that you will apply to the University of Tsukuba AS YOUR FIRST CHOICE when you make first contact with me.

To be considered, please send me your CV, research interests and research plan and any past publications via email. You will also need to be able to communicate fairly competently either in English or Japanese (proof of proficiency in English or Japanese highly recommended).

Not having any type of funding will result in great difficulty, and lower your chances of being accepted into any of the programs below at the University of Tsukuba.

<http://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/study-tsukuba/research-students>

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Please apply to the following programs:

Graduate Program (M.A. degree, PhD. degree Program)

M.A. and PhD. Program in International and Advanced Japanese Studies
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences
University of Tsukuba
<http://www.japan.tsukuba.ac.jp>

I highly recommend that you spend some time in Japan or at U. of Tsukuba as a research student before applying to any of the above programs.