

## GSID Open Campus 2025 Q&A

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Q1. Do we need to submit the hard copies of documents ?

A1. As stipulated in the Application Guidebook, some documents have to be submitted in hard copies.

Q2. What is the minimum GPA expected from applicants?

A2. There is no minimum GPA required. However, the submitted transcript and previous achievements are subject to evaluation.

Q3. Should I first get advice from a potential advisor from Nagoya University before starting writing the research proposal paper OR can I start writing and submit the paper without contacting research advisor?

A3. If you apply for the Master course, you don't need to contact any potential advisors, but you can if you want to. If you apply for the doctoral course, you must contact a potential advisor and obtain prior acceptance to become your advisor if you pass the exam.

Q4. Would one be disadvantaged if they wanted their program to take Economic Development Policy Management Track, but their undergraduate studies had little to no mathematical background?

A4. A majority of students who have enrolled in the Economic Policy and Management Program (EPMP) had no background in economics. However, the curriculum of EPMP is designed in a way to intensively study basic economics, such as macro- and micro-economics, econometrics, in addition to "Introduction to Economics" for those students who have no economics background in the Spring semester. Therefore, we do not see any significant differences in the quality of master theses between those who have no economics background and those who have it.

Q5. Do we need to submit the original diploma, or would a certified copy legalized by the university be acceptable? Sending the original document is not feasible due to the high risk involved. (I mean for sending the original documents via postal mail)

A5. It is possible to submit the certificate of graduation or a certified copy of your diploma.

Q6. by "certificate of graduation" do you mean "diploma from university"?

A6. No, those are different.

Q7. For master program, is it necessary to have the consent from concerned professor before application?

A7. No, it isn't necessary.

Q8. Can we apply for the PHD if we have one year MBA from UK?

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A8. Yes. In the case you don't have a Master's thesis, however, you would need to submit a paper. Please see the Application Guidebook.

Q9. I want to ask if there are any opportunity of scholarship from the internal GSID department or from external parties?

A9. For private international students, there are scholarships available, and the selection will be made once they have entered the Master's or doctoral program.

Q10. I have applied for this year MEXT Embassy Recommendation Scholarship and selected GSID as my desired department. I heard that MEXT Research Students are also required to take an entrance examination after being selected. Could you please let me know how much time is typically given to prepare for the exam? Additionally, is this entrance examination the same one that Professor Okada previously mentioned?

A10. Students who obtain the MEXT Embassy Recommendation Scholarship and come to GSID as a research student can sit for the entrance exams for the official enrollment for Master's or doctoral courses held in later months. A MEXT research student who arrives in April 2026 can take an entrance exam for the Master's course in September 2026 or January 2027. In the case of a MEXT research student pursuing the doctoral course, she or he can take an entrance exam in July 2026 or February 2027.

Q11. I could not find any GSID professors listed as research advisers on the university webpage. Could you kindly let me know which professors from GSID are available to supervise master students?

A11. Please have a look at the site below:

<https://www4.gsid.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/general/members>

Q12. I want to confirm the correct procedure for the application. Should I first register through the webpage, complete the payment between July 14 and July 31, and then wait until the document submission period (July 28 to August 1) to send my documents by both e-mail and registered post? Am I not allowed to send the documents before July 28? And if we mail documents close to August 1, how can we be sure they arrive on time?

A12. It is possible to send off the documents beforehand, but they should arrive in the expected week. If you have any concerns, send a soft copy first, and then consult if you can send the hard copy original earlier.

Q13. May I ask if the required documents are the same when applying under the ADB-JSP? I recall not submitting a Statement of Purpose in my previous application. Also, is there a specific number of students you accept under the ADB-JSP each year?

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A15. If you already applied for the ADB-JSP scholarship, you do not have to apply for the general entrance examination. Our graduate school recommends a few students to ADB for their final selection.