

Academic Year 2015
The University of Tokyo Program for Leading Graduate Schools
Integrated Human Sciences Program for Cultural Diversity
Call for Applications (Entry to the October 2015 Master's Program)

Educational and Research Aims of This Program

We aim to educate the leaders of the next generation who will help build the multicultural society of the future through a coherent five-year doctoral program that is interdisciplinary and covers a combination of different fields of study.

Ideal Human Resources

Integrated Human Sciences is a new form of learning that will equip the future leaders of the multicultural society with a broad perspective and the ability to apply their high-level academic knowledge and expertise to the creation of new values. The program aims to produce the leaders of the next generation who will utilize the knowledge and skills gained through the study of Integrated Human Sciences to solve the problems facing the multicultural society of the 21st century.

For details on the IHS program, see the following website:

<http://ihs.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en>

1. Application Requirements

To apply to this program, you must be a newly enrolled master's student at a graduate school of the University of Tokyo in October 2015 and fulfill all of the requirements listed below:¹

Fully understand the purpose of the IHS program, as well as its rules, such as course requirements, and recognize that credits obtained in this program may not count towards the credits required for the completion of the course in your home department.²

Plan to study in a doctoral program of your home department.

Understand that you are expected to continue studying in the IHS program, even if your application to JSPS Research Fellowships for Young Scientists (DC1) is successful.

Understand and agree to the fact that your PhD diploma will bear a note saying that you have completed the IHS program.

Obtain your supervisor's consent to study in this program, when admitted.³

1. a. You are not allowed to be an IHS student if you are enrolled as a doctoral student in the Graduate Schools of Medicine and Pharmaceutical Sciences (excluding the School of

International Health at the Graduate School of Medicine and the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences).

b. You may not simultaneously apply for the IHS and other Leading Graduate School programs.

2. Credits obtained in this program will be included in the credits required for the completion of the course in the 4 humanities and social sciences departments at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (excluding special programs), and in the Department of Interdisciplinary Information Studies at the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies. You must inquire yourself whether other departments (including the Department of Multi-Disciplinary Sciences at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences) allow the credits to be included in the credits required for the completion of the course in these departments.

3. You will need to ask your supervisor to sign a consent form that will be provided upon the success of your application.

2. Selection Method

Selection will be based on the prospective students' application documents (applicant information and statement) and interviews. Note that your application may be rejected at the document review stage, and you may not be invited to an interview.

3. Enrollment Period

New students will be enrolled in the IHS program from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2017. However, they must pass a qualifying examination in August 2016 in order to remain on the program. Furthermore, a qualifying examination will be held in August 2017 to select students who will be admitted to the IHS doctoral program. Those selected will be enrolled in the doctoral program from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2020.

4. Stipend Information

Students in the IHS program receive a monthly stipend of 120,000 yen in their master's program and of 160,000 yen in their doctoral program until March, 2020 (at the maximum).¹ However, the stipend may be reduced as a result of a qualifying examination at the end of every academic year. You can decline to receive the stipend, even if you still are on the program.

Note that recipients of the stipend are not allowed, in principle, to receive other financial aids or part-time job earnings. Should you be given a JSPS research fellowship (DC1 or DC2), you will automatically be disqualified from receiving the IHS stipend (you still can be on the program). For further information, contact the IHS office.

1. The IHS stipend will count as miscellaneous income and will be taxed. You must file a

tax return by March 15 of the following year. The IHS office will send you the necessary papers in January.

5. Places Available

Approximately 5

6. Selection Announcement and Enrollment Procedures

(1) Document Review (1st Selection) and Interview (2nd Selection)

A student who passes the document review (namely, a selected interviewee) will be invited to an interview via email not later than Friday, October 9, 2015. The interviews will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

(2) The results of the admission selection will be posted on the bulletin board of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (immediately on your left as you enter the main gate of the Komaba Campus) on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 1 p.m. The applicants interviewed will also receive their results by email. IHS classes will begin on Thursday, October 15, 2015.

(3) Enrollment forms will be emailed to the selected students. Those who have been accepted must follow the enrollment guidelines and complete the necessary procedures (submit their enrollment documents) by the deadline. Those who fail to submit the necessary documentation by the deadline will be treated as having declined to enroll in the IHS program.

7. Application Procedures

(1) How to Apply

a. Application documents must be either handed in directly, or sent in by postal mail.

b. When mailing in your application documents, you must put all items indicated in (2), below, in one envelope, and send it from the post office by registered mail.

c. The application period opens on Friday, October 2, 2015 and ends on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. All mail-in applications must arrive by Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

d. Direct Application:

IHS Office, Room 1731, 3rd Floor, Building 17, The University of Tokyo, Komaba

e. Mailing Address:

IHS Program, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, The University of Tokyo, 3-8-1 Komaba, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 153-8902, Japan

Phone: 81-3-5454-6415

(2) Application Documents

a. Application form: downloadable from the IHS website (<http://ihs.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/>). If you cannot download it, please come to the IHS office.

b. 4 copies of your application form.

c. Statement: It should be written on the application form.

8. Notes

(1) Only applications for which all of the necessary documents are submitted by the deadline will be considered.

(2) Under no circumstances may an applicant change the contents of his/her application, once it has been submitted.

(3) There may be changes made to this guideline or the application procedure due to unforeseen reasons. In such cases, an announcement will be made to potential applicants.

(4) The personal information made known to the IHS program through the application process will be used for the following purposes: (i) selection of IHS program students (application processing and selection), (ii) announcement of selected applicants, and (iii) enrollment procedures. For the selected applicants only, the information will further be used for administrative purposes relating to:

(i) academic affairs (e.g. registration, enrollment), and (ii) student support (e.g. employment assistance, tuition waiver applications).

(5) A student who has made a false statement in his/her application, even after being selected to join the program, may have his/her status as an IHS student taken away from him/her retroactively.

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