**Nara Institute of Science and Technology Graduate School of**

**Science and Technology(in the field of biological science) and University of Malaya Institute of Graduate Studies**

**Double Degree Doctoral Program Information and Application Guide**

**for 2019 Fall Enrollment and 2020 Spring Enrollment**

1. **Outline and Information concerning the Double Degree Program**

Nara Institute of Science and Technology Graduate School of Science and Technology (in the field of biological science) (hereinafter referred to as “NAIST”) and University of Malaya Institute of Graduate Studies (hereinafter referred to as “UM”) have established the Double Degree Program for the purpose of cultivating doctoral students into researchers that will contribute to future research and development and highly specialized engineers. Students will be trained to become valuable human resources with an international perspective in order to contribute to international academic exchange.

**1. Outline**

Doctoral students will either be sent from UM to NAIST or from NAIST to UM and will maintain their student status in their original graduate program while entering the program of the host institution. Upon the completion of the program, the student will be issued separate doctoral degrees from both institutions. The nominal duration of the doctoral studies consists of a total of 3 years in both institutions. The students’ period of study will be divided into an alternative period of 18 months at both institutions. The students will be charged fees related to student registration only in one institution.

**2. Number of Students for Acceptance and Dispatchment**

Acceptance (UM students to join NAIST doctoral program) A few

Dispatchment (NAIST students to join UM doctoral program) A few

**3. Qualifications for Application and Entrance Examination**

1. Acceptance
2. Qualifications for application

Applicants must fulfill all of the following conditions:

ⅰ Those who have a master’s degree or will have a master’s degree before enrollment date

ⅱ Those who are admitted to UM doctoral program

1. Additional information

ⅰ The selection of applicants is based on the examination of written materials. However, an oral

examination may be held if deemed necessary.

ⅱ　Fall enrollment date is October 1, 2019 and spring enrollment is April 1, 2020.

1. Dispatchment
2. Qualifications for application

Applicants must fulfill all of the following conditions:

ⅰ Those who have a master’s degree or will have a master’s degree before the enrollment date

ⅱ Those who are admitted to NAIST doctoral program or those who are applying for entrance

examination for NAIST doctoral course.

ⅲ The applicant's supervisor is a faculty member who runs one of the laboratories of biological

science.

1. Additional Information

ⅰ The selection of applicants is based on the examination of written materials and oral examination.

ⅱ Fall enrollment date is October 1, 2019 and spring enrollment is April 1, 2020.

1. **NAIST Acceptance Information**
2. **Application Procedures**
3. Application period

Fall enrollment May 9(Thu) - June 7(Fri), 2019

Spring enrollment November 7(Thu) - December 6(Fri), 2019

1. How to apply
* Please send all required documents by mail (e-mail or Post) or bring them directly to the address below. When sending by e-mail, please scan all certificates and letters of recommendation required for application and send as attachments. Original certificates and letters of recommendation must be submitted at the time of enrollment.

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| Admissions Section, Educational Affairs DivisionNara Institute of Science and Technology8916-5, Takayama, Ikoma, Nara 630-0192, JapanE-mail:gakusei@ad.naist.jp |

* When applying by mail, application forms must arrive at NAIST by the last day of the application period, Japan Standard time.
1. Notification of applicant’s ID

Upon receiving application documents, we will notify you of your applicant’s ID number by e-mail.

1. Required documents

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| **Documents required** | **Remarks** |
| a | NAIST Acceptance Application Form | Form provided by NAIST. |
| b | Graduation / expected graduation certificate for master’s degree or equivalent  | Must be issued by a graduate school or academicinstitution/official. If written in a language otherthan English, please attach an English translation. |
| c | Transcripts for master’s or equivalent courses |
| d | Letter of acceptance to UM doctoral program | Must be issued by UM |
| e | Letter of recommendation | Form provided by NAIST (UM form also accepted if it contains the same information). Must be issued by the president or the dean of UM. |
| f | Research experience and background | Any form is acceptable. Maximum: Five one-sided A4 pages. Please write in English. Do not print in color. Do not staple. Write on one side only. In addition, if you have any English publications, please attach one (offprint) copy of each. |
| g | Statement of research plan at NAIST | Any form is acceptable. Maximum: Two one-sided A4 pages. Please write in English. Do not print in color. Do not staple. Write on one side only. |

**Note: All the forms must be written in English. If certificates are written in a language other than English, please attach an English translation.**

1. Other notifications
* If you have a physical disability and require any special help in following your academic program, please consult with the Admissions Section at Educational Affairs Division <gakusei@ad.naist.jp> prior to your application.
* If the application documents are incomplete, the application will not be accepted in principle. Before submitting your application, make sure to check that all the necessary documents are enclosed or attached. Further changes to the submitted documents cannot be accepted.
* You may be deemed to have committed a fraudulent act if you falsify, fabricate or plagiarize a document, materials or information included in your application. In such cases, any decisions made based upon the application and materials may be invalidated at a later date. If your entrance to NAIST is cancelled, your application and documents may not be returned.

1. **Screening Method**

Applicants are evaluated according to the screening of application documents.However, an oral examination may be conducted if deemed necessary. In that case, applicants will be notified separately of the date and place of the oral examination.

1. **Examination Results and Enrollment Procedures**

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|  | **Announcement of results** | **Enrollment procedure** |
| Fall enrollment | July 19(Fri), 2019 | Late September, 2019 |
| Spring enrollment | January 10(Fri), 2020 | Late February, 2020 |

The examination results will be announced on the NAIST website (http://www.naist.jp/en) from 10 a.m. (scheduled) on the dates specified above. We will also notify applicants by e-mail.

1. **Security Export Control**

At Nara Institute of Science and Technology, in order to assure that there is no obstruction of the maintenance of peace and safety internationally through the education and research activities of international students, etc., export security control is being undertaken in accordance with the “Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act.” Please understand that there may be cases where you may be asked to adjust or restrict educational and/or research contents.

1. **Additional Information**
	* + Once submitted, documents may not be returned for any reason.
		+ In compliance with the Private Information Protection Law regarding private information owned by an Independent Administrative Legal Entity, all private information (including entries in required documents for application and examination results) is used only for the purpose of screening (follow-up check included), and are not used for any other purpose.
		+ If you have any further questions regarding the application guide, please contact us at the following address.

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| Admissions Section, Educational Affairs DivisionNara Institute of Science and Technology 8916-5, Takayama, Ikoma, Nara 630-0192, JapanPhone: +81(743)72-5083 Fax: +81(743)72-5014E-mail: gakusei@ad.naist.jp |

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| Applicant’s ID | ＊ |

**Doctoral Course Application Form for**

**NAIST-UM Double Degree Program (Acceptance)**

**Photograph**

38mm **×** 30mm

Taken within the past 3 months, full-faced from shoulders up, no headwear except for religious reasons.

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| Applying to: | Graduate School of Science and Technology |   |
| Admission  | 2019 Fall Admission / 2020 Spring Admission(Circle your time of enrollment.) |
| Name of laboratory or professor |  |
| Full name | (Family name) | (Given name) |
| Date of birth (Year/Month/Date) |  | Sex | ( M / F ) |
| Qualifications for Application | (University/Institution) (College/school) (Department/Major) |
| Graduated / expect to graduate on　 (Year) 　　　　(Month)　　　　 (Day) |
| Nationality |  |
| Current address | Zip code:Address:Tel:E-mail:  |
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| Curriculum Vitae |
| **Educational background** | Name |
| Year/Month (Entrance) – Year/Month (Completion) |  |
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| **Employment record** |  |
| From Year / Month – To Year / Month |  |
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| **Awards and Citations** |  |
| Year / Month |  |
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・For educational background, start with elementary school entrance. If you were a research student in any institution, specify the name of the institution and the length of time.

・If any falsification in the curriculum vitae is found, admission will be revoked.

**Letter of Recommendation**

To the President of NAIST

Name of the student, recommended　:

Reason for recommendation:

(Please state in English your reasons for recommending the above-mentioned person as a suitable candidate.)

Date :

Recommender’s name :

Title :

(President or dean)

Recommender’s signature :

1. **NAIST Dispatchment Information**
2. **Application Procedures**
	1. Application period

Fall enrollment July 22(Mon) - July 24(Wed), 2019

Spring enrollment January 20(Mon) - January 22(Wed), 2020

* 1. Required documents

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| a | Dispatchment Application Form | Form provided by NAIST |
| b | Research plan for UM study period | Any Form is acceptable. At least two one-sided A4 pages. Should be written in English. |
| c | Proof of language ability | TOEIC, TOEFL scores, etc. |
| d | Letter of acceptance from prospective supervisor at UM | Any form is acceptable. |

* 1. Place of submission

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* 1. Notification of screening number

After accepting the application materials, applicants will be sent their screening number by e-mail.

1. **Screening Process at NAIST**
2. Screening method
	1. Reviewing of applicant’s materials
	2. Presentation of Research Plan and its defense
3. Screening period

Fall enrollment August 19(Mon) - August 22(Thu), 2019

Spring enrollment February 17(Mon) - February 18(Tue), 2020

1. Announcement of screening results

Fall enrollment 10 a.m., August 27(Tue), 2019

Spring enrollment 10 a.m., February 21(Fri), 2020

Place: Bulletin board of the Biological Science C or NAIST website (http://www.naist.jp/en)

1. **Screening process at UM**

Applicants must complete the screening processes of both institutions. Please see UM guidelines for UM screening details.

**Doctoral Course Application Form for**

**NAIST-UM Double Degree Program (Dispatchment)**

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| Application Date | (Year/Month/Date) | ※Screening No |  |

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| Full Name | (Family name) | (Given name) | M・F | Student Number |  |
| Date of Birth | (Year/Month/Date) |
| Educational Backgroundyear/month-year/month |  / - / |  |
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| Permanent Address | ZIP CodePhone ( ) - |
| Contact address in Japan | ZIP CodePhone ( ) -E-mail |
| Research Theme at UM |  |
| Advisor’s reason for approval | 　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Advisor　　　　　　　　　　　　　　 印 |