

Special Auditor (Undergraduate)

Application Form	Issued on nomination basis
Application Deadline	[Fall Semester 2026] April 17, 2026 [Spring Semester 2027] November 13, 2026
Nomination Deadline	[Fall Semester 2026] February 27, 2026 [Spring Semester 2027] September 25, 2026 Applicants who need an unofficial acceptance letter (Letter of provisional acceptance) earlier with rational reason, must consult exchange office of home university and consult HU through International Office or Exchange Coordinator of the home university. We do not accept questions directly from an individual student.
Results Notification	[Fall Semester 2026] Middle July [Spring Semester 2027] Early February
Course Duration	[One Year or Half Year] Fall (One year): October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027 Fall (Half year): October 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 Spring (One year): April 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028 Spring (Half year): April 1, 2027 – September 30, 2027 <i>*The actual last day of the course may differ by School and/or the weekly schedules of the Course. Please confirm when you apply</i>
Number of Students	Decided on a yearly basis. There will be a screening at each faculty. Not all applicants will be accepted.

Program Details

Half year or full year study abroad opportunity in which students are assigned to a particular faculty and take classes related to their specialized area together with full-time regular students. For more information, please see the website below.

<https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/special-auditor-special-research-student>

***Hokkaido University can provide “Specialized Subjects” to students from the second-year Undergraduate students.**

Eligibility

Students who meet the following:

1. High academic record at home university in the field of desired faculty
2. Equivalent to JLPT level N2 or higher (preferably native level)
3. Enrollment at home university:

Exchange students are required to be enrolled at their home university as a full-time student during the entire period of exchange.

Application Procedure

1. Home university coordinator nominates students by submitting the nomination sheet. * The nomination sheet will be provided on request basis.
2. Hokkaido University provides the link to access to the Online application forms to home university coordinator.
3. Students submit the Online application forms on TAO (The Admissions Office) system by deadline.
4. Home university coordinator submits a part of the required documents on TAO system and email by deadline.
5. Hokkaido University screens the application.
6. Hokkaido University notifies the screening results and gives further instruction.

Required Documents

1. Application form
2. Certificate of Enrollment from Home University
3. Recommendation letter
4. Transcript of academic records
5. Photocopy of Certificate of JLPT
6. Photocopy of passport
7. Digital ID Photo (3×4 cm, color and clear)

**This is general information, and the required documents may vary depending on Schools*

Credits

Credits and grades are issued for each semester. (Excl. Japanese language classes)

Scholarship

N/A

Accommodation

University dormitory / Room assignment is decided by Hokkaido University.

Contact e-mail address

exchange-programs@oia.hokudai.ac.jp

Special Auditor (Graduate)

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Application Deadline	[Fall Semester 2026] April 17, 2026 [Spring Semester 2027] November 13, 2026
Nomination Deadline	[Fall Semester 2026] February 27, 2026 [Spring Semester 2027] September 25, 2026 China Scholarship Council (CSC) *Chinese universities only CSC applicants must be nominated earlier than the nomination deadlines above. If you have CSC applicants, please contact us more than a month before CSC deadline Please go through proper procedures through home university exchange offices.
Results Notification	[Fall Semester 2026] Middle July [Spring Semester 2027] Early February
Course Duration	[One Year or Half Year] Fall (One year): October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027 Fall (Half year): October 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 Spring (One year): April 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028 Spring (Half year): April 1, 2027 – September 30, 2027 <i>*The actual last day of the course may differ by School and/or the weekly schedules of the lecture. Please confirm when you apply.</i>
Number of Students	Decided on a yearly basis. There will be a screening at each graduate school. Not all applicants will be accepted.

Program Details

Half year or One year programs in which students are assigned to a particular faculty and take classes related to their specialized area together with full-time students. For more information, please see the website below.

<https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/special-auditor-special-research-student>

Eligibility

Students who meet the following:

1. High academic record at home university in the field of desired faculty
2. *Equivalent to JLPT level N2 or higher (preferably native level) *depending on a graduate school.
3. Enrollment at home university:

Exchange students are required to be enrolled at their home university as a full-time student during the entire period of exchange.

Application Procedure

1. Home university coordinator nominates students by submitting the nomination sheet. * The nomination sheet will be provided on request basis.
2. Hokkaido University provides the link to access to the Online application forms to home university coordinator.
3. Students submit the Online application forms on TAO (The Admissions Office) system by deadline.
4. Home university coordinator submits a part of required documents on TAO system and email by deadline.
5. Hokkaido University screens the application.
6. Hokkaido University notifies the screening results and gives further instruction.

Required Documents

1. Application form
2. Certificate of Enrollment from Home University
3. Recommendation letter
4. Transcript of academic records
5. Photocopy of Certificate of JLPT
6. Photocopy of passport
7. Digital ID Photo (3×4 cm, color and clear)

**This is general information, and the required documents may vary depending on graduate schools.*

Credits

Credits and grades are issued for each semester. (Excl. Japanese language classes)

Scholarship

N/A

Accommodation

University dormitory / Room assignment is decided by Hokkaido University.

Contact e-mail address

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**Special Research Student
-SRS-**

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Number of Students	Decided on a yearly basis. There will be a screening at each graduate school. Not all applicants will be accepted.

Program Details

Half year or full year exchange in which students are assigned to a particular graduate school and undertake research centered on their specialized areas, the same as regular students.

<https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/special-auditor-special-research-student>

Eligibility

Students who meet the following:

1. High academic record at home university in the field of desired graduate school
2. English or Japanese fluency to communicate with academic supervisor
3. **Enrollment at home university as a full-time student during the entire period of exchange.**

***May vary depending on the Graduate Schools / Supervisors**

Application Procedure

1. **(Before applying) Students contact a professor to request academic supervision and receive an unofficial agreement.**

***Some faculties do not require this process. Please confirm when applying.**

2. Home university coordinator nominates students by submitting the nomination sheet. *** The nomination sheet will be provided on request basis.**
3. Hokkaido University provides the link to access to the Online application forms to the home university coordinator.
4. Students submit the Online application forms on TAO (The Admissions Office) system by deadline.
5. Home university coordinator submits a part of the required documents on TAO system and email by deadline.
6. Hokkaido University screens the application.
7. Hokkaido University notifies the screening results and gives further instruction.

***Procedures differ by each Graduate School. Please confirm and follow the application guidelines.**

Required Documents

1. Application form
2. Certificate of Enrollment from Home University
3. Recommendation letter
4. Transcript of academic record (Undergraduate/Graduate)
5. Photocopy of Certificate of JLPT (if any)
6. Photocopy of passport
7. Digital ID Photo (3x4 cm, color and clear)

***This is general information, and the required documents may vary depending on the graduate schools.**

Credits

No credits are issued. Special Research Students only receive supervision.

Scholarship

N/A

Accommodation

University dormitory / Room assignment is decided by Hokkaido University.

Contact e-mail address

exchange-programs@oia.hokudai.ac.jp