

PEP WISE Program Application Requirements

Application for the 4th WISE Program (Transferring to TD1 in September 2021)

Program Overview

The Graduate Program for Power Energy Professionals (PEP), Waseda University from MEXT WISE Program (Doctoral Program for World-leading Innovative & Smart Education) is an integrated 5-year doctoral professional program delivered in collaboration with 13 universities (Waseda University, Hokkaido University, Tohoku University, University of Fukui, University of Yamanashi, Tokyo Metropolitan University, Yokohama National University, Nagoya University, Osaka University, Hiroshima University, Tokushima University, Kyushu University, and University of the Ryukyus).

In addition to their specialization and degree, students are awarded a PEP Excellence Doctoral Program Completion Certificate upon satisfying the requirements for the program (45 credits over 5 years). WISE compulsory courses (seven courses for ten credits) are offered at Waseda University, while WISE comprehensive elective courses are offered at the students' own program department. WISE compulsory courses are designed in consideration of students from all participating universities, and are offered in multiple formats, including on-demand; several-day, stay-overnight, intensive-study sessions; and practicums at collaborating organizations. To complete the PEP training program, students must earn a doctoral degree in their specialization. Hence, students must meet their own university program's requirements.

1. Applicant Qualifications

- ◆ Common for all participating universities

At the time of application, the applicant must be an officially registered first-year master's program student at a participating university.

- ◆ Waseda University students

The applicant must satisfy both 1) and 2) below.

- 1) At the time of application, the applicant must be in the first year of a master's program or an integrated doctoral program in one of the following:
 - Graduate School of Fundamental Science and Engineering (Department of Applied Mechanics / Department of Electronic and Physical Systems)
 - Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering (Department of Applied Chemistry / Department of Electrical Engineering and Bioscience / Department of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering / Department of Advanced Science and Engineering)
 - Graduate School of Environment and Energy Engineering (Department of Environment and Energy Engineering)
- 2) The applicant must possess a strong desire to continue to the doctoral program.

2. Number of Admissions A few

3. Application Period Monday, June 7 to Friday, July 2, 2021

4. Application Documents (Application Forms)

Application forms must be downloaded from the Faculty of Science and Engineering Admissions for Graduate School website (https://www.waseda.jp/fsci/en/admissions_gs/).

Applicants must consult their supervisor in advance because the supervising professor **must endorse the student using a personal stamp**.

Submit the following: application form, plan for master's thesis, letter of intent, recommendation from your current supervisor (free format), and academic transcripts up to the fall 2020 semester.

- ❖ The current supervisor's recommendation and academic transcripts can be in any format. All other submittals must use the

downloaded forms for the program application.

- ❖ Applicants in the Department of Advanced Science and Engineering must submit a summary of the graduation thesis instead of the plan for master's thesis.

5. Submission Method

Application documents must be sent by registered mail to the WISE program office. **[Must arrive before the deadline]**

6. Selection Method and Schedule

The selection process follows the schedule below, and decisions are made based on the overall evaluation of both the documents and an interview.

- Document selection: Selection is made based on the submitted application documents. Those who are short-listed will be notified of the oral examination location and time by email. **Please note that the examination date differs for the two streams (power or energy materials). (Applicants must attend the appropriate date according to the applied stream.)**
- Oral examination (interview): Power stream: Tuesday, July 27, 2021
Energy materials stream: Monday, July 26, 2021.
- Examination place: Face-to-face (at Waseda Campus) or Online meeting platform [Depending upon the situation of COVID-19 expansion]
- Examination content: The applicant must present his/her past research activities, motivation for applying, desired research topic after enrolling in the WISE program, and future vision. This will be followed by a Q & A session. Presentation materials must be submitted in PDF format as an email attachment by the given date.
- Admission announcement: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 after 17:00
Applicants will be notified of the results by email.
- Registration process: Thursday, August 19 to Friday, August 20, 2021

7. Program Enrollment Period

On September 1, 2021, the student becomes a WISE student (TD1), and course enrollment for the WISE program is from April 2022 (TD2) to completion in TD5.

8. WISE RA Stipends

Beginning on September 1, 2021, by participating in joint research with a collaborating organization or corporation, WISE program students can receive WISE RA stipends from the research head such as the supervising professor.

9. Program Registration

The WISE program office will contact successful applicants around March 2022 regarding registration for the program, which starts in April 2022.

10. Other Remarks

- Submitted applications cannot be changed or returned.
- Personal information collected in the application (address, name, date of birth, etc.) will be shared among the 13 participating universities solely for tasks related to admission and registration to the WISE program (e.g., examination, announcement of admitted students, registration, other related matters). We take the necessary precautions to avoid leaking and misusing of personal information. Part or all of the aforementioned tasks may be outsourced. In this case, proper management by the contractor is written into the binding contracts.
- Acceptance to the WISE program does not change research guidance, the graduate program, or specialization of study.
- Universities participating in the WISE program shall report the results of follow-up surveys of program graduates

to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) every year until 2034. In addition, participant universities shall cooperate in the acquisition of a clear understanding of the status of graduates, through the use of the Japan Graduates Database (JGRAD) operated by MEXT National Institute of Science and Technology Policy (NISTEP).

Students who have been accepted to the WISE program shall cooperate in the above matters even after they have completed the program.

- Even if a student is already accepted to the WISE program, which is an integrated five-year doctoral professional training program, they must apply and be accepted through a separate admission process of the graduate school when planning to enroll in a doctoral program.

11. Contact Information

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