

DDP

- **What is DDP program?**

DDP (Double Degree Program) is a program that students would stay at TUMSAT for 1 year (master's course) or 1.5 year (doctoral course) and do research activities and take classes to acquire Degrees from both TUMSAT and your home university. To get degrees from 2 universities, students would write master's thesis or doctoral dissertation in English.

- **Who can apply for the program?**

Master's course students (or prospective students*):

Shanghai Ocean University, Korea Maritime and Ocean University, Kasetsart University

Doctoral course students (or prospective students*):

Shanghai Ocean University, Korea Maritime and Ocean University

*Prospective students: Please consult in advance with the contact person or administration office of your university about eligibility.

- **How can I apply for the program?**

1. Please fill out the below 2 documents.

- Application Form & Personal Statement
- Learning Agreement
- (To fill out these 2 documents, you can consult with program coordinator of TUMSAT if you can't find to whom you could ask as your academic advisor)

2. Please prepare documents below.

- English (or Japanese) proficiency Certificate (Copy of score report of official language tests (ex. TOEIC, TOEFL or IELTS, CET, JLPT) (Recommended minimum level: see ANNEX)
- Copy of your passport
- Copy of Official Transcript (in English) of latest 1 year (Recommended minimum level: see ANNEX)
- Copy of Enrollment Certificate (if you are still in Undergrad School at the time of application)
- Photo data (40mm x 30mm) [Photo format for visa](#)

3. Submit documents of 1. and 2. to the contact person of your university.

(Please consult Program Coordinator of TUMSAT if you don't know the contact person of your university)

- **Period of Stay for 2025 Fall**

Master's course: 1 year between October 2025 to September 2026

Doctoral course: 1.5 years between October 2025 to March 2027

(Based on the research plan, the research period in Japan can be flexibly set, other than one continuous period. Please consult with academic advisors at Home and Host universities.)

- **Application Deadline**
Friday, March 28, 2025

(Documents should be submitted via the contact person of your university, or under the supervision of the contact person. Please check the application schedule in advance with the contact person.)

- **Others**

- You might need to have an interview with a prospective academic advisor after you apply.
- You can earn 2 credits per class at TUMSAT.
- To search for your prospective academic advisor and classes you would like to take at TUMSAT, please refer to the below website.

<https://www.g2.kaiyodai.ac.jp/oceanous/eng/faculty/course-introduction.html>

- **What support can I get from TUMSAT*?**

(For students at all member universities)

- You don't need to pay tuition fee to TUMSAT.
- Students can live in dormitories on campus. TUMSAT would pay for your accommodation during your stay at TUMSAT** (You might need to pay some fees, but not the rent of your accommodation.)
- You need to take initiative in finding your prospective academic advisor at TUMSAT, or finding what classes you can take at TUMSAT, but Program Coordinator of TUMSAT would help you with those things.
- Program Coordinator will help you with acquiring visa for study abroad in Japan or help you with starting a life in Japan.

(For students of ASEAN countries)

- TUMSAT would pay for your airfare to come to Japan and go back to your home country.
- You can get scholarship of 80,000 yen/month (GPA requirement may apply) during your stay in Japan.

*Please note that OQEAPOUS Plus consortium universities have not yet agreed upon the financial support for students from April 2026. There might be an increase in the financial burden for students.

**If you are going to stay at the dorm in Shinagawa Campus, you will be asked to move to the new dormitory in the same campus at the end of March 2026.

ANNEX: Language proficiency and GPA conversion table

- **Language proficiency**

TUMSAT recommend students to have at least CEFR B2 level in English and/or Japanese. If the university can offer TUMSAT an official document that prove the English level in CEFR context, any official test can be used as language proficiency.

(Reference)

CEFR B2 level in English (minimum):

EX. TOEIC L&R (Listening: 400, Reading:385), TOEFL iBT 72, IELTS 5.5

CEFR B2 level in Japanese (minimum):

EX. Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2

- **GPA**

Please refer to the table below and convert your GPA into 3.0 scale*. For ASEAN students to apply for scholarship, you need to have minimum of 2.30 in 3.0 scale.

Evaluation point out of 100**	100~80	79~70	69~60	59~0
GPA in 3.0 scale	3	2	1	0

How to calculate

$$\frac{((\text{Number of credits of GPA 3}) \times 3 + (\text{Number of credits of GPA 2}) \times 2 + (\text{Number of credits of GPA 1}) \times 1 + (\text{Number of credits of GPA 0}) \times 0)}{\text{Total number of credits}}$$

*TUMSAT office would also check GPA, therefore please be sure to submit an official transcript even if you count your GPA in 3.0 scale by yourself.

**If you are not sure how to convert your grades in each credit into the point out of 100, please consult the contact person at your university (or coordinator of TUMSAT).