

DDP

- **What is DDP program?**

DDP (Double Degree Program) is a program that students 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](#)

➤ To find your prospective academic advisor, please refer [here](#). You can find the list of advisors and link to the researcher database.

- [Learning Agreement](#)

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)
 - Please check if you meet the minimum language proficiency level noted on ANNEX. Japanese Government requires certain language proficiency to issue Student Visa.
- 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 2027 Spring**

Master's course: 1 year between April 2027 to March 2028

Doctoral course: 1.5 years between April 2027 to September 2028

(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**

Monday, August 31, 2026

(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 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 website below.

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

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

The Conditions changed from 2026 Spring. Please check carefully.

- You don't need to pay tuition fee to TUMSAT.
- Students can live in dormitories on campus (You need to pay dormitory fees and other expenses by yourself, but there might be some financial support.)
*Please refer to below links concerning information about each dormitory.
Shinagawa Campus ... [Seiyo Dormitory](#)
Etchujima Campus ... [Kaio Dormitory](#)
- 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)

- You can get scholarship of 80,000 yen/month (GPA requirement may apply) during your stay in Japan (This support depends on whether TUMSAT can acquire budget from the Japanese government or not.)

ANNEX: Language proficiency and GPA conversion table

- **Language proficiency**

Japanese Government requires students to have **at least CEFR B2 level in English and/or Japanese** to issue Student Visa. 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, but please check if the test measures **more than 1 ability** in Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

(Reference)

CEFR B2 level in English (minimum):

EX. TOEFL iBT 72, IELTS 5.5

CEFR B2 level in Japanese (minimum):

EX. Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 (Please check your certificate if it says you have CEFR B2. N2 test passers sometimes have only CEFR B1.)

- **GPA**

Please refer to the table below and convert your GPA into 3.0 scale*. For ASEAN students to apply for scholarships, 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).