

Message from the Dean



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The Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science was established in April 2012 through a merger of the Graduate School of Environmental Science, a graduate school integrated with social, natural, and medical sciences, and the Division of Agricultural and Life Science of the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology. The Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science is a place for education and research in order to comprehensively and cross-cuttingly address a number of challenges for achieving the SDGs, especially for solving “environmental and food issues”, which are urgent and pressing for human society facing the population explosion.

We are actively carrying out specific education and research on (1) basic sciences addressing nature, social or life phenomena including material energy conversion and the applications, (2) creation of infrastructures and living environment, (3) continuous maintenance of the balance of supply and demand of food taking environmental load into account, etc.

Through this characteristic education and research, we are nurturing leaders who have multi-lens perspectives and a high level of professional skills to realize (a) the development of a comfortable recycling-oriented society by harmonizing the living environment with the natural environment and (b) a sustainable food production necessary as the foundation of human existence.

The Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science consists of a wide range of specialized fields: ten departments (Department of Urban Environment Development, Department of Rural Environment Management, Department of Environmental Ecology, Department of Human Ecology, Department of Sustainable Society Studies, Department of Material and Energy Science, Department of Biofunctional Chemistry, Department of Plant Stress Science, Department of Plant Science, and Department of Animal Science) in two major divisions (Division of Environmental Science and Division of Agricultural and Life Science). Not only the faculty members in the Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Agriculture but also the members in the Institute of Plant Science & Resources and the medical faculty members belong to this organization.

In the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science, we have the students coming from Japan as well as from other countries with a wide variety of different backgrounds. We provide prospective candidates and students a variety of entrance examinations (Overseas Selection for International Students, etc.), tailored and customized education programs including degree programs in English, and finance supports for education and research to offer a wealth of opportunities

Through educations and research projects not only in this graduate school but also in collaboration with other graduate schools, we are also working on the training of interdisciplinary professional abilities.

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