



NITOBESCHOOL

## Guidelines for Applicants The Nitobe School Advanced Program The 2017 Academic Year

In 2015, Hokkaido University launched Nitobe School, formally known as Nitobe Program for Graduate Students, designed to develop the students' knowledge and abilities essential to survive and thrive in face of rapid globalization. In 2017, the School initiates Advanced Program for doctoral students, following its Basic Program that has focused on raising the competencies of master's students since 2015.

The Advanced Program aims to develop students into next-generation "pioneers," who can crystallize innovative ideas and implement visionary projects, and thereby open up scientific, humanistic, and technological frontiers with a confidence and a deep sense of professional ethics.

**In the Advanced Program, each student will propose a collaborative project relevant to his/her field of study and implement the project as the leader of a team that he/she organizes with experts from within and outside of Hokkaido University. The Nitobe School believes that the experience in the Advanced Program will improve the student's leadership and project implementation skills, more than developing their self-confidence and leverage essential to be a "pioneer." Additionally, students will build a diverse professional network valuable for your lifelong career development in the international and cross-disciplinary learning environment at the Nitobe School.**

### Be a Global Pioneer

Will you gain the ability, strength, and confidence to build a better future at the Nitobe School?

#### 1. Features of the Nitobe School Advanced Program

##### **【Nitobe School: A "Microcosm of the International Society"】**

Hokkaido University is a research-oriented, comprehensive university (twenty-one Graduate Schools and fifty-five professional courses) with acclaimed scholars and motivated students of diverse national, cultural, and ethnic origins. Nitobe School values and makes use of Hokkaido University's diversity to offer a distinctive learning environment, which is really quite a "microcosm of international society," where students gain a high level of communication skills along with a keen awareness of cultural diversity. A diverse human network formed under the international environment at Nitobe School is a great force to support your future.

##### **【Pioneer Seminar】**

The Advanced Program offers "Pioneer Seminar," which invites forerunners in various fields as guest lecturers, who share their experience with students and provide practical guidance to their project. In the

"Pioneer Workshop", students make teams (5 people per team) and do planning and management. By doing this, students acquire management skills and become proactive, not through passive listening but through active participation in planning and managing the project. In the workshop, students learn what is necessary to become a pioneer in the international community and advance the project through exchange with other "pioneers" and learning from their experiences.

### **【Professional seminars; the one is “Grant and Research Proposal Writing Seminar,” 】**

The Nitobe School will thoroughly train students about "Grant & Research Proposal Writing" (clarification of research applications and research plan) so that they are clear about their own project, and have the skills to effectively communicate their ideas to other people. Students will be required to prepare and present their own research proposals. They will get training in developing communication skills to effectively convey ideas through presentations in English and presenting ideas in front of other students. Moreover, students also learn to develop a critical viewpoint through peer review of proposals from other students and reflect them in their own research.

### **【Nitobe School Scholarship】**

The Nitobe School has a scholarship program intended to support and enrich students' learning experience in the Advanced Program. In the academic year of 2017, a scholarship of JPY300,000 is scheduled to be offered to 25 highly-motivated students with a feasible project. Furthermore, an additional grant of JPY200,000 is provided to five (5) exceptionally good and prospective projects.

## **2. Eligibility**

All students with independence, motivation, and clear vision who are enrolled in doctoral programs at Hokkaido University as of April 2017 (including second-term doctoral students and students in four-year doctoral programs). 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students are preferred.

## **3. Enrollment**

25 students/year

## **4. Course Schedule and Registration**

- At the Nitobe School, all the courses are offered as “Inter-Graduate-School Courses. Therefore, the credits that you will earn at the School can be count as part of the required number of credits at your graduate program. Each graduate program has a distinctive rule and regulation. For further information, please refer to the office of your school or Nitobe School office.
- Students who have not completed the Nitobe school basic program must attend intensive lectures, which is scheduled to be held in May.
- The Nitobe School Advanced Program is a one-year program. You can complete in a year through the fulfillment of required number of credits (see the following Table 1).
- Even if you take a leave of absence for some reason (e.g. studying abroad), you can resume your learning at the Nitobe School as long as you are a registered doctoral student at Hokkaido University.

**Table1: Nitobe School Advanced Program Courses and Completion Requirements**

Subject Name		Credits	Start Time (2017)	Completion Requirements
Compulsory Subjects	Project Execution I	2	May - September	Acquire 4 credits
	Project Execution II	2	October- February	
Elective Subjects	Nitobe School English I	1	Spring Term 4/7- 6/9	
	Nitobe School English II	1	Summer Term 6/5- 8/4	
	Nitobe School English III	1	Autumn Term 9/27- 11/27	
	Nitobe School English IV	1	Winter Term 11/22- 2/5	

- The Nitobe School offers academic English courses “Nitobe School English” to help students to achieve their goals by improving English communication skills. (see the following Table 1)
  - ◆ As for Nitobe School English I, II, III, and IV, students are allowed to register for a maximum of three (3) courses.
  - ◆ Nitobe School English I begins Friday, April 7. Students wishing to register for this course are advised to carefully read the syllabus, attend the first class, and follow the instructions.
  - ◆ English Writing Support: Instructors of native speakers will check/edit your report and papers in English. Please contact to Nitobe Office for future information.

## 5. Requirements for Program Completion

To complete the Advanced Program, you have to fulfill the following two requirements (see the above table):

- Earning of a total of four (4) credits in Project Execution I (2 credits) and II (2 credits)
- Passing the completion examination based on the self-evaluation report and the requirements specified by Nitobe School.

## 6. How to Apply

Please fill and submit online Application Form at: <http://nitobe-school.academic.hokudai.ac.jp/>

## 7. Application Period

From Wednesday, March 15, 2017 to Friday, April 14, 2017 (5:00 p.m., Japan Standard Time).

## 8. Screening and Announcement of the Results

- Full and fair consideration will be given to all complete applications that are submitted before the deadline. The decision of successful candidates follows a careful examination of their Application Form describing their motivation for applying for the Program.
- Applicants will be notified of the screening results by e-mail after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. Admitted students will then be informed of further details about the Program.

## 9. Admission Procedures

Students admitted to the Nitobe School Academic Program are required to submit documents confirming for their enrollment. The documents must be signed by their academic supervisors.

## 10. Orientations for Prospective Students

	Date & Time	Language	Venue
1	Wed., March 15, 17 : 00 - 18 : 30	English	Frontier Research in Applied Science Building, 1F Seminar Room, Hokkaido University (Sapporo Campus)
2	Mon., April 3, 17 : 00 - 18 : 30	Japanese	
3	Mon., April 10, 17 : 00 - 18 : 30	English	
4	Tue., April 11, 17 : 00 - 18 : 30	Japanese	

- Direction: <https://www.oia.hokudai.ac.jp/about/visitors-access-maps/sapporo-campus-map/>
- A distant lecture system will be arranged for students at Hakodate Campus to participate

## 11. Important Dates

2016/2017	Detail
March-April	Recruitment information session, Application Period (Monday, March 13- Friday, April14), Nitobe School English I (elective): Friday, April 7
May	Advanced Program Guidance, Opening Ceremony (Saturday, May 13). Intensive lectures of Basic Program (※Students who have not completed the Nitobe school basic program must attend intensive lectures)
June	1 <sup>st</sup> Pioneer Workshop, Lecture (how to write research plan and proposal)
July	Project plan writing
August	Deadline for submission of project plan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pioneer workshop
September	Scholarship Payment, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pioneer workshop
October	Individually Execute project, 4 <sup>nd</sup> Pioneer workshop
November	Individually Execute project, 5 <sup>nd</sup> Pioneer workshop
December	Individually Execute project, Mid-term progress report meeting

February	Final presentation
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※Exact days will be decided by considering student's schedules.

### **Placement Test**

Admitted students have advantage to take either the TOEFL-ITP or TOEIC-IP test on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the Institute for the Advancement of Higher Education. They also can take Student Emotional Intelligence Quotient (EQ) test after enrollment. Both tests will be free of charge. More detailed information will be given to the students when admitted.

### **Contact for Inquiries**

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