

## “Overseas Practice Exercise (E) ”

The Department of Dryland Science is offering a practical course that provides students with an opportunity to learn from overseas field visits within the one(1) credit course; “Overseas Practice Exercise” during the first semester of 2025.

We are now open to applications for the enrollment for this course and will begin the selection process and will make the travel arrangements in communication with the program host overseas.

### 1. Course objectives:

The objective of the Overseas Practice Exercise (E) course is for the participants to gain first-hand experiences of various challenges and issues in dryland agriculture that are taught in course lectures. The students will be able to deepen their understanding of how the issues at hand are structured and what technical elements and challenges are involved in trying to address those issues. This becomes possible by learning from the researchers and technicians in the field and by participating in discussions with the local farmers and residents in Morocco.

This program consists of preparatory lectures on specific projects and the associated field-visits in Morocco accompanied by professors and experts in the field. The course is offered entirely in English.

### 2. Goals:

Through the preparatory research and the subsequent field-visits in Morocco, the course participants will develop the overall ability to think through the ways for addressing the challenges faced in drylands.

### 3. Location:

International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA)  
The Kingdom of Morocco

### 4. Travel Schedule:

Saturday, April 19 – Wednesday, April 30, 2025 (Tentative)

- ※ The date is subject to change depending on flight operations and coordination with the hosting organizations.

<<Schedule blueprint >>

Day 1	4/19	Depart Tottori
Day 2	4/20	Arrival in Morocco
Day 3	4/21	Orientation at ICARDA Lectures and facility tours Visit INRA research facility
Day 4	4/22	Field Day at the Merchouch Experimental Station Visit cereal and Leguminous farming
Day 5	4/23	Visit Tadla Irrigation District Visit Bin El Widan dam
Day 6	4/24	INRA-Marrakech research center Interact with farmers in the Tassouette region Observe their agricultural practices
Day 7	4/25	Attend SIAM (Salon International de l'Agriculture au Maroc) expo Interact with the INRA-Meknes team
Day 8	4/26	Meet with president of Association for the Conservation of Agriculture in Morocco. Learn about sustainable farming practice
Day 9	4/27	Sightseeing in Rabat
Day 10	4/28	Leave Morocco
Day 11	4/29	Arrive in Tokyo
Day 12	4/30	Arrive in Tottori

In addition to the overseas program shown above, there will be study sessions before and after the program.

5. Course fee : Student's out-of-pocket cost:

Up to 100,000 JPY

6. Number of openings:

Up to 8 students

※ Applicants will be selected based on the application documents and oral interviews.

7. Qualifications:

Applicants must

- (1) be a student of the Department of Dryland Science at the time of application (M2 in April 2025)
- (2) be in good health
- (3) be approved to travel overseas by his/her supervisor.

(4) demonstrate fair English proficiency.

8. Application

Application period: Monday, February 17 – Tuesday, February 25

Required documents:           (1) Application form (found at the end of this document)  
  (2) Valid proof of English proficiency (TOEIC, TOEFL, EIKEN) -  
  this is required only for student in General Course  
  (3) Copy of valid passport

9. The overseas travel is subject to cancellation due to possible changes of FY2025 IPDRE budget, and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

■ Please submit your application to:

Academic Affairs Section of Faculty of Agriculture (Koyama)

or Administration office of the International Platform for Dryland Research and Education  
(Hamasaka)

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FY 2025 Department of Dryland Science, Graduate School of Sustainability Science

Application for “Overseas Practice Exercise”

APPLICATION FORM

所属 : Affiliation:	国際乾燥地科学専攻 Department of Dryland Science
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国籍 : Nationality:	
生年月日 : Date of birth:	
健康状態 : Health status:	
応募動機 : Reason for application:	
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指導教員確認欄 Supervisor's confirmation

上記のとおり応募することを確認しました。

I hereby give my consent for above stated student to apply for the “Overseas Practice Exercise.”

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必要添付書類：有効パスポートの写し、及び英語習熟度を証明する書類（一般コース学生のみ）

Attach a copy of your valid passport and a proof of English proficiency such as TOEIC score, TOEFL score and Eiken certificate (General Program students only)