



Invitation to the Forum for Graduate School Educational Reform 2025
- Unlocking the Potential of Doctorates, Shaping the Future of Society-

Chiba University is pleased to host the Forum for Graduate School Educational Reform 2025, under the theme “Unlocking the Potential of Doctorates, Shaping the Future of Society.”

The forum will feature doctorate holders active across academia, industry, and beyond, exploring how the learning and training acquired in doctoral programs are being applied in society, and what qualities and capabilities are expected of doctoral graduates and graduate students in today’s world. Program highlights include cross-disciplinary student presentations and a special session on advancing graduate education in the humanities and social sciences.

This forum offers graduate students, educators, and professionals a unique opportunity to gain fresh insights into the value of doctoral education and the diverse career paths it enables. We warmly invite you to join us and be part of this inspiring exchange.

■ **Overview**

Date and time: Friday, December 12, 2025 | 13:30–18:00 (Reception: 18:15–19:30)
Saturday, December 13, 2025 | 9:45–12:40

Venue: TKP Garden City Makuhari, Tokyo Bay Makuhari Hall
(2-3 Hibino, Mihama-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba, Japan)
* On December 12, some sessions will be streamed online

Main programs and guests:

- Keynote speech by Yoshinori Hirai (Representative Director, President and CEO, AGC Inc.)
- Panel discussion “Shaping the Future of Society through Doctoral Talent”
- Student presentations “Addressing Social Challenges through the Integration of Specialized Knowledge”
- Special session “Promoting Graduate Education in the Humanities and Social Sciences: Exploring “Collaboration” as a Key Concept”
- Featured guest talk by Yoichi Ochiai (Director of Research and Development Center for Digital Nature/Associate Professor, University of Tsukuba)

For more details, please visit the following website.

<Website for the Forum for Graduate School Educational Reform 2025>
<https://www.gradschool-forum2025.chiba-u.jp/en/index.html>

Application:

Please register via the application form on the website below.
<https://www.gradschool-forum2025.chiba-u.jp/en/registration.html>

Application period:

- On-site Participation | Monday, September 8, 2025 – Friday, November 21, 2025, at 17:00 (JST)
- Online Participation | Monday, September 8, 2025 – Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 17:00 (JST)

Fees: Free

*The reception on December 12 will require a participation fee: 1,000 yen for students and 3,000 yen for others.

Contact: Secretariat for the Forum for Graduate School Educational Reform 2025 (Education Planning Division, Student Affairs Department, Chiba University)

Should you have any inquiries, please contact us via the following inquiry form.

<Inquiry form> <https://forms.gle/rff1H3TuFaEUJZ1v6>