

# Guangdong Ocean University (GDOU) 2025 International

## Postgraduate Students Admission Guide

This Admission Guide is formulated in order to promote the national diversity and quality of international students, and promote the high-quality development of international student education, based on the documents issued by the Ministry of Education and the actual needs of talent fostering, scientific research, and technological development of the GDOU.

### 1. University Profile

The GDOU is a university jointly established by the People's Government of Guangdong Province and the Ministry of Natural Resources. It is a comprehensive maritime university among the Key Discipline Developer of High-Level Universities in Guangdong Province, featuring marine and aquatic disciplines and the coordinated development of multi-disciplines.

Our university is located in Zhanjiang City and Yangjiang City, two beautiful coastal cities in the southernmost part of mainland China. We have one main campus and three satellite campuses. The Huguang Campus (main), the Xiashan Campus, and Haibin Campus in Zhanjiang City cover a total area of 4892 acres, housing 20 colleges, while the Yangjiang Campus in Yangjiang City has a planned area of 2223 acres and 6 colleges currently.

The university has 2,579 faculty and staff members, of which 125 are Ph. D. supervisors, 591 are master's supervisors, 678 are full professors or associate professors, 958 have doctoral degrees, and 1,743 are full-time teachers. We have enrolled over 40,000 full-time undergraduates, postgraduates, and international students.

The university currently has 3 first-class doctoral programs in Aquatic Science, Food Science & Engineering, and Marine Science, 12 first-class master's programs, 16 programs of master's degree, 11 national first-class undergraduate major construction points, 5 national characteristic majors, and 1 national comprehensive reform pilot major. There are 4 disciplines listed among the top 1% of ESI, namely Plant & Animal Science, Engineering, Agricultural Science, and Ecology & Environmental Protection, as well as 5 disciplines listed as provincial high-level disciplines: namely Aquatic Science, Marine Science, Food Science & Engineering, Naval Architecture & Ocean Engineering, and Crop Science.

The university has established multi-level and multi-field cooperation with more than 50 universities and research institutes in countries including the U.S., Russia, Japan, South Korea, the U.K., Australia, and regions such as Hong Kong and Taiwan.

In the new era, we aim to comprehensively improve the quality of education and serve the national marine industry and local socioeconomic development with the spirit of perseverance and self-improvement, and the goal of building a top-level maritime university both at home and abroad.

### 2. Prospective Students

Non-Chinese citizens worldwide, holding valid foreign passports, in good health, with good moral character, law-abiding, and aspiring to pursue master's and doctoral degrees at GDOU.

### 3. Programs

We offer 3 doctoral programs and 9 master's programs (see Appendix 1: GDOU 2025

International Postgraduate Students Admission Program Directory) for international students (excluding students from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan).

Note: The number of admissions for each program is not limited initially and will be determined based on the number of applications and assessment results.

## **4. Application Time and Process**

### **a. Application Time**

March 3, 2025 - 23:59, June 2, 2025, (Beijing Time)

### **b. Application Process**

#### **(1) online Application.**

Visit the online application system at <https://gdou.at0086.cn/student>, fill in the information as guided, upload the required supporting documents, and pay the application fee online.

#### **(2) University review and assessment.**

(a) Document review. Any applicants who submit their applications and supporting documents on time should make sure the documents are full and true; otherwise, the application will be denied.

(b) Assessment and interview. Applicants who pass the document review will proceed to the interview stage. The interview time and method will be notified via email.

#### **(3) Issuing admission notice.**

The university will apply for the “Foreign Students Studying in China Visa Application Form” (JW202) online for pre-admitted students and issue an official admission notice.

#### **(4) Student visa application.**

Admitted students should apply for a student visa at the Chinese embassy or consulate in their home country before entering China. The required documents and procedures are subject to the requirements of the Chinese embassy or consulate in the applicant's home country. The decision of issuing or denying the visa made by the Chinese embassy or consulate is final.

#### **(5) Welcome to GDOU for registration.**

Note:

- ① When submitting your online application, please make sure that the passport validity covers the study period. To avoid the original electronic documents becoming invalid, please do not update your passport before registration. If the current passport validity does not meet the requirements, please renew the passport before submitting the application.
- ② No hard copies of application documents are required during the online application period, but original and photocopied documents will be required during registration.
- ③ The academic year usually starts in September, subject to the admission notice.

## **5. Application Qualifications and Documents**

### **a. Application Qualifications**

#### **(1) Age requirements:**

Applicants for master's programs should be no more than 35 years old (inclusive) and hold a bachelor's degree or above. Applicants for doctoral programs should be no more than 40 years old (inclusive) and hold a master's degree or above.

**(2) Language proficiency requirements:**

**(a) For Chinese-taught programs:**

In principle, applicants should have passed the Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK) Level 4 or above, or provide corresponding Chinese proficiency certificates. Applicants from Malaysia, Singapore, and other countries who have received 12 years of Chinese education only need to provide corresponding proof and do not need to provide HSK certificates.

Note: Applicants who do not meet the Chinese proficiency requirements may be required to take a one-year Chinese language course.

**(b) For non-Chinese-taught programs:**

If the program is taught in English, applicants whose native or official language is not English must provide TOEFL (72 points or above) or IELTS (average score of 5.5 or above) transcripts, or other corresponding English proficiency proof. Specific requirements vary by program. Applicants whose official language is English or who have completed their previous education in English must provide corresponding proof. Applicants of joint training programs between the GDOU and other foreign universities can submit language proficiency certificates issued by the relevant department of the GDOU instead of HSK certificates or TOEFL/IELTS transcripts.

**b. Requirements for Chinese descent:**

If both or one of your parents is a Chinese citizen or has obtained foreign nationality after immigrating from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao, or Taiwan, according to relevant document issued by the Ministry of Education, the applicant must have held foreign nationality for 4 years (inclusive) or more and have actually resided in a foreign country for more than 2 years in the past 4 years.

**(1) Application Documents (including but not limited to)**

- (a) Personal photo;
- (b) Valid passport (ordinary passport with at least one year of validity), visa in China (for students already in China);
- (c) Graduation certificate, highest degree certificate (original and Chinese or English notarized copies);
- (d) Official transcript from the highest degree-granting institution (original and Chinese or English notarized copies);
- (e) Personal statement and brief research plan (approximately 800 words in Chinese/English), doctoral applicants also need to submit a brief research experience (or thesis abstract);
- (f) Two recommendation letters from associate professors or above;
- (g) Pre-acceptance letter from the intended postgraduate supervisor (Template 1);
- (h) Language proficiency certificate;
- (i) Proof of performance from the previous institution (for applicants already studying in China);
- (j) Medical examination report (a valid official seal and a 6-month validity are required,

- Template 2);
- (k) Criminal record certificate (for students not in China, a notarized criminal record certificate authenticated by the Chinese embassy is required; for students in China, a criminal record certificate issued by the local police station and a commitment letter is required, see Template 3);
  - (l) Newly admitted international student scholarship application form (Appendix 2);
  - (m) Supporting documents for achievements, such as course learning, scientific research, social practice, Chinese language learning, etc.

Note:

- ① Fresh graduates are allowed to provide a pre-graduation certificate issued by their university first. The submission of degree certificates, graduation certificates, and transcripts should be completed before July 10, 2025. Applicants who do not meet this requirement will be denied.
- ② All the appendix templates mentioned above can be downloaded later from the system.

## 6. Duration and Fees

### a. Duration

A standard duration for master's programs is 3 years, and 4 years for doctoral programs. The maximum duration for master's programs is 5 years, and 6 years for doctoral programs. The maximum duration excludes the period of suspension and retention (unless specified otherwise).

### b. Fees

#### (1) Tuition and Accommodation Fees

Program	Tuition	Accommodation Fee
Master's Programs (Science & Engineering)	RMB 22,000 per year	RMB 6,000 per year
Master's Programs (Humanities & Management)	RMB 20,000 per year	RMB 6,000 per year
Doctoral Programs	RMB 31,500 per year	RMB 6,000 per year

#### (2) Application Fee

The application fee is RMB 400 per person. Applicants can only apply for one program and pay the application fee once. The application fee is non-refundable, regardless of admission status. Please note that the bank account only accepts RMB, and the transfer remarks should indicate “application fee.”

Information of applying for fee payment account are as follows:

Organization invoice title: Guangdong Ocean University

Tax ID: 1244000045625261X8

Address: No. 1 Haida Road, Mazhang District, Zhanjiang City, Guangdong Province

Phone: 0759-2383383

Bank: Bank of China Limited, Zhanjiang Xiashan Branch

Account Number: 6795 5776 0592

**c. Other Fees**

Insurance fee: RMB 800 per year per person; Medical examination fee: RMB 456 per year per person; Visa fee (residence permit validity): RMB 400 for less than one year, RMB 800 for one year (inclusive) to less than three years.

The above fees are subject to the latest policies.

**7. Scholarships**

**a. Types of Scholarships**

**A. Provincial Scholarship for International Students in Guangdong (Provincial Scholarship)**

**(1) Content and Standards**

Scholarship Level	Content
Master's Students	RMB 20,000
Doctoral Students	RMB 30,000

Note: Students who receive the provincial scholarship are exempt from tuition and accommodation fees.

**(2) Application Conditions and Documentation Requirements (only applicable for the first-year review of new students)**

**(a) Application Conditions**

① Must hold foreign nationality, possess a valid foreign passport, be in good health, and be friendly to China.

② Must register on time.

③ Must have good academic performance and a clear study plan.

④ Master's applicants must be under 35 years old; doctoral applicants must be under 40 years old.

⑤ Master's applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or above; doctoral applicants must hold a master's degree or above.

**(b) Documentation Requirements**

① Newly admitted international student scholarship application form;

② Two recommendation letters from professors or associate professors of your original institution;

③ A study plan;

④ Supporting documents for achievements, such as course learning, scientific research, social practice, Chinese language learning, etc.

**B. Guangdong Ocean University Academic Scholarship (University Scholarship)**

**(1) Content and Standards**

Type	Level	Scholarship Standards (subject to standard duration)
Master's Students	First Class (50% of quota)	Covers annual tuition and accommodation fees, and provides a monthly stipend of RMB 1,000
	Second Class (30% of quota)	Covers half of the annual tuition and accommodation fees
	Third Class (20% of quota)	Covers half of the tuition and accommodation fees for the first two years
Doctoral Students	Full Scholarship (100% of quota)	Covers annual tuition and accommodation fees, and provides a monthly stipend of RMB 2,000
Note		The scholarship duration is based on the standard duration, excluding extended study periods.

**(2) Application Conditions and Documentation Requirements (only applicable for the first-year review of new students)**

(c) The application conditions and documentation requirements for the university scholarship are the same as those for the provincial scholarship.

**b. Review Process and Notes**

- (1) We will apply scholarships for pre-admitted 2025 international candidates by default. The documents submitted in the application system will also serve as scholarship application documents (hard copies must be submitted during registration) and will be reviewed by the International Education College. The results will be announced in the month of enrollment. (this item is applicable for new students in their first academic year only)
- (2) The number of provincial scholarship recommendations will be subject to the allocation from the Guangdong Provincial Department of Education. The provincial scholarship is disbursed in one lump sum. The final list is subject to the approval of the higher authorities. The university scholarship is disbursed monthly.
- (3) Applicants cannot receive both the provincial scholarship and the university scholarship in the same academic year.

**8. Contact Us**

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Appendix 1: GDOU 2025 International Postgraduate Students Admission Program Directory

Appendix 2: Newly Admitted International Student Scholarship Application Form

Template 1: Pre-acceptance Letter from Intended Postgraduate Supervisor

Template 2: Medical Examination Report Template

Template 3: Commitment Template