Application for April 2018 Admission
5-year Doctoral Program
Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences

Guidelines for Applicants

April 2017

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1. Class Size (5-Year Doctoral Program)

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<th>Field of Research</th>
<th>Major areas</th>
<th>Enrollment per year</th>
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<td>Frontier Biosciences</td>
<td>Nanobiology, Biomolecular networks, Integrated Biology, Organismal Biosystems, Neuroscience, Biophysical Dynamics, Biomedical Engineering</td>
<td>Summer Exam 55 persons, Winter Exam a few persons</td>
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2. Admission Requirements
Applicants must meet one of the following criteria, as of March 31, 2018.

1) Graduation from a university
2) Completion of 16 years of schooling in countries outside Japan
3) Approval by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) of the Japanese government
4) Certification by the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences as being of equivalent status to a university graduate

3. Application Procedures
Prior to submission of your application, please make sure to contact a faculty advisor with whom you wish to pursue your research due to discuss a project plan after your enrollment in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences.

1) If you intend to seek admission into our graduate program by taking the entrance examination through Skype, please let us know in advance. We will arrange the schedule for the exam.

2) Those whose mother tongue is English and those who hold a bachelor’s degree from institutions in countries where the primary language is English may be eligible for a waiver of the TOEIC/TOEFL/IELTS requirement. Contact the Admissions Office (before you submit your application) to find out whether you are eligible for a TOEIC/TOEFL/IELTS waiver.

Please be reminded that it is your responsibility to make an arrangement with the Educational Testing Service to have your TOEFL scores sent to the address below, to be received no later than 30 June 2017 for summer exam, 17 Nov 2017 for winter exam. Please note that scores received later than the deadline will not be accepted.

(Note)
* Both TOEFL PBT and iBT (Internet-Based Test) scores and IELTS Test Report Forms taken during June 2015- May 2017 for the summer examination, Oct 2015-Oct 2017 for winter examination are acceptable.

* Institution Name: Osaka University Frontier Biosciences
  TOEFL Institution Code: 7956
  TOEFL Department Code: 30

3) Applicants are required to take the Oral Examination (see Section 6&7 below).
4. Application Period

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<th>By Postal Mail or Courier</th>
<th>* 26 June – 30 June 2017 (Summer)</th>
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<td>Application in person (or by Agent)</td>
<td>* 26 June – 30 June 2017 (Summer)</td>
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<td>(9:30-11:30 and 13:30-16:00)</td>
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*Application documents MUST be received by the deadline above at the Admissions Office of the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences. We are not able to accept any applications, which arrive after the deadline.

5. Application Fee

Application fee: 30,000 yen.

【How to pay the admission fee students living outside Japan】
Applicants are encouraged to check the details noted below and pay the application fee by credit cards or via China Pay.

①. Any of the credit cards noted below are acceptable:

![Credit Cards Image]

ChinaPay

② Note:
*Payment can be made within the application period, but applicants need to send their application forms by mail after making payment. Therefore, please complete these procedures as soon as possible in consideration of the time it will take for mail delivery.

* When paying by credit card, the card holder's name does not have to be the same as the applicant's name. When a family member completes procedures on the applicant's behalf, place the applicant's information into the applicant information entry screen.

* Login to the webpage noted in the email you receive upon completion of payment and print two copies of the Payment Details. Enclose one copy when sending your application form and keep the other one as proof of payment.

Click here to go to the entry screen for e-apply.

If you cannot pay in the above-mentioned way, please contact a faculty supervisor with whom you wish to pursue your graduate study. Bank transfer fee is not included in this amount. Please burden this at your expense.
6. Oral Examination

If you reside in Japan at the time of submission of your application, you must take the Oral Examination, as follows. If you reside outside of Japan, you may take the exam by Skype. Date of the exam will inform you later on. As usual, it is held on one week before the campus exam. For the detail, please contact seimei-daigakuin@office.osaka-u.ac.jp.

(Oral Exam on campus)

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<td>Summer Exam</td>
<td>25 July 2017</td>
<td>9:00~12:00 ○The Summer exam will be held at the Osaka University Convention Center ○Details will be announced to applicants directly later on.</td>
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<td>Winter Exam</td>
<td>4 Dec 2017</td>
<td>13:00~15:00 ○ The Winter exam will be held at the Bio systems building (seminar room on the second floor)</td>
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(Oral Examination Content)

Questions will be based on the Applicant’s 1) past research and 2) intended research at the FBS. The interview is scheduled to take 20 min with only the Applicant and the examiners present.

Evaluations will be based less on the information and more on the Applicant’s understanding of the research.

Regarding the Applicant’s past research, the examination will focus on the purpose, significance, methods, applications, and impact on the society.

Regarding the Applicant’s future research aspirations, questions will focus on the research plan including expected methods, the importance of the study, and any anticipated applications that may arise from the work.

Applicants will also be required to prepare an A4-size one-page handout that addresses these matters (figures are encouraged).

7. Announcement of Acceptance

A list of successful applicants’ Application ID numbers will be posted at the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences Nanobiology Building at 10:00 am, 4 August 2017 (Summer exam), 15 December (Winter exam). The same information will also be available on the web site for the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences. (http://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp)

A Letter of Acceptance will be mailed to successful applicants. (Posting on the web site is for unofficial informational purposes only. Official notification of the decision is by a Letter of Acceptance mailed to you.)

(* No decisions will be communicated via telephone.)

8. Fees Needed for the Enrollment (as of April 2017)

1) Admission Fees: 282,000 yen (subject to change)
2) **Tuition Fees: 535,800 yen** (annual tuition fee)
   *Tuition is subject to change over the course of study.

※You can apply for the admission fee and tuition fee exemption.

**9. Notices**

1) Please note that incomplete applications will **NOT** be accepted.

2) Amendment of the information provided as part of your application is not permitted for any reason, and the application fee is nonrefundable.

3) If you are required to take the Oral Examination on campus, an Examination Admission Card will be sent to your current mailing address. Contact the Admissions Office if you do not receive the card by **18 July 2017**

4) If you wish to enroll in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences while maintaining your employment with another institution, we also require a statement of Written Permission for Entrance, issued by the Head of the institution at which you are employed at the time of registration.

5) In case of conflicts or ambiguities of descriptions between the English and the Japanese versions of the Guidelines for applicants, the Japanese version shall be interpreted as official.

6) Contact US:
   Admissions Office
   Osaka University, Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences
   1-3 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871
   Telephone: +81-6-6879-4639 or Telephone: +81-6-6879-4434
   (In Japanese only; Use this telephone number for Courier)
   E-mail: admission@fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp
   Homepage: http://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/

**10. Personal Information Protection Policy**

1) Personal data such as your name, address, etc. we have will be used only for the entrance examination-related tasks such as:
   ● Screening of applicants (in handling application forms, holding the entrance examination, etc.)
   ● Announcement of the successful applicants
   ● Enrollment procedures, etc.
   However, for the newly enrolled students, their personal data will also be used for:
   ● Educational Affairs (management of registration and guidance)
   ● Student Services (healthcare management, tuition waiver, scholarship applications, employment assistance, etc.)
   ● Student Fee Collection-related businesses

2) Personal data such as test scores, etc. are to be used for compiling and/or analyzing the data about examination results and for researching and studying the selection methods of applicants.