Application for April 2020 Admission
5-year Doctoral Program
Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences

Guidelines for Applicants

April 2019

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1. Class Size (5-Year Doctoral Program)

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<th>Field of Research</th>
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<th>Enrollment per year</th>
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| Frontier Biosciences | Nanobiology  
Biomolecular networks  
Integrated Biology  
Organismal Biosystems  
Neuroscience  
Biophysical Dynamics  
Biomedical Engineering | Summer Exam  
55 persons  
Winter Exam  
a few persons |

2. Admission Requirements
Applicants must meet one of the following criteria, as of March 31, 2020.

1) Hold an undergraduate degree from a recognized university
2) Completion of 16 years of schooling in countries outside Japan
3) Approval by the Japanese government Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT)
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 supervisor with whom you wish to pursue your research to discuss a project plan to be carried out 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 aware 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 28 June 2019 for summer exam, 15 Nov 2019 for winter exam. Please note that scores received later than the deadline should not be accepted.

(Note)
* Both TOEFL PBT and iBT (Internet-Based Test) scores and IELTS Test Report Forms taken during June 2017 - May 2019 for the summer examination, Oct 2017- Sep 2019 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 an Oral Examination (see Section 6&7 below).
4. Application Period

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<th>By Postal Mail or Courier</th>
<th>* 24 June – 28 June 2019 (Summer)</th>
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<td>* 11 Nov - 15 Nov 2019 (Winter)</td>
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*Application documents MUST be received by the deadline above by the Admissions Office of the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences.

5. Application Fee

Application fee: 30,000 yen. ※System operation fee (600 yen) will be charged separately. Click here for more Information

Payment period for the summer exam: from 17 June 2019 to 28 June 2019
Payment period for the winter exam: from 4 Nov 2019 to 15 Nov 2019

If you are not able to pay in the above-mentioned way, please contact a faculty supervisor with whom you would like to pursue your graduate study. Note that Bank transfer fee is not included in this amount and must be paid at the applicant’s 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. You will be notice the date of the exam later. For details, please contact admission@fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp

(Oral Exam on campus)

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<td>Summer Exam</td>
<td>9:00~12:00</td>
<td>○The Summer exam will be held at the Osaka University Convention Center</td>
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<td>30 July 2019</td>
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<td>○Details will be announced to applicants directly later.</td>
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<td>Winter Exam</td>
<td>13:00~</td>
<td>○The Winter exam will be held at the seminar room on the second floor of Bio systems building</td>
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(How to oral examination will be performed)

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.(it takes 7 min for the presentation and 13 min for questions and answers) 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 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 (Schematic drawing are encouraged). Those who take the exam on campus should send the handout in advance to the aforementioned address.

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 10:00am, 9 August 2019 (Summer exam), 13 December 2019 (Winter exam). The same information will also be posted 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 who reside in Japan. (Posting on the web site is for unofficial informational purposes only.)

(* No decisions will be communicated via telephone.)

8. Fees Needed for the Enrollment (as of April 2019)

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. http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/student/tuition

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 wish to enroll in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences while maintaining your employment with another organization, we also require a written permission for entrance, issued by the head of the organization at which you are employed at the time of registration.

4) 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.

5) Contact US:
   Admissions Office, 2nd floor, Bio systems building, Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, Osaka University 1-3 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871
   Telephone: +81-6-6879-4639
   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.