Application for April 2018 Admission
Transfer to the Third-year of the Doctoral Program
Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences

Guidelines for Applicants

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1. Number to be admitted

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<td>Frontier Biosciences</td>
<td>Nanobiology, Biomolecular networks, Integrated Biology, Organismal Biosystems, Neuroscience, Biophysical Dynamics, Biomedical Engineering</td>
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2. Qualifications for application
The graduate admission requirements for the transfer to the third-year of the Doctoral Program are as follows. Applicants must meet one of the following qualifications as of 31 March 2018

1) Completion of a Master’s program
2) Completion of a Master’s program (or equivalent) in countries outside Japan
3) Completion while residing in Japan of a Master’s program (or equivalent) by receiving correspondence education offered by schools outside Japan

* For those who do not meet any of the criteria above, you may take an examination which is held by the Screening Committee in advance. For further details regarding the preliminary qualification exam, please contact a prospective supervisor two months prior to the Application Deadline.

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

1) Admission decisions will be based on the submitted application material and an Oral Examination (See Section 6 below).

2) The oral examination will be based on the presentation and the questions regarding the Applicant’s research. Alternative questions will be prepared for those applicants with no research experience.

3) Applicants who reside outside of Japan during the schedule Oral Examination may arrange conducting the interview over Skype or by similar means. Please contact us (seimei-daigakuin@office.osaka-u.ac.jp) in advance by Friday 15 December 2017.

4. Application Period

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<th>By Postal Mail</th>
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<td>Application in person (or by Agent)</td>
<td>* 4 Jan – 10 Jan 2018 (9:30-11:30 and 13:30-16:00)</td>
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Submit to
565-0871 Yamadaoka 1-3, Suita, Osaka
Osaka University Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences Admission Office

Application Items: Please refer to Admission Documents Checklist

Application documents must be arrived by the stated deadlines at the Admissions Office of the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences.
5. Application Fee

**Application Fee: 30,000 yen.**

The Application Fee is waived if you are currently attending Osaka University as a Master’s student and continue attending from March 2018 by transferring to the third-year of the Doctoral Program at the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences.

【Bank transfer】

The Application Fees are able to pay through a bank transfer when you submit the application. To pay, please obtain a payment slip (see below) from the Admission Office.

If you pay by bank transfer, handling fee is not included in this amount. Please burden this at your expense.

【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)

China Pay

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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-application.

Payment period of the winter examination: 15 Dec 2017 – 10 Jan 2018

If you cannot pay in the above-mentioned way, please contact a faculty supervisor with whom you wish to pursue your graduate study.

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 notified of the date the exam later. For detail, please contact admission@fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp

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(1) Test time of the oral examination will be announced to you directly later.

(2) Applicants are required to present a master’s thesis or any other equivalent research papers and answer queries at questions-and-answers session.
* If you wish to make a presentation with visual aids, such as OHP sheets or posters, bring them with you. LCD projector will also be available for your presentation if you bring your laptop.

7. Announcement of Acceptance

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<td>Time</td>
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A list of successful applicants’ Application ID numbers will be posted on the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences Nanobiology Building and Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences website at 10:00 am, February 16, 2018. Letter of Acceptance and information regarding the enrollment procedures will be mailed to the successful applicants.

No decisions will be communicated via telephone.
(Note: Posting on the website is unofficial. Official notification of the decision is by a Letter of Acceptance mailed to the successful applicants who reside in Japan.)

8. Fees Needed at the Time of Registration (as of October 2017)

1) Admission Fees: 282,000 yen (subject to change)
*Admission Fees will be waived if you are currently attending Osaka University as a Master’s student and continue attending from March 2016 by transferring to the third-year of the Doctoral Program at the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences.

2) Tuition Fees (annual tuition fees): 535,800 yen (subject to change)
*Tuition is subject to change without advance notice over the course of study. You are able to apply for the entrance fee and tuition fee exemption.
9. MEXT scholarship students

If you are a MEXT scholarship student or a prospective one, you will be waived from the entrance exam. Instead of the exam, you are required to submit 2 recommendation letters. Each shall be from a professor who knows about your research ability well. If you haven’t received a final result to be a MEXT student by application, you are NOT waived from the exam.

10. Notices

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

2) Certificate providing payment of the Application Fee must be attached to the specified section on the application form.

3) Amendment of any information provided as part of your application is not permitted for any reason and the application Fee is nonrefundable.

4) The Examination Admission number will let you know later on (applicants who reside in Japan). Contact the Admissions Office if you do not receive your applicant number by 19 Jan 2018.

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

6) We ask you; please take public transportation to Osaka University to attend the Oral Examination.

7) If you are physically disabled and are in need of special attention at the Oral Examination and after the enrollment, please contact the Admissions Office by 1 Dec, 2017.

8) If any of the information provided in your application regarding personal history and application eligibility is false, admission decision may be cancelled even after an announcement of acceptance is officially made.

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

10) Contact Us:
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    Osaka University, Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences
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    Email: admission@fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp
    Homepage: http://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/eng/

* The documents submitted at the time of application are not to be returned to the applicant.
11. Personal Information Protection Policy

1) Personal data such as your name, address, etc. obtained at the time of application will be used for 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 screening methods of applicants.