

Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, The University of Osaka Application Guidelines for Research Students (2026 Admission)

1. Qualifications for Application

Applicants must fulfill one of the following qualifications.

- (1) Those who have graduated or expect to graduate from a university by the last day of the month before the month in which he/she wishes to enroll.
- (2) Those who have been awarded or expect to be awarded the equivalent of a bachelor's degree by completing three or more years of courses at an overseas university or another overseas school by the last day of the month before the month in which he/she wishes to enroll.
- (3) Those who are recognized as possessing academic abilities equal or superior to those who meet qualifications (1) or (2) above.

2. Enrollment Date and Enrollment Period

- (1) The enrollment date shall, in principle, be either April 1st or October 1st.
- (2) The enrollment period shall be within one year, from the enrollment date until the end of the academic year (March 31) in principle. However, this may not apply in cases of special circumstances.
 - * For those on a study visa, research students cannot continue beyond a period of two years, including the duration spent as a research student at another university.

3. Application Procedures

Applicants must submit the application documents as outlined below. Incomplete documents or those received after the application deadline will not be accepted.

(1) Application Materials

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| Application Form | <u>Make sure to obtain signature or approval seal from a prospective supervisor. Please note that research students are only accepted at the Core Research Laboratories of the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences.</u> If it is difficult to obtain signature or approval seal in person due to residing at a distant location, submission by the relevant faculty member is also acceptable. |
| Proof of Entrance Examination Fee Payment | Please follow the "Payment Procedure for Examination Fees" outlined on our website and pay the examination fee of 9,800 yen (a system fee will be charged separately). After payment, print the <i>Proof of Entrance Examination Fee Payment</i> from the Examination Fee Payment System. |
| Academic Transcript | A certificate issued and sealed by the head of an educational institution confirming eligibility. However, certificates printed on anti-fraud paper do not require sealing. (Submit the original document written in Japanese or English.) |
| Certificate of (Expected) Graduation/Completion | A certificate issued and sealed by the head of an educational institution confirming eligibility. However, certificates printed on anti-fraud paper do not require sealing. (Submit the original document written in Japanese or English.) |

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| Applicable Persons Only Certificate of (Expected) Degree | Only those applying under “1. <i>Qualifications for Application, (2)</i> ” should submit a certificate issued and sealed by the head of an educational institution confirming eligibility. However, certificates printed on anti-fraud paper do not require sealing. (Submit the original document written in Japanese or English.) |
| Applicable Persons Only Statement of Financial Plan | Foreign applicants who have graduated or completed (or are expected to graduate or complete) from a foreign university or graduate school should submit this document. Please attach documents proving your ability to finance your studies (such as a bank balance statement or scholarship certificate). |
| Applicable Persons Only Passport (copy) | Foreign applicants residing abroad should submit a copy of the page that contains their photo. |
| Applicable Persons Only Residence Card (copy) | Foreign applicants residing in Japan should submit copies of both sides of their residence card, including details of their residency status, duration, and current address. |
| Applicable Persons Only Pledge | Submit this document only if you are employed and expect to remain in the same position after enrollment. If you plan to enroll after leaving your job, please submit a document (in any format) stating this. |

(2) Examination Fee Payment Period and Application Period

| Enrollment | Place of residence | Examination Fee Payment Period and Application Period |
|--------------|--------------------|---|
| April 2026 | Outside Japan | November 7, 2025 (Fri) ~ November 21, 2025 (Fri), 4:00 PM |
| | Within Japan | February 13, 2026 (Fri) ~ February 20, 2026 (Fri), 4:00 PM |
| October 2026 | Outside Japan | May 7, 2026 (Thu) ~ May 21, 2026 (Thu), 4:00 PM |
| | Within Japan | August 17, 2026 (Mon) ~ August 21, 2026 (Fri), 4:00 PM |

(3) Submission Method and Address

- Please mail the application documents.
- Clearly write "Research Student Application Enclosed" on the envelope, and ensure it is sent by "Simple Registered Mail (簡易書留)" to arrive within the application period.
- Those residing outside Japan should use a trackable mail service (such as EMS or DHL).
- If it is unavoidable to submit in person, place all application documents together in an envelope and submit them at the following graduate school office during the application period, between 9:00–11:00 and 13:00–16:00.

Submit to: 1-3 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, Japan

Educational Affairs Section, Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, The University of Osaka

(4) Important Notes about the Application

- ① Please be sure to contact the prospective supervisor before applying and obtain his/her informal consent to be your supervisor if you are accepted.
- ② If the name on the certificate differs from your current name due to marriage or other reasons, please attach official documentation proving the name change.
- ③ In principle, applications will not be accepted if there are any discrepancies or deficiencies in the information provided in the application documents or in the submitted materials.
- ④ After the application documents are accepted, changes or substitutions to the documents will not be accepted. Additionally, submitted application documents will not be returned.

(5) **Mandatory for international foreign university graduates or those expected to graduate**

About the Admissions Assistance Desk (AAD)

At Osaka University, we have an Admissions Assistance Desk (AAD). Our graduate school requires informal consent from the prospective supervisor before applying, and this initial contact is supported by the AAD. By applying through the AAD, applicants ensure that their information reaches the prospective supervisor accurately and efficiently, facilitating a smoother application process.

For those graduating or expected to graduate from a foreign university, applying to the AAD is mandatory. Please apply to the AAD via the URL below to obtain permission to contact the prospective supervisor before contacting the faculty member directly. Note that applications submitted without going through the AAD will not be accepted.

<https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/dragongate>

[Note]

Applying to the AAD is for obtaining permission to contact the prospective supervisor, not for obtaining informal consent. Please seek informal consent after making contact. It takes approximately 3 weeks to receive the results from the AAD application. To ensure you meet the application deadlines, please apply to the AAD with ample time in advance.

For any inquiries about AAD, contact the AAD office (aad@office.osaka-u.ac.jp)

4. **Selection Procedures and Result Announcement**

The selection of successful candidates will be determined based on academic assessments through preliminary interviews and document reviews by the faculty committee. Successful candidates will be notified via the email address provided in the application form.

| Enrollment | Place of residence | Result Announcement |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| April 2026 | Outside Japan | Around mid-December 2025 |
| | Within Japan | Around mid-March 2026 |
| October 2026 | Outside Japan | Around mid-June 2026 |
| | Within Japan | Around mid-September 2026 |

5. **Enrollment Procedures**

The documents required for enrollment procedures and other details will be provided at the time of the result announcement.

The fees are as follows:

- ① Enrollment fee: 84,600JPY (Pay the full amount when completing the enrollment procedures)
- ② Tuition fee per half-year: 173,400JPY (You will be notified by postcard after enrollment)

[Note]

- * The enrollment fee may need to be paid immediately after the result announcement. Please prepare in advance.
- * For students with a planned study period of less than 6 months, the tuition fee is calculated as the monthly rate (28,900JPY) multiplied by the number of months of enrollment.
- * The fees are provisional, and if there are changes in the amounts at the time of admission or during enrollment, the revised amounts will apply from the time of the revision.
- * The admission fee and tuition fee paid are non-refundable under any circumstances.

6. Shortening of the enrollment period

If you wish to shorten your enrollment period due to employment or other reasons, please submit a request form one month prior to the desired end date of your enrollment.

- * If tuition fees are outstanding at the time of application, the request will not be approved.

7. Extension of Period of Enrollment

If you wish to extend your enrollment period, please submit the request form and Pledge (for employed individuals only) one month prior to the desired extension date. If you do not proceed with the necessary procedures, your enrollment period will automatically end upon expiration.

8. Personal information protection policy

- (1) Names, addresses, and other personal information provided through the application procedure will be used in the screening (application and examination), announcement of the successful applicants, and admission procedures. For those admitted to Osaka University, personal information will also be used in academic-related matters (such as keeping academic and registration records), in student support matters (such as health care management, scholarship, career support, etc.), and in tuition fee management.
- (2) Personal data such as test scores, etc. are used for compiling and analyzing data about examination results, researching and studying methods for screening and supporting students (scholarship, etc.).
- (3) Personal information obtained through (1) and (2) can be also used for improving the screening process and education or for university administration (surveys and analyzing or project planning). However, the achievement will not be disclosed in a manner in which an individual can be distinguished.
- (4) When carrying out (1), (2), and (3) above, part of the procedure may be entrusted to third parties. In such a case, after concluding a contract with the third party to ensure that personal information is handled properly, we will provide the party with all or part of the personal information submitted to us.

9. Other

- (1) Anyone who provides false information regarding their background or admission qualifications in their application may have their admission revoked, even after it has been granted.
- (2) If you wish to withdraw from enrollment, please promptly inform the FBS Educational Affairs Section.
- (3) Research students are not eligible for either the Student Discount Travel Certificate or the Student Discount Commuter Pass. However, a student commuter pass is available only at the Kintetsu Bus Service Co., Ltd.
- (4) Any other conditions not mentioned in this Application Guideline shall be governed by the university regulations and rules.
- (5) In accordance with Japan's "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act" (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), Osaka University has established the "Osaka University Security Export Control Regulations" and rigorously implements security export control for the export of goods and the transfer of technology (including accepting foreigners).

Please be aware that applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in the Act may not receive permission to enroll at the university or may have their education or research restricted after their enrollment. For more information, please refer to the website.

https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/research/secur_exp/outline

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