# The University of Osaka Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences Application Guidelines for Five-Year Doctoral Course

First-Year Enrollment in October 2025



This entrance examination is for individuals living outside Japan, including both foreign nationals and Japanese citizens who have graduated or are expected to graduate from universities outside Japan. However, it is also open to foreign nationals already living in Japan who have graduated or are expected to graduate from universities either outside or within Japan.

#### **Students Desired**

## 1. Admission Policy

The Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences (hereinafter called "FBS") is seeking individuals with a strong ambition to integrate cutting-edge experimental and theoretical research in life sciences, medicine, science, and engineering, aiming to pioneer new academic fields. We are looking for individuals with a strong commitment to learning and critical thinking, aiming to become leaders across diverse fields in the future, regardless of their academic background or past experiences.

#### 2. Basic Policies for Student Selection

Successful applicants will be selected based on the oral examination, English proficiency (scores of TOEFL iBT, TOEIC Listening & Reading Test, or IELTS Academic Module), and the submitted application documents.

- In the oral examination, applicants will be evaluated based on their understanding of fundamental and specialized knowledge related to their undergraduate research or the field of study they wish to pursue at FBS. Additionally, key qualities essential for researchers, such as dedication to their research topic, creativity, and decision-making ability, will also be considered. The examination does not assess the broad range of knowledge required in a general written examination.
- If your English proficiency test score does not meet the following minimum requirements, your
  application will not be accepted. Please ensure that your score meets the required standard before
  applying.

The types of English proficiency tests	Score
TOEFL iBT	Total score: <b>57</b>
TOEIC Listening & Reading Test	Total score: <b>550</b>
IELTS Academic Module	Overall band score: 6

## Overview of the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences

#### 1. Education Policy

Building on rapid advancements in fields such as genetic engineering, molecular cell biology, biophysics, and genomics, 20th-century life sciences have brought about a remarkable understanding of the material foundation of elements constituting living organisms, such as genes and proteins. However, we believe that life is not simply constituted by the aggregation of substances; rather, it should be understood as a system where these life elements are dynamically and organically integrated.

We perceive that elucidating how life elements are integrated and constructing life systems is a significant challenge in 21st-century life sciences. Our goal is to create new fields of study that should evolve as the forefront of future life sciences. To achieve this, we have established a new research framework by integrating disciplines from medicine, engineering, and the science. Through the integrated five-year doctoral program, we aim to cultivate individuals who will excel as advanced specialists and researchers spearheading cutting-edge studies in the forefront research environments of universities and research institutions. Additionally, we strive to nurture individuals who will emerge as leaders in broader fields in society.

# 2. Education Program

Education in cutting-edge knowledge and technology

At FBS, we aim to create new fields through the integration of medicine, life sciences, engineering technology, and theory. Our staff, who play leading roles domestically and internationally, will impart cutting-edge knowledge and technology. At the same time, we will provide education that aims to merge academic disciplines. Through such an educational system, we aim to nurture individuals capable of pioneering the next-generation leading field in life sciences on a global scale. These individuals will also be equipped to contribute the outcomes of life function research back to society.

#### Education that embraces individuality

We welcome applicants not only from the University of Osaka but also from other universities, with backgrounds in the science departments such as medicine, dentistry, human sciences, psychology, engineering, engineering science, pharmaceutical sciences, science, agriculture, etc. Additionally, we extend our scope to include individuals from humanities and social sciences departments who possess aptitude and a clear sense of purpose.

We provide foundational education in unexplored fields for students with diverse backgrounds. Additionally, we conduct education that allows students to leverage their previously acquired knowledge and skills (individuality) without wasting them.

#### Broad education

The creation of new technologies and fields requires diverse experiences. Furthermore, in order to give back our achievements to society through diverse means, it is beneficial to engage in a wide range of experiences.

We offer education that goes beyond imparting cutting-edge knowledge and technology. Our approach includes experiential learning in diverse fields, instruction from industry experts, and education that addresses societal needs, including research experiences in corporate settings.

#### 3. Standard Period of Study and Requirements for Completion

Standard period of study

The standard period of study is 5 years. It is not possible to exceed a total enrollment period of 7 years. The enrollment period does not include periods of leave of absence (maximum of 5 years).

#### ◆ Requirements for completion

To be conferred with a doctoral degree, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 5 years (within a maximum period of 7 years), accumulate 40 or more credits through the completion of required courses, receive necessary research guidance, and pass the final dissertation defense. Those who demonstrate outstanding research achievements may have the opportunity to obtain a doctoral degree at an earlier stage. Additionally, those who meet the specified requirements and pass the interim examination will be awarded a master's degree.

# **Application Guidelines**

#### 1. Number to Be Admitted

Field of Specialization	Field of Research		Enrollment Capacity
Frontier Biosciences	<ul><li>Nanobiology</li><li>Biomolecular Networks</li><li>Integrated Biology</li><li>Organismal Biosystems</li></ul>	<ul><li>Neuroscience</li><li>Biophysical Dynamics</li><li>Biomedical Engineering</li></ul>	A few

# 2. Application Criteria

Those who fulfill one of the following criteria may apply:

- (1) Those who have graduated from a university or professional university in Japan (or are expected to graduate by September 30, 2025).
- (2) Those who have been awarded a bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education under Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Act (or are expected to be awarded one by September 30, 2025).
- (3) Those who have completed a 16-year course of school education overseas (or are expected to complete it by September 30, 2025).
- (4) Those who have taken courses through distance learning provided by an overseas school while in Japan and have completed a 16-year course of school education in that country (or are expected to complete it by September 30, 2025).
- (5) Those who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is recognized within the school education system of a foreign country as offering that country's university\* program\* and has been separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (or those who are expected to complete such a program by September 30, 2025).
  - \* Including those equivalent to a professional university in the respective foreign country.
  - \* Limited to programs recognized as equivalent to completing a 16-year course of school education in the respective foreign country.
- (6) Those who have completed a program\* of at least three years at a foreign university or another overseas educational institution\* and have been awarded a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree (or are expected to be awarded one by September 30, 2025).
  - \* Includes cases where the program is completed by taking courses through distance learning provided by the foreign institution while in Japan. It also includes cases where the program is completed at an educational institution recognized within the foreign country's school education system and designated under the previous clause.
  - \* Limited to institutions that have undergone evaluation by an entity accredited by the government or relevant authority of the respective foreign country for their overall educational and research activities or those separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as equivalent.
- (7) Those who have completed a postsecondary course at a specialized training college (limited to programs with a duration of at least four years and meeting other criteria specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) that has been separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology on or after the designated date (or are expected to complete such a program by September 30, 2025).

- (8) Those designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (as per Ministry of Education Notification No. 5, dated February 7, 1953) (or those expected to be designated by September 30, 2025).
- (9) Those who have been admitted to a graduate school under Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act and are recognized as having the academic ability suitable for receiving education at FBS.
- (10) Those who have been enrolled in a university or professional university for at least three years by September 30, 2025, and are recognized by FBS as having completed the prescribed credits with outstanding performance.
  - (This includes those who, based on their credit acquisition status and an examination assessing their fundamental legal knowledge in a law school, are recognized as possessing equivalent or superior abilities and qualities.)
- (11) Those who meet any of the following criteria and are recognized by FBS as having completed the prescribed credits with outstanding performance:
  - Those who have completed a 15-year course of school education overseas (or are expected to complete it by September 30, 2025).
  - Those who have taken courses through distance learning provided by an overseas school while in Japan and have completed a 15-year course of school education in that country (or are expected to complete it by September 30, 2025).
  - Those who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is recognized within the school education system of a foreign country as offering that country's university program\* and has been separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (or those who are expected to complete such a program by September 30, 2025).
    - \* Limited to programs recognized as equivalent to completing a 15-year course of school education in the respective foreign country.
- (12) Those who have been recognized by FBS, through an individual Qualifying Review, as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of a university or professional university graduate and will reach the age of 22 by September 30, 2025.

# 3. Qualifying Review

(1) Applicants under "2. Application Criteria, (9) ~ (12)" must pass a Qualifying Review before applying. Only those approved can proceed with the application.

Application Period	May 19 (Mon) – 23 (Fri), 2025 (JST)
How to Apply	<ul> <li>Send the application documents by simple registered mail (kan-i-kakitome).</li> <li>Use a Kakugata No. 2 envelope (33×24 cm).</li> <li>Write "QR Application (1st-year) Enclosed" on the front.</li> <li>Ensure the documents arrive within the application period.</li> <li>For Those Residing Overseas</li> <li>Use a trackable delivery service like EMS or DHL, or submit the application documents by email, ensuring they arrive within the application period.</li> <li>If you plan to submit documents by email, you must notify us by email no later than May 12, 2025 (Mon), to confirm that we receive your message properly. (Email: seimei-daigakuin@office.osaka-u.ac.jp).</li> </ul>
Mailing Address	1-3 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, Japan FBS Educational Affairs Section, Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences (Seimeikinou), The University of Osaka
Result Announcement	June 6, 2025 (Fri.)  * Results will be sent via express simple registered mail. For those residing overseas, results will be sent by email. Inquiries by phone, email, etc. are not accepted.

# (2) Application Materials for Qualifying Review

Required Documents	Instructions	
Application Form for Qualifying Review	Fill out the provided forms.	
Curriculum Vitae for Qualifying Review		
Record of Research Achievements		
Statement of Purpose		
Certificate of (Expected) Graduation	<ul> <li>Certificates from the last school attended.</li> <li>Sealed unless printed on anti-fraud paper.</li> <li>Original document in Japanese or English.</li> </ul>	
Transcript	<ul> <li>* If you transferred from another institution, include a transcript from that institution, even if you withdrew.</li> <li>* If you are currently enrolled in a university or other institution, submit a Certificate of Enrollment as well.</li> </ul>	
Residents in Japan only Envelope	<ul> <li>Prepare a <i>Nagagata</i> No. 3 envelope (23.5 × 12 cm).</li> <li>Write your name, address, and postal code on the front.</li> <li>Affix 760 yen in stamps for express simple registered mail.</li> <li>* This envelope will be used to send the results to applicants.</li> </ul>	

# 4. Application Procedures

# (1) How to Apply

Period for Application/ Exam Fee Payment	June 9 (Mon) – 20 (Fri), 2025, 4:00 PM (JST)
	· Send the application documents by simple registered mail (kan-i-kakitome).
	·Use a <i>Kakugata</i> No. 2 envelope (33×24 cm).
	·Write "Application (1st-year) Enclosed" on the front.
	·Ensure the documents arrive within the application period.
	· If submission in person is unavoidable, place all documents in a Kakugata
	No. 2 envelope (33×24 cm) and submit them to the office below during the
How to Apply	application period, 9:00–11:00 AM or 1:00–4:00 PM.
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	For Those Residing Overseas
	Use a trackable delivery service like EMS or DHL, or submit the application
	documents by email, ensuring they arrive within the application period.
	If you plan to submit documents by email, you must notify us by email no
	later than June 2, 2025 (Mon), to confirm that we receive your message
	properly. (Email: seimei-daigakuin@office.osaka-u.ac.jp).
	1-3 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, Japan
Mailing Address	FBS Educational Affairs Section, Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences
	(Seimeikinou), The University of Osaka

(2) Application Materials ("\*" documents are not required for Qualifying Review passers.)

Submission of Transcripts and Certificates of (Expected) Graduation:

- Submit the original documents in principle.
- If only electronic versions are issued and originals cannot be submitted, submit a printed copy.
- If your university issues only one original and it cannot be submitted, submit a "certified copy" authenticated by your university or a public organization.

Required Documents	Instructions	
Application Form		
*Statement of Purpose	Fill out the provided forms.	
	Certificate from the home university.	
	Sealed unless printed on anti-fraud paper.	
	· Original document in Japanese or English.	
*Transcript	* If you transferred from another institution, include a transcript from that institution, even if you withdrew.	
	* Those who have graduated from the National Institute of Technology	
	(Kosen) should provide academic records for both the main curriculum	
	(Honka) and the specialized curriculum (Senkouka).	
	· Certificate from the institution that meets the "2. Application Criteria."	
*Contificate of (overseted)	· Sealed unless printed on anti-fraud paper.	
*Certificate of (expected)	· Original document in Japanese or English.	
Graduation	· Those who graduated from an overseas university and lack a degree title	
	on their certificate must provide a separate degree certificate.	
	· Only those applying under "2. Application Criteria, (2)" should submit this.	
Certificate of Bachelor's	· Those who intend to apply to the National Institution for Academic Degrees	
	and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education should submit a certificate	
Degree	proving intent to apply for a bachelor's degree conferral issued by the head	
	of the educational institution in which they are enrolled.	

Form for Oral Examination	Prepare using the provided form, following "5. Selection Process (2) Examination Method."	
Visual Aid Handout (×6)	Prepare following "5. Selection Process (2)" Examination Method.	
Certificate of English Proficiency	Submit the original certificate of one of the following ① to ③ from public tests taken after June 1, 2023. ① Official Score Certificate of TOEIC Listening & Reading Test ② Test Taker Score Report of TOEFL iBT ③ Test Report Form of IELTS * For those who took the TOEIC Listening & Reading Test, submission of the "Digital Official Score Certificate" with a QR code, printed on A4 paper, is also acceptable. * The following ④ to ⑥ are not accepted. ④ TOEIC: TOEIC-IP, TOEIC Speaking & Writing Test, TOEIC Speaking Test, TOEIC Bridge Test ⑤ TOEFL: TOEFL-ITP, TOEFL iBT Home Edition ⑥ IELTS: General Training Module. * For those who are nationals of a country where English is the native language, or who have (or are expected to) graduate from a university in such a country, the submission of a certificate of English proficiency may not be required. Those who meet the above conditions should contact us by May 23, 2025 (Fri).	
Proof of Entrance Examination Fee Payment	<ul> <li>Pay the examination fee of 30,000 yen (plus a separate system fee) following the "Payment Procedure for Examination Fees" on our website.</li> <li>Print the "Proof of Entrance Examination Fee Payment" from the Examination Fee Payment System after payment.</li> <li>* The following individuals are exempt from the examination fee: <ul> <li>Those enrolling as MEXT scholarship students.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Examination Admission Card Examination Photo Card	Fill out the form and attach two identical upper-body photos (4 cm × 3 cm) taken within the last three months, facing forward, and without a hat (except for religious or medical reasons).	
Residents in Japan only Shipping Label	Fill out the provided form.	
Residents in Japan only Envelope	<ul> <li>Prepare a Nagagata No. 3 envelope (23.5 × 12 cm).</li> <li>Write your name, address, and postal code on the front.</li> <li>Affix 410 yen in stamps for express mail.</li> <li>* This envelope will be used to send the examination admission card to applicants.</li> </ul>	
Foreign Applicants only Residence Card (copy)	Foreign applicants residing in Japan must submit a copy of the residence card (both sides).  * Those who have been granted permanent residence in Japan by the Minister of Justice are not required to submit this.	
Foreign Applicants only Passport (copy)	Foreign applicants residing abroad should submit a copy of the page that contains their photo.	
Foreign Applicants only MEXT Scholarship Recipient Certificate	Submit this if you are enrolling as an MEXT scholarship student.	
Working Professionals only Research Plan for Working Professionals	Submit this if you are aiming to enroll while remaining employed. Fill out the provided form.	

- (3) Important Notes Regarding the Application
  - Be sure to contact your prospective supervisor and obtain informal acceptance before applying.
    (Faculty members may retire or be transferred. Please confirm with your prospective supervisor whether they will be able to provide guidance throughout your entire enrollment period.)

#### Required Procedures for Foreign University Graduates or Expected Graduates

Before contacting your prospective supervisor for the first time, you must apply through the Admissions Assistance Desk (AAD) using the URL below. (*This does not apply to those already enrolled at the University of Osaka as research students, etc.*) Applications submitted without going through the AAD will not be accepted.

The AAD is a system designed to help applicants make their first contact with a prospective supervisor. By submitting an AAD application, your information will be efficiently forwarded to the supervisor. You will then receive a response indicating whether you are allowed to contact them. If you receive permission, please reach out to the prospective supervisor and obtain their informal acceptance.

- \* Indicate the date of your AAD application in your application form.
- \* It takes about three weeks to receive the contact permission results after submitting an AAD application. To ensure you meet the admission application deadline, please apply to the AAD well in advance. The AAD recommends submitting your application at least two months before the deadline.

Admissions Assistance Desk (AAD)

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

Email: contact@ryumon.osaka-u.ac.jp

- ② If you wish to enroll while still employed, discuss your research plan with your prospective supervisor well in advance and submit a "Research Plan for Working Professionals". Even for working professionals, completing their studies requires sufficient research time, just like regular students, and the doctoral dissertation must be based on research conducted in the laboratory of a faculty member who belongs to FBS. Please make sure to agree to these two points before applying. (You will be required to submit a "Letter of Confirmation" outlining these points during the enrollment procedures.)
- ③ 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.
- Some sections of the application forms are fillable forms using Acrobat Reader. Please download the latest version of Acrobat Reader. Additionally, fields such as name and address will be automatically reflected in other forms. If the text exceeds the space provided in the input form or does not display properly, please do not use the input form; instead, print out the form and fill it out by hand.
- ⑤ In principle, applications will not be accepted if there are any errors or missing information in the application documents or submitted materials.
- 6 After the application documents have been accepted, replacements or changes to the submitted information will not be allowed. Additionally, submitted application documents will not be returned. Furthermore, the examination fee is non-refundable except in the following cases.
  - · In case the applicant did not submit the application documents or they were not accepted.
  - · In case the applicant made a duplicate payment by mistake.
- (7) If you have a disability or other condition that requires special arrangements for the examination, please contact us by May 23, 2025 (Fri).

### 5. Selection Process

Successful applicants will be selected based on the oral examination, English proficiency (TOEFL iBT, TOEIC Listening & Reading Test, or IELTS Academic Module), and submitted application documents. The scoring system comprises an oral examination (60 points) and English proficiency (converted to 40 points), totaling 100 points. Selection is based on total scores, with the highest-scoring candidates passing.

#### (1) Date and Time

Date	Time	Examination Subject
July 30, 2025 (Wed)	9:00 AM~6:00 PM (subject to change)	Oral examination

## Regarding the Postponement of the Entrance Examination

If a typhoon or other severe weather conditions result in the issuance of a "Storm Warning (Bofu-keiho / 暴風警報)" or "Emergency Warning (Tokubetsu-keiho / 特別警報)" in Suita City, Osaka Prefecture as of 6:00 AM on the examination day, the entrance examination will be postponed to July 31 (Thu). Details regarding the postponement will be announced on our website.

## (2) Examination Method

Examination	Method
Duration	20 minutes in total (7 minutes for presentation, 13 minutes for Q&A)
Topic	Choose either topic ① or ② for your presentation. When applying, you must submit the "Form for Oral Examination" with a detailed description of your chosen topic.  ① Describe your graduation research theme. Include the purpose, significance, experimental methods and principles, potential applications, and social impact of your research. If you did not find your graduation research uninteresting, explain why you felt that way. ② Describe the research theme you wish to pursue at FBS and your preferred laboratory. Explain the purpose, significance, experimental methods and principles, potential applications, and social impact. Additionally, describe experiments you would like to conduct in the near future, including their method, significance, and potential applications. Be as specific as possible.
Method	When applying, you must submit six copies of the "Visual Aid Handout." Follow the guidelines below to create it.  On the day of the exam, the handout will be enlarged to A1 size (approx. 84 cm × 60 cm) and displayed in the examination room. Applicants must give their presentation using only this enlarged handout.  (Sample)  Create the handout so that it fits on a single-sided A4-size portrait sheet. Submit six identical copies.  Write your name in the upper right corner.  Leave at least 2 cm margins on all sides (top/bottom/left/right).  Print in black and white or grayscale.  Include only figures (there is no limit on the number) and their titles. Do not add any explanatory text.  The image quality may become blurry when enlarged. Please ensure that figures and text are clear and appropriately sized.
Evaluation Criteria	Applicants will be evaluated based on their understanding of fundamental and specialized knowledge related to the chosen topic (① or ②). Additionally, key qualities essential for researchers, such as dedication to their research topic, creativity, and decision-making ability, will also be considered. The examination does not assess the broad range of knowledge required in a general written examination.

#### (3) Venue

Convention Center, The University of Osaka (Suita Campus) https://facility.icho.osaka-u.ac.jp/convention/map.html



#### For Those Residing Overseas

Those who are unable to attend the venue on the day of the exam can take the oral examination online using platforms such as Zoom. Those who wish to take the exam online should circle "Yes" at the bottom of the application form.

## (4) Sending of the Examination Admission Card

The Examination Admission Card, Instructions for Applicants, and Examination Timetable will be sent to applicants in mid-July (by mail for those residing in Japan and by email for those residing overseas). If you have not received these materials by one week before the examination, please contact us.

#### (5) How Admission Decisions Are Made

The admission decision is made based on the total score, which is determined by the oral examination, English proficiency, and application documents, with successful applicants selected in order of ranking.

## 6. Announcement of Successful Applicants

The examinee numbers of successful applicants will be posted on our website on August 8, 2025 (Fri), at 10:00 AM. Successful applicants will receive a Notification of Acceptance by mail (or by email if residing overseas). Information on the enrollment procedure will be posted on our website in early August 2025.

- \* We do not accept inquiries about examination results via email, phone, or other means.
- \* In case of system failures or other unavoidable issues, the website posting may be suspended or interrupted.
- \* The website posting is for informational purposes only, and the Notification of Acceptance sent to successful applicants serves as the official confirmation of results.

#### 7. Enrollment Fee and Tuition Fee

- (1) Enrollment fee: 282,000 yen
- (2) Tuition fee: 535,800 yen per year (267,900 yen per semester)
- \* The fees are provisional. If the amounts change during enrollment, the revised amounts will apply from the time of the revision.

# 8. Tuition Fee Exemption for International Honors Students

The University of Osaka offers the "Tuition Fee Exemption for International Honors Students" to strengthen research capabilities and encourage international student enrollment. This program is available to privately funded international students who demonstrate outstanding performance in the graduate school entrance examinations.

This entrance examination qualifies for the program. To be eligible, you must pass the entrance examination and be recognized as outstanding through the graduate school's selection process. If you wish to apply for this program, indicate your intention to apply by checking "Yes, I would like to apply" on the application form. Candidates selected for the program will be notified along with the Notification of Acceptance.

- \* Recipients must hold a "Student" residence status when the exemption begins.
- \* Students receiving tuition support from private foundations, MEXT scholarship students, and foreign government-sponsored students are not eligible.

#### 9. Disclosure of Entrance Examination Results

Individual examination results will be disclosed upon request from the examinee (proxies are not allowed). Only the total score will be disclosed; rankings will not be disclosed. If you do not receive your score report within one month after submitting the required documents, please contact us.

Request Period	September 1 (Mon) – 12 (Fri), 2025
How to Apply	<ul> <li>Send the application documents by acceptance-recorded mail (tokutei-kiroku).</li> <li>Use a Kakugata No. 2 envelope (33×24 cm).</li> <li>Write "Exam Results Disclosure Request Enclosed" on the front.</li> <li>Ensure the documents arrive within the request period.</li> </ul>
Mailing Address	1-3 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, Japan FBS Educational Affairs Section, Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences (Seimeikinou), The University of Osaka
Required documents	<ul> <li>Request form (入学試験個人成績開示依頼書)</li> <li>*Designated form only in Japanese. Downloadable from our website</li> <li>Examination Admission Card</li> <li>Envelope</li> <li>Prepare a Nagagata No. 3 envelope (23.5 × 12 cm).</li> <li>Write your name, address, and postal code on the front.</li> <li>Affix 320 yen in stamps for acceptance-recorded mail.</li> </ul>

#### 10. Personal Information Protection Policy

- (1) Names, addresses, and other personal information provided through the application and enrollment procedure will be used in the screening (application and examination), announcement of the successful applicants, and enrollment procedures. For those enrolled in, 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.

#### 11. Other

- (1) Applicants who provide false information regarding their background or eligibility in the application form may have their admission revoked even after being accepted.
- (2) Due to unforeseen circumstances such as natural disasters or widespread outbreaks of infectious diseases, there may be changes to the implementation of entrance examinations. In the event of any changes, we will notify you through our website or when sending the Examination Admission Card. Depending on the situation, the entrance exams may be postponed. Please be sure to check the website for updates.
- (3) In the event of a postal rate revision, there is a possibility that the postage fees mentioned in this guideline may change. If there is any alteration in postage fees, it will be announced in the 'NEWS & TOPICS' section on our website. Please ensure to check in advance before proceeding with application procedures.

(4) In accordance with Japan's "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act" (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), the University of Osaka has established the "The University of Osaka 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 following website.

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

#### - Contact-

Educational Affairs Section, Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, The University of Osaka 1-3 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, Japan

E-mail: seimei-daigakuin@office.osaka-u.ac.jp

Reception hours: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

(Excluding Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and year-end and New Year holidays.)