

## FAQ (Updated in March 2025)

No.	Exam Type	Q	A
01	Common	Where can I obtain the application guidelines and forms?	We do not issue printed materials. Please download it from the following page. <a href="https://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/application/guideline/">https://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/application/guideline/</a>
02	Common	Are there specified sizes for the required documents?	Please submit all documents in A4 size.
03	Common	Is it acceptable to fill out the application forms by hand?	If you are unable to enter information directly into the PDF file, you may print it and fill it out by hand. Alternatively, you may print the information on a separate sheet of paper and paste it within the designated fields.
04	Common	Is it preferable to handwrite the Record of Research Achievements?	It is not necessary to handwrite the Record of Research Achievements or any other documents.
05	Common	Am I unable to take the exam if there are omissions in my application documents?	If there are any omissions in your application documents, we will contact you. As long as you respond by the specified deadline, you will still be eligible to take the exam.
06	Common	Am I unable to take the exam if there are missing documents in my application?	When missing documents are identified in your application, we will contact you to request their submission. Only if the missing documents arrive within the application period will your application be considered complete, and you will be eligible to take the exam. Please ensure that you apply well in advance of the deadline.
07	Common	If the transcript also serves as the graduation certificate, is it sufficient to submit only the transcript?	Yes, if the transcript includes the graduation (or expected graduation) date and is certified as such, it will be treated as both the transcript and the graduation (or expected graduation) certificate.
08	Common	Regarding the English proficiency certificate, it is stated that the original document must be submitted. Will it be returned after verification?	Unfortunately, we are unable to return it.
09	Common	Is it possible to apply to multiple graduate schools within Osaka University?	Yes, it is possible.
10	Common	I am interested in a research lab led by a professor who is affiliated with both FBS and another graduate school. In this case, which graduate school should I apply to, FBS or the other one?	Please consult with the prospective supervisor.
11	Common	Is the number of students accepted by each research lab predetermined?	The number of students that can be accepted varies by research lab. For more details, please contact your prospective supervisor directly.
12	Common	Can I list multiple prospective supervisors on the application form?	No, please list only your first-choice prospective supervisor.
13	Common	Am I unable to apply if I do not obtain informal acceptance from my prospective supervisor?	You may still apply even if you do not obtain informal acceptance from your prospective supervisor. However, in such cases, there are many cases where students experience difficulty securing a supervisor after enrollment. This can significantly impact your studies and research activities, so please keep this in mind. If the prospective supervisor is not listed on the application form, we will contact you to confirm whether it was an omission.
14	Common	Is it possible to join a research lab other than the one where prior consent was obtained?	Yes, it is possible. However, in such cases, you should consult thoroughly with both the professor from whom you initially obtained consent and the prospective supervisor of the new research lab at an early stage
15	Common	Can I view statistical data from past entrance exams?	Please check the "Admission Data" section on the following page. <a href="https://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/application/">https://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/application/</a>
16	Common	Could you provide information on the minimum passing scores, as well as the average and minimum scores for English tests such as TOEIC?	That information is not publicly available.
17	Common	What should I do if I become infected with COVID-19 or influenza?	If you have not fully recovered from an infectious disease specified under the School Health and Safety Act (such as influenza, COVID-19, measles, rubella, etc.) on the day of the examination, please refrain from taking the exam to prevent the risk of spreading the infection to other examinees or staff. Please note that in such cases, no special arrangements, make-up exams, or refunds of the application fee will be provided.
18	Common	What kind of attire is appropriate for the entrance exam day?	There is no specific dress code; however, a relatively large number of candidates tend to wear suits.

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19	Common	Is it possible to take the oral examination in English?	it is possible to take the examination in English.
20	Common	What is the percentage of students enrolling from universities other than Osaka University?	Typically, around 30% of the enrolled students are graduates of Osaka University.
21	Common	I am concerned about whether I can keep up with research activities, as my current research differs from what I hope to pursue after enrolling at FBS, and I feel I may lack the necessary knowledge and information. Will studying after enrollment be sufficient?	Many applicants have research themes or fields that differ before and after enrollment. First, please consult thoroughly with your prospective supervisor.
22	Common	Are there any students participating in the "Program for Leading Graduate Schools"?	The number varies by year, but approximately 10% to 30% of FBS students participate in the "Program for Leading Graduate Schools." For detailed information about the program, please refer to the Osaka University website and contact the respective program office. <a href="https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/education/leading">https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/education/leading</a>
23	Common	Are there any programs available for studying abroad or participating in overseas internships?	Please refer to the following page. If you are interested in studying abroad or participating in an overseas internship, be sure to inform your prospective supervisor of your intentions. <a href="https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/outbound">https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/outbound</a>
101	1st-Year Enrollment	What kind of materials should be created for the Handout of Visual Aids?	Please prepare it according to the examples provided in the Application Guidelines. For matters not specified in the application guidelines, please make your own judgment.
102	1st-Year Enrollment	For applicants wishing to enroll in the first year only: Is it acceptable to include both "①the graduation research theme" and "②the theme you wish to research and the laboratory you hope to join at FBS" in the Form for Oral Examination?	As stated in the Application Guidelines, please include only one.
103	1st-Year Enrollment	Is it allowed to complete only the master's program without continuing to the doctoral program?	Our graduate school offers a five-year integrated doctoral program. If you do not continue to the third year, it will be considered a "withdrawal" rather than "completion." Please be aware of this distinction in advance. Additionally, acceptance policies vary by research lab. Therefore, please contact your prospective supervisor directly to discuss your intention to withdraw after obtaining a master's degree.
104	1st-Year Enrollment	Is October enrollment possible? Additionally, is there a Japanese version of the application guidelines available?	October enrollment for first-year applicants is available only to individuals who meet the following criteria. Please note that the application guidelines are available only in English. -Individuals residing overseas (outside Japan), including foreign nationals and Japanese citizens who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from universities outside Japan. -Foreign nationals already residing in Japan who have graduated from or are expected to graduate from universities either outside or within Japan.
105	1st-Year Enrollment	If I am not accepted in the summer exam, can I apply for the winter exam as well?	Yes, it is possible.
106	1st-Year Enrollment	I obtained informal acceptance from my prospective supervisor before the summer exam. If I wish to apply for the winter exam, do I need to contact them again?	The availability of spots in your desired lab may have changed since the summer exam. Please be sure to contact them again to confirm whether they can accept you.
107	1st-Year Enrollment	When will the assigned research lab be determined?	The assigned research lab is not determined at the time of enrollment. After enrollment, you will be temporarily assigned to the lab where you obtained prior consent for a period of three months. The final assignment will be confirmed afterward.
301	3rd-Year Transfer	Are graduates of six-year undergraduate programs in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, or Veterinary Medicine eligible to apply for the Third-Year Transfer Examination?	You are required to apply for the "Qualifying Review." Only those who are deemed eligible through this review process will be allowed to apply. For more details, please refer to the Application Guidelines.
302	3rd-Year Transfer	What should I include in the "Record of Research Achievements"?	Please prepare it according to the examples provided in the designated form. For matters not specified in the form, please make your own judgment.