

Topic	Question	Answer
Doctoral Degree Requirements	Is it necessary for the dissertation to be accepted in order to complete the doctoral program?	Acceptance of the paper is not required.
Doctoral Degree Requirements	Are there any regulations stating that the degree will be revoked if the dissertation is not published within one year after completing the doctoral program?	Our graduate school does not have such regulations.
Application for Doctoral Degree	What should be included in the research history?	There are no specific guidelines regarding the items to be included. Provide the details you consider appropriate for your research history.
Application for Doctoral Degree	Should the documents be prepared by the actual academic supervisor or the official supervisor as stated in the documentation?	Either person is fine. Ensure that the official supervisor reviews your documents and include their name in the designated field on the documents.
Application for Doctoral Degree	Are there any documents that need to be submitted in hard copy?	No, please submit everything via email.
Application for Doctoral Degree	What is the schedule for the Doctoral Degree Application process?	The general schedule will be posted on our website under News & Topics around March. Additionally, information regarding the application process, forms, etc., will be published on the following page of the FBS website around April each year: https://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/student/valuation/
Dissertation Defense	Is it necessary for all members of the Dissertation Committee to attend the Dissertation Defense?	The Chair is required to attend without exception. The Vice-chairs are also expected to attend as much as possible
Dissertation Defense	When will the schedule for the Dissertation Defense be decided?	We will arrange the schedule after the Preliminary Defense results for all applicants have been finalized. The program will be sent no later than two weeks before the Dissertation Defense, so please keep the day of the Dissertation Defense open.
Withdrawal with Required Credits	After withdrawing with the required credits, how long is it possible to obtain the degree?	It is possible to obtain a degree within three years after withdrawal. Make sure to apply for the degree within this timeframe.
Dissertation Committee Members (DC Members)	It is stated that the Chair of the Dissertation Committee is, in principle, the supervisor. If the supervisor is a professor from outside the Core Laboratory, can they still serve as the Chair?	Even for professors outside the Core Research Laboratories (including guest professors and specially-appointed professors), the supervising professor must serve as the chair of the Dissertation Committee.
Dissertation Committee Members (DC Members)	Not sure which faculty members are eligible to serve as the Chair/Vice-chairs.	There are specific faculty members who are eligible to serve as Preliminary Defense Committee Members (PDC Members) and Dissertation Committee Members (DC Members). Carefully read the notification regarding the doctoral degree application, consult with your supervisor, and if you still have questions, contact the Educational Affairs Section.
Preliminary Defense	Is it acceptable to conduct the Preliminary Defense online?	It is possible if approved by the Chair and the Vice-chairs.
Preliminary Defense	How can I reserve a room for the Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense and the Preliminary Defense?	If you are unsure how to reserve a room, the Educational Affairs Section can make the reservation on your behalf. To proceed, contact the Educational Affairs Section with the following information: [Your preferred room (BioSystem Building 2nd Floor Seminar Room / Nanobiology Building 1st Floor Seminar Room)] [Your preferred date and time (up to 5 options)].
Preliminary Defense	I am unable to conduct the Preliminary Defense by the deadline. Is it possible to request an extension?	The deadline for the preliminary defense cannot be extended.
Preliminary Defense	What happens if comments are not received by the date of the preliminary defense?	If the conditions for conducting the preliminary defense are not met, the preliminary defense cannot be conducted. Therefore, the degree application will be withdrawn, and you will need to reapply for the degree.
Preliminary Defense	Is it acceptable to arrange the schedule for the preliminary defense before receiving the notification of the committee member assignment?	Yes, it is possible to arrange the schedule. However, the preliminary defense itself must be conducted only after receiving the notification of the committee member assignment.
Preliminary Defense Committee Members (PDC Members)	Does "associate professor" include "guest associate professor" as well?	Yes, it does.
Preliminary Defense Committee Members (PDC Members)	Not sure which faculty members are eligible to serve as the Chair/Vice-chairs.	There are specific faculty members who are eligible to serve as Preliminary Defense Committee Members (PDC Members) and Dissertation Committee Members (DC Members). Carefully read the notification regarding the doctoral degree application, consult with your supervisor, and if you still have questions, contact the Educational Affairs Section.
Preliminary Defense Committee Members (PDC Members)	Does the Preliminary Defense Committee Member need to be the same as the member who I had a Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense?	As a general rule, the same faculty member should be selected. However, in cases such as retirement or resignation, a different faculty member may serve as the Preliminary Defense Committee Member in place of the Pre-Preliminary Defense Committee Member.
Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense (Pre-Pre Defense Consultation)	Is it mandatory for everyone to have the Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense?	Students enrolled in their fifth year (including those who have repeated a year) are required to conduct the Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense once a year. If the consultation is not conducted, the student will not be able to obtain their degree for that academic year. If conducting the above consultation is extremely difficult, consult with your supervisor and submit a "Statement of Reasons".
Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense (Pre-Pre Defense Consultation)	Is it acceptable to conduct the Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense online?	It is possible if approved by the Chair and the Vice-chairs.
Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense (Pre-Pre Defense Consultation)	How can I reserve a room for the Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense (Pre-Pre Defense Consultation) and the Preliminary Defense?	If you are unsure how to reserve a room, the Educational Affairs Section can make the reservation on your behalf. To proceed, contact the Educational Affairs Section with the following information: [Your preferred room (BioSystem Building 2nd Floor Seminar Room / Nanobiology Building 1st Floor Seminar Room)] [Your preferred date and time (up to 5 options)].
Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense (Pre-Pre Defense Consultation)	Would it be acceptable to hold the Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense separately with the Chair and Vice-chairs due to scheduling conflicts between the committee members before the deadline?	Conducting separate consultations is not permitted. It is acceptable to hold the consultation online, but it must be conducted with both the Vice and Vice-chairs together.
Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense (Pre-Pre Defense Consultation)	Is it acceptable for the supervisor to attend as well?	The supervisor is not allowed to attend. Report the details of the consultation to the supervisor later based on the report submitted by the Chair.
Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense (Pre-Pre Defense Consultation)	Are there any conditions for conducting the Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense?	No, there are no conditions. Additionally, the Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense is not a place to determine pass or fail, unlike the preliminary defense or the Dissertation Defense.