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Agreement on Shortening the Period of Enrollment
(Handling of Those Wishing to Complete the Doctoral Program Early)

With regard to the shortening of the period of enrollment for "an individual who has shown exceptional research performance" as stipulated in the proviso of Article 15, Paragraphs 4, 5 and 7 of the University of Osaka Graduate School Regulations, the following agreement is established.

1. Those wishing to shorten their period of enrollment must undergo a Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense (Pre-Pre Defense) with the approval of their supervisor. Following this, the applicant shall submit an application to the Dean of the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences for review as "an individual who has shown exceptional research performance." The application must include the applicant's CV, a record of research achievements, the dissertation title and abstract, an approval letter from the co-first author of the applicant's main academic paper, and a letter of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor.
2. The applicant's supervisor and the Preliminary Defense Committee Members (PDC Members) shall submit a recommendation to the Educational Affairs Committee, stating that the applicant qualifies as "an individual who has shown exceptional research performance" based on documents such as the applicant's record of research achievements. Based on this recommendation, the Educational Affairs Committee will deliberate on whether to approve the shortening of the applicant's enrollment period. (The Educational Affairs Committee may also seek external opinions regarding the applicant's achievements if necessary.)
3. The Educational Affairs Committee shall report to the Faculty Committee regarding the shortening of the applicant's enrollment period, where it will be discussed.
4. The approval of the completion of the doctoral course for those who have been granted a shortening of the enrollment period shall take place twice a year, in March and September.

Background

To actively promote the shortening of the period of enrollment.

Application Requirements

The outstanding main article in which the applicant is the first author (with multiple co-first authors listed as equal contributors, where the second and subsequent co-first authors are generally considered ineligible) must be a peer-reviewed original article. Additionally, it must have been accepted by an international academic journal by the deadline for dissertation defense application. Furthermore, the Preliminary Defense Committee Members (PDC Members) evaluate the research content and the applicant's abilities, determining that the applicant's dissertation is of a higher standard than that of typical degree holders from the regular program. Furthermore, the applicant must submit an "Approval Letter from the Co-First Author" confirming that this main article will not be used as a dissertation by any other authors.

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