

Application Guidelines for the Doctoral Program in Medical Sciences

Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Sciences, University of Tsukuba

NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO BE ADMITTED

Limited

Applicant Eligibility

International applicants living abroad (including those who have previously lived abroad and Japanese nationals residing abroad).

QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS

Applicants must meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- (1) Hold a Master's degree. *1
- (2) Individuals who have completed 18 years of formal school education outside Japan.
- (3) Individuals who have been evaluated through the University's admission screening and judged to have academic ability equivalent to a Master's degree. The applicant must be 24 years or older before enrollment to the above program.*2

*1 The degree qualification will be examined individually.

*2 For category (3), applicants must submit necessary documents for the admission screening.

To apply for Dual Doctoral Degree Program, the applicant must be enrolled at one of the following institutions: The University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), University of Science at Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam) or National Taiwan University.

PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH

It is necessary for applicants to demonstrate an adequate command of the English language to benefit from studies at this University. All applicants, if their first language is not English or if their studies at university have not been conducted solely in English, must demonstrate English language proficiency by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and submitting the score report. Alternatively, applicants who have completed their degree program in English may submit a Medium of Instruction (MOI) certificate issued by their home institution. TOEFL, TOEIC and IELTS score reports must be dated within two years of enrollment in this University. Photocopies are accepted.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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| 1 Application Form, CV | Complete the attached application form and CV designated by the University of Tsukuba. Please select either October 2026 enrollment or April 2027 enrollment. Applicants may choose only one enrollment period. Changes to the selected enrollment period will not be permitted after submission of the application. |
| 2 Reference Form | Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation. Please use the attached recommendation letter form. The letters must be sent directly from the referees to the University by email as attachments. |
| 3 Picture | Attach a photograph of yourself, taken within the past three months, to the Application Form. The photograph must show your full face without a hat. Size: 4 cm × 3 cm (H × W). |
| 4 Application Fee | 30,000 yen (will not be charged to the applicants with Japanese Government Monbukagakusho Scholarship or if applying for the Dual Doctoral Degree Program). Payment by credit card is available at: https://e-shiharai.net/english/?schoolcode=OPU5100850000000 due by application deadline. |
| 5 Certificate of Graduation | Submit a certificate of graduation from the graduate school which fulfills our qualification requirements, normally from the University/College (or the department) where a master's degree was awarded. |

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| 6 Transcript | All applicants are required to provide evidence of their academic qualifications for the application. Submit a transcript of the graduate school, which fulfills our qualification requirements, normally from the university (or the department) where a master's degree was awarded. If you are a transfer student, submit transcripts from both institutions, before and after the transfer. |
| 7 English Language Proficiency | If English is not your first language, submit your TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS score report. If you completed your program in English, submission of a Medium of Instruction (MOI) certificate issued by your home institution will also be accepted. Photocopies are accepted. |
| 8 Photocopy of your passport | ※ If you do not have a passport yet, you are required to submit Family Register or Certificate of Citizenship issued by your home country. |
| 9 Copy of "Application Completed" Page of Examination Fee Payment by Credit Card | After the payment, print out the "Application Completed" page, and submit it to us. |

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please verify all the documents carefully and submit the documents to:

Academic Service Office for the Medical Sciences Area, University of Tsukuba
1-1-1 Tennodai, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8575, Japan

Please use the attached recommendation letter form. The letter should be emailed directly from the referee as an email attachment.

Information about the examination will be sent by e-mail when the application documents are accepted.

Applicants must contact their prospective supervisor about the specialized research field in advance.

<Please refer to attached list of Faculty for information on research fields.>

Application Deadline: Please refer to our web page for the application deadline.

SELECTION METHOD

Selection will be based on (a) Academic records (b) Oral examination (c) English proficiency during the interview. Prospective applicants will be contacted by e-mail after the preliminary screening based on the submitted documents. Date and location of an interview will be arranged. In principle, the oral examination will be conducted online.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Successful applicants will receive instructions on the admission procedure by email. The Letter of Acceptance will be issued online. A notification email will be sent to the email address registered in the application. Please follow the instructions in the email to download the Letter of Acceptance.

TUITION AND FEES

Admission Fee: 282,000 yen (will not be reimbursed once received).

Tuition Fee: First Half of Academic Year (April - September): 267,900 yen

Second Half of Academic Year (October - March): 267,900 yen

*Total Tuition Fee: 535,800 yen per year

**Applicants are advised to make a sufficient financial plan for their tuition fee and living expenses in Japan.*

Both tuition and admission fee are waived for (a) Dual Doctoral Degree Program candidate and (b) applicants with Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship.

NOTES

- 1) No.1,5 and 6 of required documents, please send the originals by postal mail. If you cannot send the original documents, validation seals of the institution are required on the copies of each certificate. Your application will not be reviewed unless all required documents are received.
- 2) Application documents will not be returned to the applicants.
- 3) Inquiries about the examination results will not be accepted.
- 4) Please contact the Academic Service Office for further questions on admission or application procedure.
E-mail: iga-in@un.tsukuba.ac.jp.