

Regarding the handle of the Special Category for International Students in the Academic Year 2025 Entrance Examination for the Master's Course (Examination to be conducted in the Academic Year 2024)

Eligibility

Applicants must a) be citizens of a country other than Japan, b) have no permanent residence permit in Japan, and c) fulfill one of the following criteria:

- (1) Graduated or are expected to graduate from a college, prior to admission.
- (2) Received or are expected to receive a bachelor's degree prior to admission to the Graduate School in accordance with Article 104, Clause 7, of the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947). Received or are expected to receive a bachelor's degree prior to admission to the Graduate School in accordance with Article 104, Clause 7, of the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947).
- (3) Completed or are expected to complete 16 years of school education outside Japan, prior to admission.
- (4) Completed or are expected to complete 16 years of school education in a foreign country through a distance-learning course offered by a school of that country while living in Japan, prior to admission.
- (5) Completed or are expected to complete education at an institution established in Japan that is recognized by the school education system of a foreign country as an equivalent to a university of that country (limited to individuals who are recognized as having completed 16 years of school education in that country) and that is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT), prior to admission.
- (6) Received or are expected to receive a degree equivalent to the bachelor's degree from a university or school outside Japan (limited to the university or school which has received an evaluation from the person who is authorized by the government of that country or the relevant agencies regarding the overall performance of its education and research activities, or which has been separately designated by MEXT as equivalent to the aforementioned) by completing a program that requires three years or more of course work (including the case of completing a distance-learning course offered by a school of that country while living in Japan, and the case of completing a study at the institution recognized by the school education system of that country and designated by MEXT as referred to in (5)).
- (7) Completed or are expected to complete a specialist training course at a vocational school (limited to a course with a period of four years or more and that satisfies the conditions set by the MEXT) that is designated separately by the MEXT after the date set by the MEXT.
- (8) Have been designated by the MEXT (February 7, 1953, Ministry of Education Notification No. 5).
- (9) Have attended a university for three years or more or completed 15 years of school education outside Japan, and are recognized by the Graduate School of Life Science as having earned the required number of credits with an excellent academic record.
- (10) Are recognized as having an academic aptitude equivalent or superior to the university graduates through the screening for entrance eligibility conducted by the Graduate School of Life Science, and have reached the age of 22 by the enrollment date.

* Applicants must contact their prospective supervisor in advance, and after obtaining his/her acceptance, they will receive a password necessary for the online application.

In addition, applicants who apply for the Division of Life Science (Transdisciplinary Life Science Course or Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course) and the Division of Soft Matter must request their prospective supervisor to write a recommendation letter (discretionary format) and ask them to directly submit it to the Educational Affairs Section during the application period.

Application Documents

Documents		Remarks
1	Application Form and Resume	Print the application form and resume that were generated after completion of the online application registration process, and submit them (print on A-4 size pages). *Applicants who fall under (9) or (10) in "Eligibility" must prepare and submit the form and resume after their qualifications have been accepted.
2	Application Form for Pre-assessment	Prescribed. *Only for applicants who fall under (9) or (10) in "Eligibility".
3	ID Photo	One photograph (4cm×3cm)
4	Official Transcript issued by the university or similar institution previously attended.	An applicant can also attach recommendation letters from faculty members at the university or similar institution previously attended.
5	Official Certificate of Graduation or Expected Graduation issued by the last university or similar institution previously attended.	An Official Certificate must be issued by the Head of the university or similar institution previously attended. (Degree information should be contained if you have already graduated.) ◎Applicants who have graduated or expect to graduate from a university or a similar institution in China (except Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao) must submit the following document along with an official certificate of (expected) graduation. Applicants who; -Graduated ... (a) Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (教育部学历证书电子注册备案表) -Are expected to graduate ... (a) Online Verification Report of Student Record (教育部学籍在线验证报告) Document (a) can be obtained from the China Credentials Verification (中国高等教育学历证书查询 http://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp) Please make sure the web authentication should be valid for at least 15 days at the time of submission.
6	English proficiency certificate (E.g. the original score sheet of TOEFL or TOEIC)	The applicants in the Division of Life Science (Biosystems Science Course) may submit the following English Proficiency Certificate for reference. Score sheets for either ① or ② taken after July 2022 or ③ document which proves that the applicant was educated in the English language at the university (or graduate school) attended. ①TOEFL (iBT or ITP) 1)TOEFL-iBT (Home Edition is acceptable, limited for Test Date score) Submit the original Test Taker Score Report from American ETS. 2)TOEFL-ITP: Submit original Individual Score Card. ②TOEIC (Public Testing) Submit the original Official Score Certificate. *In the case of taking TOEIC (Public Testing) after April 2023, a printed Digital Official Score Certificate could be submitted instead of the Original Official Score Certificate. ③Those who are educated in the English language at the university (or graduate school) in Japan or abroad Submit documents which prove that applicants were educated in the English language at the university (or graduate school) attended. e.g.) Medium of Instruction certificate
7	Copy of Passport	Submit a copy of the page of your passport with your name on it.
8	Other documents that the prospective supervisor requests.	

◎ Documents specified by course [Prescribed.]

Division of Life Science (Biosystems Science Course)	Essays	<p>1. Applicants for the Division of Life Science (Biosystems Science Course) should submit an essay for each of the following two subjects:</p> <p>(1) Reasons for applying (no fewer than 200 words, nor more than 400 words in Japanese, or no fewer than 100 words, nor more than 200 words in English)</p> <p>(2) Outline of previous (graduate) study (no fewer than 800 words, nor more than 1,000 words in Japanese, or no fewer than 400 words, nor more than 500 words in English)</p> <p>2. Useful information.</p> <p>(1) Essays can be submitted in either English or Japanese.</p> <p>(2) Illustrations and tables can be included.</p> <p>(3) The use of a computer word processor is recommended.</p> <p>3. Form and Format.</p> <p>(1) Use the proscribed form for essays. Please provide the necessary information on the proscribed form. It is acceptable to another sheet over the appropriate section of the proscribed form.</p> <p>(2) Using separate sheets for essays. Please provide the necessary information on the proscribed form, but attach extra A4-size sheets if necessary (Write the course you wish to apply for and your full name on these sheets.).</p>
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Screening Method

The Graduate School of Life Science will determine successful applicants by a comprehensive assessment of the results of the oral examination and the submitted application documents.

- * Detailed information on the entrance examination such as the date and time of the examination and how to take the oral examination online will be announced to applicants separately.
- * In the Division of Life Science (Transdisciplinary Life Science Course or Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course) and the Division of Soft Matter, the oral examination may be omitted or waived depending on the contents of the application materials. (The person applicable will be informed separately.)