

Academic Year 2025

Division of Life Science

Division of Soft Matter

Graduate School of Life Science

Hokkaido University

Doctoral Course

(Latter Period of Doctoral Program)

Summer Selection

**Application Guidelines for
Entrance Examination**

For enrollment in October 2024 or April 2025

General Category and Special Category for Working Adults
(Including Admission for International Students Residing in Japan)

June 2024

Schedule for Entrance Examination Graduate School of Life Science 2025

Division of Life Science／Division of Soft Matter: Doctoral Course (Latter Period of Doctoral Program)

Doctoral Course	Open Division and Courses	Examination Date
Summer Selection	Division of Life Science - Transdisciplinary Life Science Course, Biosystems Science Course, Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course Division of Soft Matter	August 20 – August 21, 2024
Winter Selection	* This selection will be conducted only if the admission capacity does not reach the maximum number allotted for each division and course in the Summer Selection.	January 9 – 10, 2025 (tentative)

* The Application Guidelines for the Winter Selection will be announced on the website of the Graduate School of Life Science in November.

* If you wish to work with a particular supervisor or in a specified laboratory, please apply for the summer selection.

The capacity of students for each supervisor and laboratory is limited. Therefore, applicants may be assigned to a laboratory (other than the one they chose) in the same division if the fixed number is exceeded.

* The applicants, who pass the Summer Selection and wish to receive a scholarship from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) may apply for this scholarship in two slots (reserved slot for incoming students and general slot for current students). The applicants, who pass the Fall or Winter selections may apply for only one slot.

Personal Information Management by Hokkaido University

- (1) In handling personal information at Hokkaido University, Hokkaido University makes every effort to obey relevant laws and ordinances such as the “Protection Law for Private Information Held by Independent Administrative Corporations”, and protect personal information pursuant to “National University Corporation Hokkaido University Personal Information Management Rules”.
- (2) Personal information, such as name, address, etc., provided by the applicant to the university in the process of applying for admission and pre-assessment of qualification will be used only for 1) assessment of applicants (processing of application, conducting selection), 2) the announcement of application results, 3) enrollment procedures, 4) surveys and research on enrollee selection methods, and 5) business operations pertaining to 1-4.
- (3) Private companies commissioned by the University (hereafter called “commissioned companies”) may handle personal data to engage in the relevant operations. Part or all of the personal information submitted to the University by the applicant will be provided to the commissioned companies, to the extent necessary for them to carry out their duties.
- (4) After successful applicants are enrolled, the personal information they provided on their application forms will be used for; 1) academic affairs (registration, academic guidance, etc.), 2) student support services (health management, scholarship applications, etc.), 3) career support services, and 4) tuition and fees, and related administrative operations.
- (5) Among the personal information of (4), only contact details, name and address and so on, may be used by Hokkaido University Frontier Foundation, Alumni Association of the School of Science, Alumni Association of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Alumni Association Elm of Hokkaido University with safety measure.
- (6) Applicants will be informed separately about the handling of personal data in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Applicants to whom such rules apply (those applying from within the European Economic Area (EEA) member states) should notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, prior to application.

Admission Policy of Graduate School of Life Science

The Graduate School of Life Science provides students with the training that allows them to acquire an interdisciplinary knowledge of advanced life science, from the level of molecules to organisms. We provide comprehensive education with participation by instructors specialized in fields in the basic and applied life sciences, science, pharmaceutical science, medicine, and agriculture.

• Type of Students We Seek

<Division of Life Science>

The educational goal of training in the Division of Life Science is to enable students to comprehensively understand various living phenomena through biomolecular interactions, and to apply their knowledge and techniques in real life.

The division welcomes students with exceptional abilities to analyze and examine a subject and strong desire to conduct innovative and original research, and understand;

- Basic structure and functions of living matter such as cellular biology and molecular biology
- Higher biological function such as physiology and developmental biology
- Structure and functions of individual molecules and their constituents
- Diversity and common principles of life phenomena

<Division of Soft Matter>

The Division of Soft Matter seeks students who desire to be capable of integrating material sciences and a wide range of life science and developing soft matter science, understanding the structure and function of living matter from the viewpoint of material science, designing and constructing advanced soft matters and applying those to other fields.

The Division especially seeks students who desire to have excellent analytical and discussion skills and to conduct highly original research, such as hierarchy process of soft matters from the microscopic to macroscopic scales and associating principle of dynamic emergent function, designing and constructing advanced soft matter.

• What is Expected to be Learned Before Admission

1. Basic academic skills and knowledge in Life Sciences
2. Basic knowledge in each specialized field that is necessary to engage in research in the graduate school

• Principle Selection Policy (Multiple-layered Evaluation Method)

【General Category】

By oral examination, applicants will be evaluated their “knowledge and skills”, “ability to think/judge/express”, “ability to work independently and cooperatively”, “comprehension”, “interest and motivation”, “ability to identify problems” and “ability to solve problems.”

The Graduate School of Life Science will assess applicants on the basis of their entrance examination and the application documents (such as research plan, transcript, etc.).

【Special Category for Working-Adults】

By oral examination, applicants will be evaluated their “knowledge and skills”, “ability to think/judge/express”, “ability to work independently and cooperatively”, “comprehension”, “interest and motivation”, “ability to identify problems” and “ability to solve problems.”

The Graduate School of Life Science will assess applicants on the basis of their entrance examination and the application documents (such as research plan, transcript, etc.).

【Special Category for International Students】

By oral examination, applicants will be evaluated their “knowledge and skills”, “ability to think/judge/express”, “ability to work independently and cooperatively”, “comprehension”, “interest and motivation”, “ability to identify problems” and “ability to solve problems.”

The Graduate School of Life Science will assess applicants on the basis of their entrance examination and the application documents (such as research plan, transcript, etc.).

▪ **Principle Selection Policy** (Evaluation elements and their importance)

【Doctoral Course (Latter Period of Doctoral Program)】

Category of Entrance Examination	Evaluation Element	Key Academic Elements			Comprehension	Interest and motivation	Ability to identify problems	Ability to solve problems
		Knowledge and Skills	Ability to think, judge, and express	Learning Attitude (to take initiative, to cooperate with diverse people)				
General Category	Oral Examination	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎
	Application Documents (Research Plan, Transcript, etc.)	Comprehensively evaluated						
Special Category for Working Adults	Oral Examination	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎
	Application Documents (Research Plan, Transcript, etc.)	Comprehensively evaluated						
Special Category for International Students	Oral Examination etc. (※1)	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎
	Application Documents (Research Plan, Transcript, etc.)	Comprehensively evaluated						

※1 : Examination will be carried out by using Online Meeting System, etc.

(Note) ◎···Key element we will give great importance on evaluation / ○···Key element we will give importance on evaluation

I. General Category

1. Admission Quota

(This includes the admission quota for working and international applicants in each division/course.)

Division and Course	Admission Quota (enrollment October 2024)	Admission Quota (enrollment April 2025)
Division of Life Science Transdisciplinary Life Science Course Biosystems Science Course Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course	A few students	38 students
Division of Soft Matter	A few students	6 students

2. Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill one of the following criteria.

A Received or are expected to receive a Master's degree or a professional degree (refers to the professional degree stipulated in Article 5-2 of the Degree Regulations (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 9 of 1953) in accordance with the provisions of Article 104(3) of the School Education Act), prior to admission to the Graduate School.

B Received or are expected to receive a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree at a university outside Japan prior to admission.

C Received or are expected to receive a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by completing course subjects through a distance-learning course offered by a school of a foreign country while living in Japan prior to admission.

D Received or are expected to receive a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by completing a school education at an institution established in Japan that is recognized by the school education system of a country other than Japan as an equivalent of the graduate school of that country and is designated separately by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

E Received or are expected to receive a degree equivalent to the master's degree by completing a course at the United Nations University which was established based on the United Nations General Assembly Resolution of December 11 of 1972, stipulated in Article 1(2) of the Act on Special Measures Concerning the Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan about the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72 of 1976).

F Are recognized as having academic aptitude equivalent or superior to those who hold a master's degree by completing a school education provided by a school of a foreign country, an educational institution designated in (4) above, or the United Nations University, and by passing an examination or screening or equivalent specified in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools.

G Have been designated by MEXT (Ministry of Education Notification No. 118 of 1989);

① Graduated from a university, engaged in research at a university or a research institute for two years or longer, and are recognized by the Graduate School of Life Science as having reached an academic level equivalent or superior to a master's degree holder, based on research results.

② Completed 16 years of school education outside Japan, or completed 16 years of school education of a foreign country through a distance-learning course offered by a school of that country while living in Japan, and subsequently engaged in research at a university or a research institute for two years or longer, and are recognized by the Graduate School of Life Science as having reached an academic level equivalent or superior to a master's degree holder, based on research results.

H Are recognized as having academic aptitude equivalent or superior to a master's degree holder or a professional degree holder through the screening for entrance eligibility conducted by the Graduate School of Life Science, and have reached the age of 24 before the time of enrollment in the Graduate School of Life Science.

* Applicants who wish to enroll in October 2024 must indicate so by checking the appropriate box on the application form.

3. Pre-assessment of Qualification

Application Period for Pre-assessment: June 24 (Mon.) – June 26 (Wed.), 2024

The Pre-assessment of Qualifications is held prior to the application period for the entrance examination. Applicants who fall under G or H in “2. Eligible Applicants” must go through this by submitting “5. Application Documents” during the period described above. To receive the result, please enclose a self-addressed envelope with an 84-yen stamp affixed.

Applicants who apply for the Pre-assessment of Qualifications should not pay the entrance examination fee at the time of the pre-assessment. They should pay the entrance examination fee in accordance with the notes below. Application documents must be sent by mail and must be received by the deadline.

Notes:

The pre-assessment application results will be sent to applicants around Tuesday, July 9, 2024, by mail; once their qualifications have been accepted by the pre-assessment, applicants must pay the examination fee, in accordance with “7. Entrance Examination Fee,” and submit the payment certificate by Thursday, July 18, 2024. If the Educational Affairs Section does not receive the payment certificate during the application period, the application will not be accepted and will be regarded as cancel.

Students who will receive the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship, the State-Sponsored Scholarship Program of the China Scholarship Council or the Hokkaido University President’s Fellowship (including those who are expected to receive these scholarships) are not required to pay the examination fee.

4. Application Period

Application Period: July 12 (Fri.) – July 18 (Thu.), 2024

Application documents must be sent by mail and must be received by the deadline.

Applicants who fall under A – F in “2. Eligibility”

Submit “5. Application Documents” together with the payment certificate (E) during the application period.

However, following applicants are not required to pay the examination fee: those who are expected to graduate the Graduate Schools in Hokkaido University; Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship students; students in the State-Sponsored Scholarship Program of the China Scholarship Council; and students having a Hokkaido University President’s Fellowship (including those who are expected to receive these scholarships).

Please refer to “7. Entrance Examination Fee” for more details.

Applicants who fall under G or H in “2. Eligibility”

Please refer to “3. Pre-assessment of Qualifications” for details.

5. Application Documents

* Applicants who fall under G or H in “2. Eligibility” must submit the following documents during the application period described in “3. Pre-assessment of Qualifications.”

* In the following table, “○” indicates documents that must be submitted by all applicants, while “△” indicates documents that must be submitted for those who fall into the following “Remarks” .

Documents		Applicants		Remarks
		A, B C, D E, F	G, H	
1	Application Form, Resume, Admission Ticket and Photo Card.	○	○	[Prescribed.] Applicants who have completed a correspondence course offered by an overseas educational institution or an overseas school education course are required to attach Resume B .
2	Research Plan after enrollment.	○	○	[Prescribed.] Prescribed form is available for download in the graduate school webpage.
3	Certificate of Research Career.		○	[Discretionary format.] Certificate issued by a dean, department chair or supervisor at a university, institution, or company concerning the applicant’s research topics and period of research.

4	Official Transcript issued by the graduate school or similar institution previously attended	○	○	Applicants from the Master's Course in the Graduate School of Life Science, Hokkaido University, are not required to submit this document. * In the case that the official transcript is written in a language other than Japanese or English, "Original Official Transcript written in the language concerned" and "Original official translation in Japanese or English" must be attached.
5	Official Certificate of Graduation or Expected Graduation issued by the graduate school or similar institution previously attended, or Official Certificate of Degree.	○	○	① An Official Certificate must be issued by the graduate school 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 graduate school or a similar institution in China (except Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao) must submit the following document written in English 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 at least 15 days at the time of submission. ② Applicants from the Master's Course in the Graduate School of Life Science, Hokkaido University, are not required to submit this document. ③ Applicants under F in "2. Eligible Applicants" are required to submit an Official Certificate of Qualifying Examination. * In the case that the official transcript is written in a language other than Japanese or English, "Original Official Transcript written in the language concerned" and "Original official translation in Japanese or English" must be attached.
6	Summary of research during the Master's Course.	△		Only for applicants for the Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course and who are expected to complete a Master's Course (about three A-4 size pages).
7	Summary of research up to the present time.	△		Only for applicants for the Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course and who hold a Master's degree. Consult with prospective supervisors in advance.
8	List of preferred supervisors.	○	○	[Prescribed.] Directly contact supervisors you prefer in advance. Prescribed form is available for download in the graduate school webpage.
9	Summary of research experience and copies of research papers.	△	△	[Discretionary format.] As proof of their research experience and achievements, applicants may submit these supporting documents.
10	Self-addressed envelope to receive the admission ticket for the entrance examination.	○	○	[Prescribed.] Write your name and mailing address on an envelope with a 400-yen stamp attached. If you change your address after applying, please notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, Hokkaido University.
11	Stickers for notification of the application results and for communication purposes.	○	○	[Prescribed.] Write your name and mailing address on each sticker. If you change your address after applying, please notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, Hokkaido University.
12	Self-addressed envelope for notification of the pre-assessment results.		○	Write your name and mailing address on a standard envelope with an 84-yen stamp attached.

6. Where to Submit

To: Graduate School Educational Affairs Section
Science and Life Science Administration Department
Hokkaido University
Kita-10 Nishi-8, Kita-ku, Sapporo 060-0810, Japan

* Application documents should be sent by mail. Please mark “Application for Graduate School Enclosed” in red on the envelope and send it by express mail. Applicants must use an envelope prepared by you, not the “Self-addressed envelope to receive the admission ticket for the entrance examination” provided in the bound in the Application Guideline.

7. Entrance Examination Fee: 30,000 yen

- (1) Students who are expected to complete the Master’s Course offered by the graduate schools of Hokkaido University, or who will receive the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship*, the State-Sponsored Scholarship Program of the China Scholarship Council, or the Hokkaido University President’s Fellowship (including those who are expected to receive these scholarships) are not required to pay the examination fee.
* MEXT scholarship students recommended by universities other than Hokkaido University are required to submit a copy of the letter proving that they will receive this scholarship.
- (2) Remit the examination fee through the bank or the post office by using the payment slip for the entrance examination fee which is enclosed in the application package, and attach the payment certificate to the appropriate section on the application form.
- (3) The examination fee is not refundable except the following cases:
 - The applicant has not submitted an application, or the application was not accepted after the examination fee was remitted.
 - The applicant paid the examination fee twice by mistake.

8. Screening Method

The Graduate School of Life Science will assess applicants on the basis of their oral examination* and on their application documents.

* In the oral examination, applicants are questioned on their “Research Plan after enrollment” and documents submitted as optional extras, such as the summary of research experience or copies of research papers.

9. Examination Dates and Venue

Date of Examination: August 20 (Tue.) – August 21 (Wed.), 2024

Venue of Examination: School of Science/Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hokkaido University (Kita-ku, Sapporo)

- * The Graduate School will send applicants detailed information on the entrance examination, such as time, location, how to take oral examination and so on.
- * For applicants for the Division of Life Science (Transdisciplinary Life Science Course) and the Division of Soft Matter, oral examination will be conducted between Thursday, August 8 and Wednesday, August 21. The details of the venue of the examination, etc. will be notified to applicants from the applicable course during the issuance period of the examination admission ticket.
- * Applicants may not apply to more than one division/course.

10. Announcement of Application Results

The examinees’ number of successful applicants will be posted on the website of the Graduate School of Life Science, Hokkaido University, around 4:30 PM on Friday, September 6, 2024. All applicants are notified of the results by mail.

11. Procedures for Enrollment and Payment of Fees*

All successful applicants will be notified of the registration procedure at the time of notification of results.
Enrollment Fee: 282,000 yen (estimated).

* Applicants expecting to complete a Master's Course in the Graduate School of Hokkaido University are not required to pay the enrollment fee.

Tuition Fee: 267,900 yen.

[For the first semester. Total annual tuition fee = 535,800 yen] (estimated).

* If the tuition fee is revised during the period of your enrollment, the revised fee becomes effective immediately.

12. Important Notice

- (1) Make sure to bring your admission ticket on the day of examination.
- (2) Please consult with the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section by the time of application if special considerations due to illness, injury, physical difficulties, mental disorder, and so on are required for admission.
* Please also consult with them if any special requests are considered for academic.

13. Extending the Period of Registration

It is possible to extend the standard years of study at the Graduate School of Life Science. Read “Extending the Period of Registration” on page 12, and submit an application if you wish to take advantage of this system.

14. Other Information

The admission ticket for the entrance examination will be sent to all applicants around Monday, August 5, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding the application procedure, please contact the following:

Graduate School Educational Affairs Section
Science and Life Science Administration Department
Hokkaido University
Kita-10 Nishi-8 Kita-ku, Sapporo 060-0810, Japan
(Office hours: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm weekday)

Tel: +81-11-706-3675
E-mail: r-gakuin@sci.hokudai.ac.jp

Graduate School of Life Science, Hokkaido University
<https://www.lfsci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/>

II. Special Category for Working-Adults

1. Admission Quota

(This includes the admission quota for working and international applicants in each course.)

Division and Course	Admission Quota (enrollment October 2024)	Admission Quota (enrollment April 2025)
Division of Life Science Transdisciplinary Life Science Course Biosystems Science Course Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course	A few students	A few students
Division of Soft Matter	A few students	A few students

2. Eligibility

Applicants who meet one of the following requirements and who are working as a researcher or technician in a research institution, educational institution, or company at the time of application, and who will continue the position after enrollment.

A Received a Master's degree or a professional degree (a professional degree as stipulated in Article 5-2 of the Degree Regulations (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 9 of 1953) in conformity with Article 104 Clause 3 of the School Education Act).

B Received a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree at an institution outside Japan.

C Received a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree by completing course subjects through a distance-learning course offered by a school of a foreign country while living in Japan.

D Received a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by completing a school education at an institution established in Japan that is recognized by the school education system of a country other than Japan as an equivalent of the graduate school of that country and is designated separately by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

E Received a degree equivalent to the master's degree by completing a course at the United Nations University which was established based on the United Nations General Assembly Resolution of December 11 of 1972, stipulated in Article 1(2) of the Act on Special Measures Concerning the Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan about the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72 of 1976).

F Are recognized as having academic aptitude equivalent or superior to those who hold a master's degree by completing a school education provided by a school of a foreign country, an educational institution designated in (D) above, or the United Nations University, and by passing an examination or screening or equivalent specified in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools.

G Have been designated by MEXT (Ministry of Education Notification No. 118 of 1989);

① Graduated from a university, engaged in research at a university or a research institute for two years or longer, and are recognized by the Graduate School of Life Science as having reached an academic level equivalent or superior to a master's degree holder, based on research results.

② Completed 16 years of school education outside Japan, or completed 16 years of school education of a foreign country through a distance-learning course offered by a school of that country while living in Japan, and subsequently engaged in research at a university or a research institute for two years or longer, and are recognized by the Graduate School of Life Science as having reached an academic level equivalent or superior to a master's degree holder, based on research results.

H Are recognized as having academic aptitude equivalent or superior to a master's degree holder or a professional degree holder through the screening for entrance eligibility conducted by the Graduate School of Life Science, and have reached the age of 24 before the time of enrollment in the Graduate School of Life Science.

* Applicants who wish to enroll in October 2024 must indicate so by checking the appropriate box on the application form.

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Applicants who apply for the Pre-assessment of Qualifications should not pay the entrance examination fee at the time of the pre-assessment. They should pay the entrance examination fee in accordance with the notes below. Application documents must be sent by mail and must be received by the deadline.

Notes:

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Students who will receive the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship, the State-Sponsored Scholarship Program of the China Scholarship Council or the Hokkaido University President’s Fellowship (including those who are expected to receive these scholarships) are not required to pay the examination fee.

4. Application Period

Application Period: July 12 (Fri.) – July 18 (Thu.), 2024

Application documents must be sent by mail and must be received by the deadline.

Applicants who fall under A – F in “2. Eligibility”

Submit “5. Application Documents” together with the payment certificate (E) during the application period. Students who will receive the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship, the State-Sponsored Scholarship Program of the China Scholarship Council or the Hokkaido University President’s Fellowship (including those who are expected to receive these scholarships) are not required to pay the examination fee.

Please refer to “7. Entrance Examination Fee” for more details.

Applicants under G or H in “2. Eligible Applicants”

Please refer to “3. Pre-assessment of Applicants’ Qualifications” for details.

5. Application Documents

* Applicants who fall under G or H in “2. Eligibility” must submit the following documents during the application period described in “3. Pre-assessment of Qualifications.”

* In the following table, “○” indicates documents that must be submitted by all applicants, while “△” indicates documents that must be submitted for those who fall into the following “Remarks” .

Documents		Applicants		Remarks
		A, B C, D E, F	G, H	
1	Application Form, Resume, Admission Ticket and Photo Card.	○	○	[Prescribed.] Applicants who have completed a correspondence course offered by an overseas educational institution or an overseas school education course are required to attach Resume B .
2	Certificate of employment issued by a person with authority over personnel administration in the applicant’s workplace.	○	○	[Discretionary format.] Successful applicants are required to submit written consent (to enroll in the Doctoral Course while continuing their employment) issued by this person, so please obtain consent in advance.
3	Research Plan after enrollment.	○	○	[Prescribed.] Prescribed form is available for download in the graduate school webpage.

4	Certificate of Research Career.		○	<p>[Discretionary format.] Certificate issued by a principal or supervisor at a university, institution, or company concerning the applicant's research topics and period of research. * In the case that the official transcript is written in a language other than Japanese or English, "Original Official Transcript written in the language concerned" and "Original official translation in Japanese or English" must be attached.</p>
5	Official Transcript issued by the graduate school previously attended.	○	○	<p>Applicants from the Master's Course in the Graduate School of Life Science, Hokkaido University, are not required to submit this document.</p>
6	Official Certificate of Graduation or Expected Graduation issued by the graduate school previously attended, or Official Certificate of Degree.	○	○	<p>① An Official Certificate must be issued by the Head of the graduate school previously attended. (Degree information should be contained if you have already graduated.)</p> <p>◎ Applicants who have graduated or are expected to graduate from a graduate school in China (except Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao) must submit the following document written in English along with an official certificate of (expected) graduation.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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 at least 15 days at the time of submission.</p> <p>② Applicants from the Master's Course in the Graduate School of Life Science, Hokkaido University, are not required to submit this document. ③ Applicants under F in "2. Eligible Applicants" are required to submit an Official Certificate of Qualifying Examination.</p> <p>* In the case that the official transcript is written in a language other than Japanese or English, "Original Official Transcript written in the language concerned" and "Original official translation in Japanese or English" must be attached.</p>
7	Summary of research during the Master's Course	△		<p>Only for applicants for the Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course and who are expected to complete a Master's Course (about three A-4 size pages).</p>
8	Summary of research up to the present time.	△		<p>Only for applicants for the Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course and who hold a Master's degree. Consult with prospective supervisors in advance.</p>
9	List of preferred supervisors.	○	○	<p>[Prescribed.] Directly contact supervisors you prefer in advance. Prescribed form is available for download in the graduate school webpage.</p>
10	Summary of research experience and copies of research papers.	△	△	<p>[Discretionary format.] As proof of their research experience and achievements, applicants may submit these supporting documents.</p>
11	Recommendation letter(s) issued by a principal or supervisor at a university, institution, or company previously attended.	△	△	<p>[Discretionary format.] Applicants can submit as optional extras.</p>
12	Self-addressed envelope to receive the admission ticket for the entrance examination.	○	○	<p>[Prescribed.] Write your name and mailing address on an envelope with a 400-yen stamp attached. If you change your address after applying, please notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, Hokkaido University.</p>
13	Stickers for notification of the application results and for communication purposes.	○	○	<p>[Prescribed.] Write your name and mailing address on each sticker. If you change your address after applying, please notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, Hokkaido University.</p>
14	Self-addressed envelope for notification of the pre-assessment results.		○	<p>Write your name and mailing address on a standard envelope with an 84-yen stamp attached.</p>

For 6-14, please see the “General Category.”

6. Where to Submit

7. Entrance Examination Fee

8. Screening Method

9. Examination Dates and Venue

10. Announcement of Application Results

11. Procedures for Enrollment Registration and Payment of Fees

12. Important Notice

13. Extending the Period of Registration

14. Other Information

If you have any questions regarding the application procedure, please contact the following:

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Extending the Period of Registration

1. Aims

When students under special circumstances such as having a job, etc. (including child and nursing care) have asked for an extension to complete the program for a period exceeding the standard years of study (3 years) with a scheduled plan of study, such scheduled study (hereinafter referred to as "Extended Period of Registration") may be approved after reviewing their application.

2. Intended Students

Students who fall under one of the criteria below and for that reason, wish to set the study period longer than the standard period to complete an academic (research) course:

- (1) Have a full-time job in a public office or company (excluding those who are exempt from job duty but receive a salary), or are self-employed;
- (2) Have a part-time job that has a significant influence on the full-time academic work;
- (3) Are taking care of children or other family members, which has a significant influence on the full-time academic work; or
- (4) Are visually impaired, hearing impaired, physically handicapped, etc., which are deemed to have a significant influence on the academic work for an extended period of time.

3. Attendance Period

The period approved for the Extended Period of Registration is up to 6 years for the master's degree program, and a student can apply for extension by the year. Students who have been approved of Extended Period of Registration may not continue their study beyond the period of adding two years to the Extended Period of Registration.

Students may take a temporary leave of absence from school for up to 3 years, the same as the students under the standard period of study.

4. Application Procedure

(1) Application Period

Please submit complete application documents for Extended Period of Registration and for the entrance examination together.

(2) Required Documents

- ① Application Form for Extended Period of Registration (Form 1)
- ② Research Plan Under Extended Period of Registration (Form 2)
- ③ Documents to prove that an applicant needs to apply for Extended Period of Registration (discretionary format).

(3) Announcement of Application Results

The Graduate School of Life Science reviews each application individually and will notify the results to all the successful applicants of the entrance examination.

5. Annual Tuition Fee

The annual tuition fee is determined by the calculation below for every year of the term.

$$\text{Annual tuition fee for students approved to study for an extended period} = \text{Annual tuition fee for his/her attending year} \times \frac{\text{Regular course term (3 years)}}{\text{Number of years approved for extended study (years)}}$$

6. Other Information

For the details about Extended Period of Registration and request for application documents, please contact the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, Hokkaido University.