

Academic Year 2025

(For enrollment in April or October 2025)

Graduate School of Life Science

Hokkaido University

Division of Clinical Pharmacy

Doctoral Course

Winter Selection

**Application Guidelines for the
Entrance Examination**

General Category and Special Category

(Including Admission for Working-Adults and International Applicants)

November 2024

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- (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 security measures.
- (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 Clinical Pharmacy>

The Division of Clinical Pharmacy (Doctoral Course) is based on clinical research and provides practical training, including medical systems, regulatory science, and the development and evaluation of advanced medical treatments.

The mission of this division is to train researchers and technicians in medical and clinical pharmacy, providing them with the competence and technical skills to expeditiously identify problems that arise in clinical practice and to solve them using the basic theory and techniques of pharmaceutical science. The Division of Clinical Pharmacy is closely allied with the Master's and Doctoral Courses in Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science (Division of Life Science), which provide graduates with the flexibility to adjust to social expansion of the pharmaceutical system; give them the training and background necessary to elucidate the molecular mechanisms of disease; and teach them how to use these results to develop theories and techniques in the discovery of new drugs.

To realize these goals, we seek students who 1) can commit to learning state-of-the-art drug development and basic medical and pharmaceutical science, and 2) aim to become leading health care workers with sufficient experimental and analytical skills to apply what they learn in practical clinical situations.

▪ What is Expected to be Learned Before Admission

1. Basic academic skills and knowledge in Pharmaceutical Sciences and 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 written examination, applicants will be evaluated their levels of “ability to think/judge/express”, “comprehension” and “knowledge and skills”.

By oral examination, applicants will be evaluated their levels of “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 (written and oral exams) and the application documents (such as research plan, transcript, etc.).

【Special Category for Working-Adults】

By oral examination, applicants will be evaluated their levels of “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 levels of “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】

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	Writing Examination	○	◎		◎			
	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 and Special Category for Working Adults

1. Admission Quota

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

Division	Admission Quota (Enrollment)	
	April 2025	October 2025
Division of Clinical Pharmacy	A few students	

2. Eligibility

General Category

Applicants must fulfill one of the following admission requirements:

- (1) Graduated or are expected to graduate from a 6-year program in pharmacy, medicine, or dental medicine, or a 6-year program in veterinary medicine, prior to admission to the Graduate School.
- (2) Completed or are expected to complete 18 years of structured education (finishing in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, or veterinary medicine) outside Japan prior to admission to the Graduate School.
- (3) Completed or are expected to complete 18 years of structured education in a foreign country (finishing in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, or veterinary medicine) through a distance-learning course offered by an institution of that country while living in Japan, prior to admission to the Graduate School.
- (4) Completed or are expected to complete education at an institution established in Japan that is recognized by the structured education system of a foreign country as an equivalent to a university of that country (limited to individuals who are recognized as having completed 18 years of structured education and have finished in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, or veterinary medicine in that country) and that is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT), prior to admission to the Graduate School.
- (5) Have been designated by the MEXT as having fulfilled one of the following requirements:
 - ① Completed or are expected to complete a master's course prior to admission to the Graduate School.
 - ② Two years or more enrollment in a doctoral program that is not separated into distinct master's (two years) and doctoral (three years) programs; completion of 30 or more credits; have received the necessary research guidance (including applicants stipulated in Article 6-1 of the Degree Regulations (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 9 of 1953) prior to the partial revision of the Degree Regulations (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 29 of 1974)); and are recognized by the Graduate School as having an academic aptitude equivalent to or higher than that of a university graduate with a degree in a 6-year program in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, or veterinary medicine.
 - ③ Graduated from a medical or dental course in a faculty of medicine or dental medicine at a university established under the former university order.
 - ④ Graduated or are expected to graduate from the National Defense Medical College, established under Act No. 164 of 1954 for Establishment of the Ministry of Defense, prior to admission to the Graduate School.
 - ⑤ Completed or graduated from one of the courses A – C below, 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 the academic aptitude equivalent to or greater than that of a university graduate with a degree from a 6-year program in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, or veterinary medicine.
 - A: Completed the University's undergraduate coursework (excluding a 6-year program in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, and veterinary medicine).
 - B: Completed 16 years of structured education outside Japan.
 - C: Completed the equivalent of 16 years of structured education in correspondence course subjects offered by an institution of a foreign country while living in Japan.
- (6) Recognition by the Graduate School as having completed the prescribed number of credits with an excellent academic record in one of following circumstances (grade acceleration):
 - ① Enrolled in a university (limited to 6-year programs that include courses in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, and veterinary medicine) for 4 or more years prior to admission to the Graduate School.
 - ② Completed 16 years of structured education (limited to programs that include courses in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, or veterinary medicine) outside Japan.
 - ③ Completed the equivalent of 16 years of structured education (limited to programs that include courses in

pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, and veterinary medicine) by completing course subjects through a distance-learning course offered by an institution of a foreign country while living in Japan.

- ④ Completed education at an institution established in Japan that is recognized by the structured education system of a foreign country as an equivalent to a university of that country (limited to individuals who have completed 16 years of structured education, and limited to programs that include courses in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, and veterinary medicine) and that is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT).
- (7) Are recognized as having an academic aptitude equivalent or superior to the university graduates (in a 6-year program in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, or veterinary medicine) 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 2025 must indicate so by checking the appropriate box on the application form.

Special Category for Working-Adults

Applicants must fulfill either of the following admission requirements.

- (1) Satisfy one of the criteria among (1) – (4) and (5)① in the list of the requirements in the General Category, be employed at the time of application, and intend to continue the employment position after enrollment.
- (2) Have graduated from a 4-year program in pharmacy, worked (as a pharmacist) for at least two years after passing the National Examination for Pharmacists, and intend to continue their current employment position after enrollment.

In this case, applicants will fulfill (7) in the list of requirements in the General Category and must apply for a Pre-assessment of Eligibility prior to the entrance examination. Refer to “3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility.”

3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility

Application Period for Pre-assessment: November 20 (Wed.) – November 22 (Fri.), 2024

The Pre-assessment of Eligibility is held prior to the application period for the entrance examination. Applicants who fall under (5)②, ⑤, (6) and (7) in “2. Eligibility” must go through this by submitting “5. Application Documents” during the above period.

Applicants who apply for the Pre-assessment of Eligibility 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, December 3, 2024, by mail; once their eligibility has been confirmed by the pre-assessment, applicants must pay the examination fee, in accordance with “7. Entrance Examination Fee,” and must submit the payment certificate by Thursday, December 12, 2024. If the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section does not receive the payment certificate during the application period, the application will not be accepted and will be regarded as canceled.

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: December 6 (Fri.) – December 12 (Thu.), 2024

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

Applicants who fall under (5)②, ⑤, (6) and (7) in “2. Eligibility” must apply for the Pre-assessment of Eligibility prior to the entrance examination after referring to “3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility.”

5. Application Documents

General Category

* Applicants who fall under (5)②, ⑤, (6) and (7) “2. Eligibility” must submit the following documents during the application period described in “3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility.”

* 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
	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) ① ③ ④	(5) ② ⑤ (6) (7)	
1 Application Form, Resume, Admission Ticket and Photo Card	○	○	Prescribed. Applicants who have completed a correspondence course offered by an educational institution outside of Japan or a structured education course outside of Japan are required to attach Resume B .
2 Research Plan after enrollment	○	○	Prescribed. The prescribed form is available for download on 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 last academic institution attended	○	○	Applicants who have graduated or are expected to graduate from the Department of Pharmacy, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacy, 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 last academic institution attended	○	○	① An Official Certificate must be issued by the graduate school or equivalent institution last attended. (Degree information should be contained if you have already graduated.) ② Applicants who have graduated or expect to graduate from a graduate school or an equivalent institution in China (except Hong Kong, Taiwan, 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. ③ In addition to the Official Certificate of Graduation (undergraduate school), applicants who have completed or are expected to complete a Master’s Course in a graduate school are also required to submit the Official Certificate of (Expected) Graduation (Master’s Course) from the last attended graduate school or equivalent institution. ③ Applicants who have graduated or are expected to graduate from the Department of Pharmacy, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacy, 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.
6 Abstract of research during the Master’s Course	△		Only for applicants who are expected to complete a Master’s Course (about three A-4 size pages).

Documents	Applicants		Remarks
	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) ① ③ ④	(5) ② ⑤ (6) (7)	
7	Abstract of research up to the present time	△	Only for applicants who hold a Master's degree. Consult with prospective supervisors in advance.
8	List of preferred supervisors	○	○ Prescribed. Directly contact the supervisors you prefer in advance. The prescribed form is available for download on 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 480-yen stamp attached. If you change your address after applying, please be sure to 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 be sure to 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 a 110-yen stamp attached.

Special Category for Working Applicants

* Applicants who fall under (7) “2. Eligibility” must submit the following documents during the application period described in “3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility.”

* 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
	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) ①	(7)	
1	Application Form, Resume, Admission Ticket and Photo Card	○	○ Prescribed. Applicants who have completed a correspondence course offered by an educational institution outside of Japan or a structured education course outside of Japan 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. The job tenure and content should be included. 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. The prescribed form is available for download on the graduate school webpage.
4	Official Transcript issued by the last academic institution previously attended	○	○ Applicants who have graduated or are expected to graduate from the Department of Pharmacy, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacy, 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.

Documents		Applicants		Remarks
		(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) ①	(7)	
5	Official Certificate of Graduation or Expected Graduation issued by the last academic institution attended	○	○	<p>① An Official Certificate must be issued by the graduate school or equivalent institution last attended. (Degree information should be contained if you have already graduated.)</p> <p>② Applicants who have graduated or expect to graduate from a graduate school or an equivalent institution in China (except Hong Kong, Taiwan, 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 for at least 15 days at the time of submission.</p> <p>② In addition to the Official Certificate of Graduation, applicants who have completed or are expected to complete a Master's Course in a graduate school are also required to submit the Official Certificate of (Expected) Degree Conferred from the last attended graduate school or equivalent institution.</p> <p>③ Applicants who have graduated or are expected to graduate from the Department of Pharmacy, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacy, Hokkaido University, are not required to submit this document.</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>
6	Abstract of research during the Master's Course	△		Only for applicants who are expected to complete a Master's Course (about three A-4 size pages).
7	Abstract of research up to the present time	△		Only for applicants 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. The prescribed form is available for download on 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	Recommendation letter(s) issued by a principal at the place of work or supervisor at a university or institution last attended	△	△	Discretionary format. Applicants can submit as optional extras.
11	Self-addressed envelope to receive the admission ticket for the entrance examination	○	○	Prescribed. Write your name and mailing address on an envelope with a 480-yen stamp attached. If you change your address after applying, please be sure to notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, Hokkaido University.
12	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 be sure to notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, Hokkaido University.
13	Self-addressed envelope for notification of the pre-assessment results		○	Write your name and mailing address on a standard envelope with a 110-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 must be sent by mail. Please mark “Application for Graduate School Enclosed” in red on the envelope and send it by registered express mail. Applicants must use an envelope prepared separately 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 Japanese Embassies/Consulates, authorities, or 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 account or 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 application materials after the application fee was remitted.
 - The application was rejected before screening of the application materials.
 - The applicant paid the examination fee twice by mistake.

8. Screening Method

General Category

The Graduate School of Life Science will assess applicants on the basis of their written examination in English, oral examination, and application documents submitted.

* 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.

Special Category for Working Applicants

The Graduate School 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 and/or copies of research papers.

9. Examination Date and Venue

Date of Examination: January 10 (Fri.), 2025

Venue of Examination: School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hokkaido University (Kita 12 Nishi 6, Kita-ku, Sapporo)

* The Graduate School will send applicants detailed information on the entrance examination, such as time, location, method of examination, and so on.

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 Thursday, January 23, 2025. 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 for the entrance examination on the day of the examination.

(2) Please consult with the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section by the time of application if you require special considerations and arrangements due to illness, injury, physical difficulties, mental disorder, and so on for the screening.

* Please also consult with the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section if you require special consideration and arrangements for university life.

13. Extension of the Enrollment Duration

It is possible to extend the standard years of study at the Graduate School of Life Science. Read “Extension of the Enrollment Duration” on page 15, and submit an application if you wish to take advantage of this scheme.

14. Other Information

The admission ticket for the entrance examination will be sent to all applicants around Friday, December 20, 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: (011) 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 International Students

1. Admission Quota

Division	Admission Quota (Enrollment)	
	April 2025	October 2025
Division of Clinical Pharmacy	A few students	

2. Eligibility

Applicants must be a citizen of a country other than Japan and living outside of Japan (therefore it is difficult to travel to Japan to take the entrance examination). They must be recognized as having enough competence and scholastic performance by a faculty member of the Graduate School of Science who has agreed to be a supervisor* after enrollment. Also, they must fulfill one of the following criteria:

- (1) completed or are expected to complete 18 years of structured education (finishing in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, or veterinary medicine) outside Japan, prior to admission to the Graduate School.
- (2) Have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT):
Completed 16 years of structured education outside Japan, 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 the academic aptitude equivalent to or greater than that of a university graduate with a degree from a 6-year program in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, or veterinary medicine.
- (3) Are recognized as having an academic aptitude equivalent or superior to the university graduates (in a 6-year program in pharmacy, medicine, dental medicine, or veterinary medicine) 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 must contact their prospective supervisor in advance, and after obtaining his/her acceptance, they will receive a password necessary for online application. In addition, applicants must request their prospective supervisor to write a recommendation letter (discretionary format) and ask them to directly submit it to the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section during the application period.

* Those who wish to enroll in October 2025 must indicate so by choosing “October 2025 enrollment” on online application registration screen.

3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility

Application Period for Pre-assessment: November 20 (Wed.) – 5:00 PM JST on November 22 (Fri.), 2024

The Pre-assessment of Eligibility is held prior to the application period for the entrance examination. Applicants who fall (2) or (3) in “2. Eligibility” must apply for this by submitting by email “6. Application Documents” in PDF format during the above period to the following address. If you provide false information on documents submitted, your application may be rejected.

Email address: r-gakuin@sci.hokudai.ac.jp

Applicants must not pay the entrance examination fee at the time of the pre-assessment.

Notes:

The results of the pre-assessment will be sent to applicants around Tuesday, December 3, 2024; once their eligibility has been confirmed, they must pay the examination fee in accordance with “5. Application Procedure and Payment of Fees” during “4. 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.

4. Application Period

◆ **Online application: November 28 (Thu.), 2024 – 5:00 PM JST on December 4 (Wed.), 2024**

* Note: After completing the online application, applicants must scan all the application documents (see “5. Application Documents”) in PDF format and send them via email by Wednesday, December 4.

Email address: r-gakuin@sci.hokudai.ac.jp

◆ **Deadline for submission of the application documents by post: 5:00 PM JST on December 12 (Thu.), 2024**

* Note: Aside from sending PDF files by email, applicants must send hard copies of the application documents by registered mail after online application registration. They must be received by the deadline, so please consider the time for courier delivery.

Applicants who fall under (1) in “2. Eligibility”

Referring to “5. Application Procedure and Payment of Fees”, applicants must apply during the above application period.

Applicants who fall under (2) or (3) in “2. Eligibility”

Applicants must first apply for the Pre-assessment of Eligibility, and then once their eligibility has been confirmed by the pre-assessment, complete the application procedure, described in “5. Application Procedure and Payment of Fees”, during the above application period.

5. Application Procedure and Payment of Fees

Applicants must complete all of the following (①-③) by the deadlines specified in “4. Application Period.”

① Online Application Registration

1) Access the Hokkaido University Internet Application website (<https://e-apply.jp/e/hokudai-lsci/>) using the password received from your prospective supervisor.

Notes:

- i. Detailed information on the online application procedure has been posted on the website, so please read the operation procedures and precautions in advance.
- ii. Applicants must have (or have access to) a printer for printing the application documents and have an email address capable of receiving notification of registration and payment (cell phone’s email address is not accepted).

2) Follow the instructions on the screen and enter the necessary information.

3) If successfully registered, notification of completion of the registration will be sent to the email address you have provided.

② Payment of the Entrance Examination Fee

Entrance examination fee must be paid in accordance with the instructions provided on the payment procedures screen shown after you complete the online application registration process. Use one of the following methods to make the payment. (Required information and procedures differ depending on the payment method you choose). Please follow the instructions on the screen.

Entrance Examination Fee: 30,000 yen

I. Credit card.

II. Pay-easy (bank ATM, Japan Post bank ATM, or online banking), convenience store, PayPay Bank, or Rakuten Bank.

III. ChinaPay (online payment service offered by China UnionPay).

Notes:

- i. Along with the entrance examination fee, please note about 500 yen will be added as a handling charge.
- ii. 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.

* MEXT scholarship students recommended by universities other than Hokkaido University are required to submit a copy of a letter verifying that they have received this scholarship.

iii. The examination fee is not refundable except in the following cases:

- The applicant has not submitted application materials after the application fee was remitted.
- The application was rejected before screening of the application materials.
- The applicant paid the examination fee twice by mistake.

③ Submission of Application Documents by post

1) Print the application form and resume that were generated after you completed the online application registration process and send them along with all other necessary documents (see “5. Application Documents”) in an envelope; affix one of the address labels (printed with the application form and resume) to the envelope, and send it by registered mail (It must be received by the deadline.). Please note that the application documents will not be returned once submitted.

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2) The application is considered complete once all documents are received by the Graduate School. Please note that completion of the online application registration alone does not constitute completion of the application procedure.

- Applications received after the application period will not be accepted. Consider the time for courier delivery and be sure to post it well in advance.

6. Application Documents

* In the following chart, “○” indicates documents that must be submitted; “△” indicates documents that must be submitted for those who fall into the following “Remarks.”

Documents		Applicants		Remarks
		(1)	(2)(3)	
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 under (2) or (3) in “2. Eligibility” should submit them after their eligibility has been confirmed by the pre-assessment.
2	Application Form for the pre-assessment		○	Prescribed. Download this form from the online application page and complete it.
3	ID Photo	○	○	One photograph (4cm×3cm)
4	Research Plan after enrollment	○	○	Prescribed. Download this form from the online application page and complete it (print on A-4 size pages).
5	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.
6	Official Transcript issued by the last academic institution attended	○	○	Applicants can attach recommendation letters from faculty members at academic institutions last attended. * 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.

Documents		Applicants		Remarks
		(1)	(2) (3)	
7	Official Certificate of Graduation or Expected Graduation issued by the last academic institution attended	○	○	<p>① An Official Certificate must be issued by the Head of the last university or equivalent institution attended. (Degree information should be contained if you have already graduated.)</p> <p>◎ Applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from a university or an equivalent institution in China (except Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao) must submit the following document written in English along with an official certificate of (expected) graduation.</p> <p>Applicants who;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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>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)</p> <p>Please make sure the web authentication should be valid for at least 15 days at the time of submission.</p> <p>② In addition to the Certificate of Graduation, applicants who have completed or are expected to complete a Master's Course in a graduate school are also required to submit the Official Certificate of (Expected) Degree Conferred from the last university or similar institution.</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>
8	Abstract of research during the Master's Course	△		Only for applicants who are expected to complete a Master's Course (about three A-4 size pages).
9	Abstract of research up to the present time	△		Only for applicants who hold a Master's degree. Consult with prospective supervisors in advance.
10	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.
11	Photocopy of Passport	○	○	Submit a copy of the page of your passport with your name on it.
12	Other documents that the prospective supervisor requests	△	△	

7. Screening Method

The Graduate School will assess applicants on the basis of their transcript, recommendation letter from the prospective supervisor, research plan after enrollment, and documents submitted as optional extras, such as the summary of research experience or copies of research papers.

8. 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 Thursday, January 23, 2025. All applicants are notified of the results by mail.

9. Procedures for Enrollment and Payment of Fees*

All successful applicants are notified of the registration procedure at the time of notification of results.

Enrollment Fee: 282,000 yen (estimated)

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.

10. Important Notice

Please consult with the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section by the time of application if you require special considerations and arrangements due to illness, injury, physical difficulties, mental disorder, and so on for the screening.

* Please also consult with the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section if you require special consideration and arrangements for university life.

11. Extension of the Enrollment Duration

It is possible to extend the standard years of study at the Graduate School of Life Science. Read “Extension of the Enrollment Duration” on page 15, and submit an application if you wish to take advantage of this scheme.

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

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Extension of the Enrollment Duration

1. Aims

When students are under special circumstances such as having a job, etc. (including child and nursing care), they may apply for an extension of enrollment duration which exceeds the standard enrollment duration (2 years) (hereinafter referred to as "Extension of the Enrollment Duration"). The graduate school may approve such requests after reviewing their application.

2. Intended Students

Students who fall under one of the criteria below and wish to set the enrollment duration longer than the standard duration:

- (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. Maximum Enrollment Duration

The maximum enrollment duration is 6 years for the doctoral degree program, and a student can apply for an extension by the year.

Note that the maximum duration of a temporary leave of absence is 4 years.

4. Application Procedure

(1) Application Period

Please submit complete application documents for the Extension of the Enrollment Duration together with the application documents for the graduate school.

(2) Required Documents

- ① Application Form for Extension of the Enrollment Duration (Form 1)
- ② Research Plan during the Enrollment Duration (Form 2)
- ③ Statement of reasons why an applicant needs the Extension (discretionary format).

(3) Announcement of Application Results

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

5. Reducing or Extending the Period of Extended Enrollment

When regarded as necessary, the Graduate School of Life Science may approve Reduction or Extension of the Enrollment Duration only once.

For details, please check the information board for current students after completing enrollment procedures.

6. Annual Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for students with the extension of enrollment duration will be calculated by multiplying the annual tuition fee by the number of years equivalent to the standard duration of study (4 years), then dividing the resulting amount by the number of years approved for extended study. If the revision is made to the tuition fee or the changes to the Duration of Extended Enrollment are approved, the fee will be calculated accordingly. However, the adjustment will not be made to the tuition fee which has already been paid.

Students who have not received the results of their application for the Extension of Enrollment Duration must not pay the tuition fee before they receive the official notification of the results.

7. Other Information

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