

**Academic Year 2027**

**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 2026 or April 2027

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

**June 2026**

## Important Notice

### Notes to international applicants who enter Japan from overseas

Applicants who wish to enroll at Hokkaido University as international students are required to obtain a "Student" status of residence. Therefore, you must apply for a Student Visa before entering Japan. To apply for a Student Visa, a Certificate of Eligibility (COE)\* is required.

Please note that the issuance of the COE may take more than three months from the time of application due to Security Export Control inspections and immigration procedures.

Additionally, please note that if your intended research falls under the regulations of the Security Export Control Regulations, restrictions may apply.

\*Certificate of Eligibility: This is a certificate that the Immigration Bureau pre-approves applicants' purpose of stay in Japan and speeds up the visa application process.

#### «Reference»

- **Hokkaido University Website -Application and Acquisition of Visa**

Japanese: <https://intl-student-handbook.oia.hokudai.ac.jp/preparation/visa>

English: <https://intl-student-handbook.oia.hokudai.ac.jp/en/preparation-en/visa-en>

- **Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) Website**

<https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/ampo/>

## Schedule for Entrance Examination Graduate School of Life Science 2027

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 18 – 19, 2026
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 13 – 14, 2027 (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 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 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 2026)	Admission Quota (enrollment April 2027)
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 an institution in foreign countries 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 structured education at an institution established in Japan that is recognized by the structured 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 structured education provided by an institution in foreign countries, 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 structured education outside Japan, or completed 16 years of structured 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 2026 must indicate so by checking the appropriate box on the application form.

### 3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility

### Application Period for Pre-assessment: June 10 (Wed.) – June 12 (Fri.), 2026

The Pre-assessment of Eligibility is held prior to the application period for the entrance examination. Applicants who fall under G or H in “2. Eligibility” 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 a 110-yen stamp affixed.

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 Thursday, June 25, 2026, 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 submit the payment certificate by Friday, July 17, 2026. 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 cancel.

Students who, at the time of application, are recipients of the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship or the State-Sponsored Scholarship Program of the China Scholarship Council are not required to pay the examination fee.

### 4. Application Period

#### Application Period: July 13 (Mon.) – July 17 (Fri.), 2026

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 Eligibility” 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 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
		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 educational institution outside of Japan or a structured education course outside of Japan are required to attach <b>Resume B</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 equivalent institution last attended	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	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) or Official Certificate of Degree Conferred issued by the last graduate school or equivalent institution attended	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	① An Official Certificate must be issued by the last graduate school or equivalent institution 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 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 <a href="http://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp">http://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp</a> ) Please make sure the web authentication should be valid for 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. Eligibility" 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	[Prescribed.] <b>Provide the choices of professors from the List of Preferred Supervisors. To do so, applicants must contact the supervisors in advance and obtain permission to join and to list the supervisors in the prescribed form. The prescribed form is available for download on the graduate school webpage.</b>
9	Summary of research experience and copies of research papers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	[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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	[Prescribed.] Write your name, mailing address, and postal code on an envelope with a 480-yen stamp attached. If you need to 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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	[Prescribed.] Write your name, mailing address, and postal code on each sticker. If you need to 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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	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 should be sent by mail. Please mark “**Application for Graduate School Enclosed**” in red on the envelope and send it by express registered 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 (including other faculties and graduate schools) and proceed directly to the Doctoral Course without interruption, as well as those who, at the time of application, are recipients of the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship\* or the State-Sponsored Scholarship Program of the China Scholarship Council 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 (E), 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

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 18 (Tue.) – August 19 (Wed.), 2026**

**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 the time, location, how to take the 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 6 and Wednesday, August 19. 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 JST on Friday, September 4, 2026. Only successful 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 the examination.
  - (2) The admission may be rescinded if any false information/statements are found in the application materials.
  - (3) 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.
- 《Reference》 Information for Hokkaido University admission with regard to providing reasonable accommodation  
<https://www.hokudai.ac.jp/admission/gouriteki-hairyo.html>

## 13. Extension of the Enrollment Duration

It is possible to extend the standard duration of study at the Graduate School of Life Science. Read “Extension of the Enrollment Duration” on page 12, 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 around Monday, August 3, 2026, to applicants whose application materials have been accepted.

**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 (weekdays): 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. except 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tel: +81-11-706-3675  
E-mail: [r-gakuin@sci.hokudai.ac.jp](mailto: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 2026)	Admission Quota (enrollment April 2027)
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 an institution in foreign countries while living in Japan.

**D** Received a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by completing a structured education at an institution established in Japan that is recognized by the structured 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 structured education provided by an institution in foreign countries, 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 structured education outside Japan, or completed 16 years of structured 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 2026 must indicate so by checking the appropriate box on the application form.

### 3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility

**Application Period for Pre-assessment: June 10 (Wed.) – 5:00 PM JST on June 12 (Fri.), 2026**

The Pre-assessment of Eligibility is held prior to the application period for the entrance examination. Applicants who fall under G or H in “2. Eligibility” 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 a 110-yen stamp affixed.

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 Thursday, June 25, 2026, 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 submit the payment certificate by Friday, July 17, 2026. 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: July 13 (Mon.) – July 17 (Fri.), 2026**

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, at the time of application, are recipients of the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship or the State-Sponsored Scholarship Program of the China Scholarship Council 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. Eligibility”

Please refer to “3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility” 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 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
	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 educational institution outside of Japan or a structured education course outside of Japan are required to attach <b>Resume B</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		○	[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.
5	Official Transcript issued by the last graduate school or equivalent institution 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.
6	Official Certificate of Graduation (or Expected Graduation) or Official Certificate of Degree Conferred issued by the last graduate school or equivalent institution attended	○	○	① An Official Certificate must be issued by the Head of the last graduate school or equivalent institution attended. (Degree information should be contained if you have already graduated.)  ② 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.  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 <a href="http://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp">http://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp</a> ) Please make sure the web authentication should be valid for at least 15 days at the time of submission.  ② Applicants who graduated 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. Eligibility" 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.
7	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).
8	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.
9	List of Preferred Supervisors	○	○	[Prescribed.] <b>Provide the choices of professors from the List of Preferred Supervisors. To do so, applicants must contact the supervisors in advance and obtain permission to join and to list the supervisors in the prescribed form. The prescribed form is available for download on the graduate school webpage.</b>
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	Recommendation letter(s) issued by; a person with personnel and/or other authorities in the current place of work or a supervisor at a current/previous university or equivalent institution attended	△	△	[Discretionary format.] Applicants can submit as optional extras.
12	Self-addressed envelope to receive the admission ticket for the entrance examination	○	○	[Prescribed.] Write your name, mailing address, and postal code on an envelope with a 480-yen stamp attached. If you need to 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	Stickers for notification of the application results and for communication purposes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	[Prescribed.] Write your name, mailing address, and postal code on each sticker. If you need to change your address after applying, please be sure to notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, Hokkaido University.
14	Self-addressed envelope for notification of the pre-assessment results		<input type="radio"/>	Write your name, mailing address, and postal code on a standard envelope with a 110-yen stamp attached.

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:**

<p><b>Graduate School Educational Affairs Section</b>  Science and Life Science Administration Department  Hokkaido University  Kita-10 Nishi-8 Kita-ku, Sapporo 060-0810, Japan</p> <p>Office hours (weekday): 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. except 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Tel: +81-11-706-3675  E-mail: r-gakuin@sci.hokudai.ac.jp</p> <p><b>Graduate School of Life Science, Hokkaido University</b>  <a href="https://www.lfsci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/">https://www.lfsci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/</a></p>
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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 (3 years) (hereinafter referred to as "Extension of the Enrollment Duration"). The graduate school may approve such a request 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. For students who have been approved for the Extension of the Enrollment Duration, the maximum duration of enrollment is 6 years.

Note that the maximum duration of a temporary leave of absence is 3 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 Duration of 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 (3 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.