Academic Year 2027

Graduate School of Life Science
Hokkaido University
Division of Life Science
Division of Soft Matter

Master's Course

（Former Period of Doctoral Program）

Fall Selection

Application Guidelines for the Entrance Examination

(Admission for General Category)

September 2026

Important Notice

Notes to foreign 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.

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- **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/anpo/

Schedule for Entrance Examination
Graduate School of Life Science 2027

Division of Life Science and Division of Soft Matter: Master's Course (Former Period of Doctoral Program)

Master Course	Open Division and Course	Examination Date
Fall Selection	Division of Life Science Transdisciplinary Life Science Course, Biosystems Science Course, Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course Division of Soft Matter	October 22 or 23, 2026
Winter Selection	Division of Life Science (tentative) Transdisciplinary Life Science Course, Biosystems Science Course Division of Soft Matter (tentative)	January 13 – 14, 2027 (tentative)

* The guidelines for the winter selection will be issued in November and announced on the website.

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 eligibility 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 provided for the application for admission and pre-assessment of eligibility 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. On these principles and aims, we seek:

1. Students having a strong intention to study not only basic life science but also the primary level of applied life science, as in medicine, pharmaceutical science, veterinary medicine, agriculture, fisheries science and biotechnology, and willing to acquire advanced analytical techniques and broad, in-depth knowledge of life science.
2. Students having technical capabilities for advanced scientific research and having a strong intention to become a research professional in private firms, national or local governments.

<Division of Soft Matter>

The Division of Soft Matter seeks students who desire to be capable of integrating material science 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 matter and applying those finding to other fields.

The Division especially seeks following students.

1. Students who wish to learn basic physics, chemistry and biology and to develop analytical and manufactural techniques in the field of soft matter.
2. Students who wish to acquire technical capabilities for advanced scientific research and to have a strong intention to become educators, researchers or research professional in private firms.

・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 written examination, applicants will be evaluated their levels of “knowledge and skills”, “ability to think/judge/express” and “comprehension.”

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 a transcript).

【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 a transcript).

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

【Master's Course (Former 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	Leaning Attitude (to take initiative, to cooperate with diverse people)				
General Category	Writing Examination	◎	◎		○			
	Oral Examination	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎
	Application Documents	Comprehensively evaluated						
Special Category for International Students	Oral Examination etc. (※1)	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎
	Application Documents	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

General Category

1. Admission Quota

Division and Course	Admission Quota (Enrollment April 2027)
Division of Life Science Transdisciplinary Life Science Course Biosystems Science Course Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course	About 20 students
Division of Soft Matter	A few students

* Please note that there are some fields in the Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course that will not conduct fall selection. (Refer to the Supervisor List)

2. Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill one of the following criteria.

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

3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility

Application Period for Pre-assessment: September 8 (Tue.) – September 10 (Thu.), 2026

The Pre-assessment of Eligibility is held prior to the application period for the entrance examination. Applicants who fall under (9) or (10) 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 results will be sent to applicants around Thursday, September 24, 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 Tuesday, September 29, 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 or the State-Sponsored Scholarship Program of the China Scholarship Council are not required to pay the examination fee.

4. Application Period

Application Period: September 24 (Thu.) – September 29 (Tue.), 2026

Applicants who fall under (1) – (8) in "2. Eligibility"

Submit the completed application documents (see "5. Application Documents") together with the payment certificate (E) (see "7. Entrance Examination Fee") during the application period.

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

5. Application Documents

* Applicants who fall under (9) or (10) 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 by those who meet the definition in the "Remarks."

Documents		Applicants			Remarks
		(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)	(9)	(10)	
1	Application Form, Resume, Admission Ticket and Photo Card	○	○	○	[Prescribed.] Applicants who have completed a structured school education outside Japan or a distance-learning course offered by a foreign educational institution outside Japan must fill out Resume B.
2	Official Transcript issued by the last university or equivalent institution attended (undergraduate level)	○	○	○	Applicants under (9) in "2. Eligibility" must submit a transcript issued by their current academic institution. * 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.

3	Official Certificate of Graduation (or Expected Graduation) or Degree Conferral (or Expected Degree Conferral) issued by the last university or equivalent institution attended (undergraduate level)	○	△	○	① An Official Certificate must be issued by the Head of the last university or equivalent institution attended. (Degree information should be included if you have already graduated.) ◎ Applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from the last university or equivalent institution attended 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 for at least 15 days at the time of submission. ② Applicants under (2) in "2. Eligibility" must submit a certificate either i) or ii): i) Official Certificate of (Accepted Application) Degree Conferred issued by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE) ii) Official Certificate of (expected) Graduation issued by the Technical College that the applicant is affiliated with as well as an Official Certificate of (Expected Application) Degree Conferred * 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.
4	Documents certifying that the applicant has academic skills equal to or greater than those of a college graduate			○	[Discretionary format.] e.g., documents detailing international activities, work experience, or language learning experience; research papers; patent publications; certificates of qualification; recommendation letters from supervisors at schools last attended.
5	List of preferred supervisors	○	○	○	[Prescribed.] Directly contact supervisors you prefer in advance. The prescribed form is available for download on the graduate school webpage.
6	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 afterwards, please be sure to notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, Hokkaido University, immediately.
7	Stickers to receive application results and to be used for communication purposes	○	○	○	[Prescribed.] Write your name, mailing address, and postal code on each sticker. If you need to change your address afterwards, please be sure to notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, Hokkaido University, immediately.

8	Evidence of English proficiency. (E.g. the original score sheets of TOEFL, TOEIC).	○	○	○	On applying, applicants must submit one of the following English score sheets. Only scores of tests that took place after July 2024 are accepted. (*See [Important] below) * Those who fall under ③ must consult with the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section about this matter in advance. ① TOEFL (iBT or ITP) 1) TOEFL-iBT (Home Edition is acceptable, limited for Test Date score) Submit the original Test Taker Score Report from American ETS. (*See [Important] below) Those who take TOEFL test as of spring 2026 are required to submit the printed Test Taker Score Report in PDF format downloaded from their ETS account. 2) TOEFL-ITP Submit original Individual Score Card. ② TOEIC (Public Testing) Submit the original Official Score Certificate. * A printed Digital Official Score Certificate could be submitted as equivalent to the original Official Score Certificate. ③ Those who have received education in English at a Japanese or foreign university (or graduate school) If documents, which certify that applicants received education in English at a university (or graduate school) attended (e.g.) Medium of Instruction certificate), are submitted, there is a possibility that the English score sheet is exempted from submission. Applicants must contact the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section if applicable. Those who took this year's examination (summer selection held on August 18 and 19, 2026) and already submitted the score sheet may apply for an exemption (or you may submit a new score sheet). If you wish to apply for an exemption, check the appropriate box in the application document.
9	Self-addressed envelope for notification of the pre-assessment results.		○	○	Write your name, mailing address and postal code on a standard envelope with a 110-yen stamp attached.

* [Important] Submission of the English Proficiency Certificate (scoresheet, etc.)
Submission of the English proficiency scoresheet, etc., during the application period is final. No additional scoresheets or certificates will be accepted to replace the original submission.

◎ Documents specified by course [Prescribed.]

Division of Life Science (Transdisciplinary Life Science Course) Division of Soft Matter	Abstract	Applicants for the Life Science (Transdisciplinary Life Science Course) and Division of Soft Matter must submit an abstract of graduation research in current/previous university or proposed research in Hokkaido University. The abstract should fit in a one-page A4-sized paper (use Form 1) and 400-600 words in English or 800-1200 words in Japanese. Illustrations and/or tables (black and white or colored) may be included in Form 1 and are not counted toward the word limit. Form 1 is available for download from the graduate school webpage. It is highly recommended that applicants prepare this form by computer and submit it as a hard copy.

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

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 express registered 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 will receive 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 a letter verifying that they will receive this scholarship.
* As a general rule, students who currently enroll in the Integrated Science Program are not required to pay

the examination fee.

(2) Remit the examination fee through a bank or a post office designated by this University, by using the payment slip for the entrance examination fee which is enclosed in the application package, and attach the payment certificate (E) to the appropriate section on the application form.

(3) 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.

8. Screening Method

<Division of Life Science (Transdisciplinary Life Science Course) and Division of Soft Matter>

① Oral Examination
In this examination, applicants are required to take two kinds of oral examinations: (A) general questions about the motivation for applying and the research aspiration etc. (B) an explanation of the research outline submitted, and basic knowledge and academic skills related to the research outline.

② English Language Proficiency: Based on scores of the external English Language Proficiency Test

③ Selection Criteria
The graduate school will decide on successful applicants by a comprehensive assessment of the results of the oral examination, the external English Language Proficiency Test, and the submitted application documents.

* Applicants who apply for the Division of Life Science (Transdisciplinary Life Science Course) and the Division of Soft Matter are exempted from taking the written examination.

<Division of Life Science (Biosystems Science Course)>

① Oral Examination
In this examination, applicants are questioned on their specialized scientific knowledge, general scientific knowledge, and research motivation based upon their written essays [“1. Reason for applying” and “2. Previous study”].

② English Language Proficiency: Based on scores of the external English Language Proficiency Test

③ Selection Criteria
The graduate school will decide on successful applicants by a comprehensive assessment of the results of the oral examination, the external English Language Proficiency Test, and the submitted application documents.

* Oral Examination will be held online using the Internet Meeting System. Details are notified to the applicants individually by email.

<Division of Life Science (Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course)>

① Oral Examination
In this examination, applicants are questioned on their specialized scientific knowledge, general scientific knowledge, and research motivation based upon their written essays [“1. Reason for applying” and “2. Previous study”].

② English Language Proficiency: Based on scores of the external English Language Proficiency Test

③ Selection Criteria
The graduate school will decide on successful applicants by a comprehensive assessment of the results of the oral examination, the external English Language Proficiency Test, and the submitted application documents.

9. Examination Date and Venue

Date of Examination: October 22 (Thu.) or October 23 (Fri.), 2026

Venue of Examination: School of Science/Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hokkaido University (Kita-ku, Sapporo) * Except for the Examination conducted online.

* The Graduate School will send applicants detailed information on the entrance examination, such as the time, location, and how to take oral examination online and so on.
* It is not allowed to apply to more than one Course/Division.

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 Tuesday, November 10, 2026. In addition, only successful applicants are notified of the results by mail.

11. 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.

12. Important Notice

(1) Make sure to bring your admission ticket on the day of the examination and put it on your desk.
The Graduate School may conduct identity verification, please make sure to bring a form of identification bearing the applicant's name and date of birth, including a photo, and valid as of the examination date, such as the following items: Student ID, My Number Card (Individual Number Card), Passport, Driver's License Card, Residence Card.

(2) Once an application has been submitted, no change to the applicant's preference will be permitted under any circumstances.

(3) If false information or statements are provided in the application materials or if a photograph of a person other than the applicant or a photograph that has been altered to change the applicant's appearance is used as part of the application materials, such conduct is treated as misconduct, and admission may be rescinded.

(4) Cheating or assisting another applicant in cheating during the examination is treated as misconduct. In addition, the use of any of the following electronic devices is also treated as misconduct: cell phones, smartphones, wearable devices (such as smartwatches and smart glasses), tablet devices, electronic dictionaries, IC recorders, earphones, music players, and other similar devices. Earphones will be considered to be in use if they are worn in the ears.
However, the use of these devices will not be considered misconduct if prior permission has been granted.
Failure to follow the instructions during the examination may be considered misconduct.

(5) If any misconduct is discovered, the applicant will be instructed to stop the examination and leave the examination room. The applicant will not be permitted to take any subsequent examinations, and the institution may take measures such as invalidating the results of all subjects taken by the applicant. If misconduct is discovered after admission has been granted, the admission may be rescinded.

(6) 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 10, 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 Thursday, October 8, 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 (weekday): 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

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

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") 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 up to 4 years for the master's 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 approved duration plus 2 years.
Note that the maximum duration of a temporary leave of absence is 2 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.

6. 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 (2 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.