

2026 April Admission

The University of Osaka Graduate School of Medicine

Application Requirements for: Doctoral Course, Division of Medicine

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- * Applicants should contact your prospective supervisor before application or you apply.
- * In case of any changes or updated information will be announced on our website, please check it to obtain the latest information.

https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor

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Admission Policy:

[Ideal Student Profiles]

Based on the University of Osaka's Admission Policies, in order to nurture personnel suited to its education objectives, the Graduate School of Medicine is looking for individuals who:

- * meet the knowledge requirements noted below and aim to contribute to the advancement in medicine, medical care, and life science.
- * aim to secure quality of healthy life for the local community as medical professionals.
- * hope to assist in nurturing excellent personnel responsible for the next generation.

The Doctoral course welcomes persons possessing the following qualities:

- (1) English proficiency capable of reading theses written by western researchers and writing theses in English.
- (2) An undergraduate level of knowledge, necessary for conducting research in medicine and life science as well as a master's course or higher level of basic knowledge in a specialized area.
- (3) An excellent sense of purpose and a sense of ethics, necessary for conducting medical research.

[Selection Scheme]

Entrance examinations for Doctoral Course (April and October admissions) are conducted in order to accept the diverse students matches to our requirement.

[Evaluation points of above qualities and abilities]

(1) will be evaluated in the English examination. (2) and (3) will be evaluated in the major subject examination, interview, submitted documents and other.

Security Export Control

In accordance with Japan's "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act" (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), The University of Osaka has established the "The University of Osaka Security Export Control Regulations" and rigorously implements security export control for the export of goods and the transfer of technology (including accepting foreigners).

Please be aware that applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in the Act may not receive permission to enroll at the university or may have their education or research restricted after their enrollment.

For more information, please refer to the website.

(Japanese) https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/research/secur_exp/outline

(English) https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/research/secur_exp/outline

(Contact)

Security Export Control and Research Integrity
Research Promotion Division,
Research Promotion Department,
Mail : s-export@ml.office.osaka-u.ac.jp

1. Admission Schedule:

	Autumn Examination	Winter Examination
Application Period	August 18 (Mon), 2025 – August 22 (Fri), 2025	November 20 (Thu), 2025– November 26 (Wed), 2025
Period of Application Fee Payment	July 1 (Tue), 2025, 9:00 A.M.(JST) – August 22 (Fri), 2025, 5:00 P.M.(JST)	October 1 (Wed), 2025, 9:00 A.M. (JST) – November 26 (Wed), 2025, 5:00 P.M.(JST)
Examination Dates and Locations	Major Subject and Interview Your intended laboratory will conduct the exam by October 2 (Thu), 2025.	Major Subject and Interview Your intended laboratory will conduct the exam by January 7 (Wed), 2026.
	Reading and Essay Writing (English) October 2 (Thu), 2025 2: 00 p.m. - 3: 30 p.m. (At the Faculty of Medicine Lecture Building)	Reading and Essay Writing (English) January 7 (Wed), 2026 2: 00 p.m. - 3: 30 p.m. (At the Faculty of Medicine Lecture Building)
Submission Address Hand deliver or mail (registered mail by Japan Post or International Courier Services from overseas)	GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI, Graduate School of Medicine, the University of Osaka 2-2 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka, JAPAN 565-0871 [for hand delivery] Application Office Hours: 9: 00 a.m. - 12: 00 p.m., 1: 00 p.m. - 5: 00 p.m. *CLOSED: Saturday, Sunday, and National holidays	
Announcement of Successful Applicants	November 17 (Mon), 2025	February 17 (Tue), 2026
	Posted on our website after 1:30 p.m.(https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor . Successful applicants will also individually receive an acceptance letter.	

[Applications sent within Japan]

The application envelope must be postmarked (in Japan) no later than August 20 (Wed), 2025 for the Autumn Examination, or November 21 (Fri), 2025 for the Winter Examination.

[Applications sent from overseas]

Only the application materials that have arrived during each application period will be accepted.

2. Number to be Admitted:

Division	Medicine
Number to be Admitted	172

* "Graduate students holding jobs" are included in the number above.

* "Graduate students holding jobs" are defined as people who currently work at places such as government offices,

research institutes, companies, and hospitals and will be still employed after enrollment in the University of Osaka.

- * If you work at the time of application and quit your job by the time of enrollment, you must submit proof of resignation from your current place of employment at the time of enrollment.
- * Admission of graduate students holding jobs is limited to certain laboratories. (Please refer to the “Graduate School of Medicine Course List.”)
- * Junior Residents in training are not allowed to be enrolled in the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Osaka. Junior Residents are required to suspend or cancel their Senior Resident training before enrollment.
※Applicants who belong to the laboratory which marked with ● on the “Graduate School of Medicine Course List.” are allowed to continue the training at the University of Osaka Hospital under certain conditions. Please consult to your intended laboratory.

3. Application Procedures:

- (1) On the application, applicants must select an intended laboratory from the “Graduate School of Medicine Course List.”
- (2) Prior to applying, contact your intended academic supervisor and obtain his/her consent.
*Please refer to the website below for more information regarding laboratories:
(<https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/introduction/research>)
- (3) International students should apply through your intended laboratory.

4. Qualifications:

Applicants must meet one of the following qualifications:

- (1) Individuals who have graduated or expect to graduate from a university course in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy (limited to course terms of six years, same as below) by March 31, 2026.
- (2) Individuals who have completed or expect to complete eighteen (18) years of formal education overseas by March 31, 2026.
- (3) Individuals who have completed or expect to complete the equivalent of eighteen (18) years of formal education overseas through the completion in Japan of a correspondence course offered by a school in that country by March 31, 2026.
- (4) Individuals who have completed, or expect to complete the relevant coursework designated separately by the Minister of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) at an educational facility in Japan which ranks in a foreign country’s educational system as providing the same level of curriculum as a university in that country (limited to those facilities recognized as providing the equivalent of eighteen (18) years of formal education in that country) by March 31, 2026.
- (5) Individuals who have received or expect to receive the equivalent of a bachelor’s degree through the completion of coursework (*1) which requires five (5) or more years of study at an overseas university or school (*2) by March 31, 2026.
(*1) Including but not limited to the completion of a correspondence course in Japan offered by a school overseas and which ranks in an educational system overseas as providing the same level of curriculum as a university in that country designated by Item (4)
(*2) Limited to schools evaluated by organizations that are certified by overseas governments, or relevant agencies, on the comprehensive progress of their education and research, or schools which are designated separately by the Minister of MEXT).

- (6) Individuals who complete or expect to complete a master's course in Japan by March 31, 2026.
- (7) An applicant designated by the Minister of MEXT (as per Notification No. 39 of the Ministry of Education dated April 8, 1955 and No.118 dated September 1, 1989) [Refer to "5. Qualifying Review"].
- (8) Individuals who have been enrolled at a graduate school in Japan pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2 of Article 102 of the School Education Law and who are recognized as having adequate academic skill to study at the Graduate School of Medicine [Refer to "5. Qualifying Review"].
- (9) Individuals who have been enrolled at a university course in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy in Japan for at least four (4) years and who are recognized by the Graduate School of Medicine as having acquired the prescribed number of credits with exemplary grades [Refer to "5. Qualifying Review"].
- (10) Individuals who have completed sixteen (16) years of formal education overseas (limited to those individuals who have completed a course in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy); individuals who have completed sixteen (16) years of formal education overseas through completion in Japan of a correspondence course offered by a school in that country (limited to those individuals who have completed a course in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy); or individuals who have completed the relevant coursework designated separately by the Minister of MEXT at an educational facility in Japan which ranks in an overseas educational system as providing the same level of curriculum as a university in that country (limited to those facilities recognized as providing the equivalent of sixteen (16) years of formal education in that country; limited to those individuals who have completed a course in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy) who are recognized by the Graduate School of Medicine as having acquired the prescribed number of credits with exemplary grades [Refer to "5. Qualifying Review"].
- (11) Individuals who are at least twenty-four (24) years of age at the time of March 31, 2026 and who are recognized by the Graduate School of Medicine as having academic capabilities equal to or exceeding those of an individual who has completed a course in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy, based on a separate admission qualification evaluation [Refer to "5. Qualifying Review"].

(Note) "Universities" in (1), (9), and (11) indicate universities in Japan as stipulated by Article 83 of the School Education Law.

5. Qualifying Review:

Among the Qualifications mentioned above, those who wish to apply under (7) ((A), Individuals who have been enrolled at a five-year doctoral course for at least two years, have obtained at least 30 credits, and had necessary research guidance, or (B), Individuals who have been engaged in research at a university or a laboratory at least two years after graduating from a university or completing sixteen years of formal education overseas.), (8), (9), (10), or (11) must undergo a "Qualifying Review" prior to the application period. Individuals who pass the review may apply for the doctoral entrance examination.

Individuals who require a "Qualifying Review" should download the "Application Documents for the Qualifying Review" from the website below:

https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor

The documents must be submitted to GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI (Student Support, Educational Affairs Section), either hand-delivered or by mail (registered mail or EMS from overseas), during the application period for the review.

Type of Qualifying Review

(1) Qualifications (7)-(A), (7)-(B), and (11)

The Qualifying Review assesses academic capabilities equal to or exceeding those of an individual who has graduated from a university course in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy or completed a master's program.

The criteria for academic background and research periods (years of experience) to apply for Qualifying Review fall under (7)-(B), and (11).

Qualifications	Educational background	Research period after the latest academic year (years of experience)
(7)-(B)	Graduate of a university (four-year undergraduate etc.) Those who completed 16 years of formal education overseas	2 years or more
(11)	(a) Graduate of a junior college (two-year course)	4 years or more
	(b) Graduate of a junior college (three-year course)	3 years or more
	(c) Graduate of a technical college	4 years or more
	(d) Graduate of a specialized course (two years or more) of a specialized training college	More than the period calculated by subtracting the term of study in a specialized training college (specialized course) from six years.
	(e) Graduate of a Japanese campus of a foreign university, international school, specialized training college (except specialized courses), or other schools and educational institutes in Japan and overseas.	The number of years can be calculated by subtracting 18 from the total years of formal education, including years expected to attend. The individual's research period (years of experience) * must be greater than the remaining number to be eligible for a Qualifying Review. (e.g. If the total number of formal education is 12 (having completed high school), then the calculation is $18-12=6$. The individual then must have a research period (years of experience) * that exceeds 6 years.)
	(f) Individuals who withdrew from any schools mentioned in (a)-(e) above.	The number of years can be calculated by subtracting 18 from the total years of formal education until withdrawal. The individual's research period (years of experience) * must be greater than the remaining number to be eligible for a Qualifying Review. (e.g. If the total number of formal education is 15 (having withdrawn from university in the 6th month of the 3rd year), then the calculation is $18-15.5=2.5$. The individual then must have a research period (years of experience) * that exceeds 2.5 years.)

*Research period (years of experience) should be the total of all periods below:

(Including an estimate of expected research periods until March 31, 2026)

- (A) Period of being enrolled in a university or junior college as a research student.
- (B) Period of being enrolled in an advanced course of junior college or a technical college.
- (C) Period of being employed as an educator or a researcher in the field of education or research at a place such as a university, junior college, government office, research institute, or company.
- (D) Other periods equivalent to (A), (B), and (C).

(2) Qualification (8)

The Qualifying Review assesses whether academic skills are adequate for studying at the Graduate School of Medicine.

(3) Qualification (9), (10)

The Qualifying Review assesses courses taken and the number of earned credits required for application.

Qualifying Review Schedule

	Autumn Examination	Winter Examination
Application Period	June 24 (Tue), 2025 – June 26 (Thu), 2025	October 1 (Wed), 2025 – October 3 (Fri), 2025
Submission Address	GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI, Graduate School of Medicine, the University of Osaka 2-2 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka, JAPAN 565-0871 [for hand delivery] Application Office Hours: 9: 00 a.m. - 12: 00 p.m., 1: 00 p.m. - 5: 00 p.m. *CLOSED: Saturday, Sunday, and National holidays	
Hand deliver or mail		
(registered mail by Japan Post or International Courier Services from overseas)		

*[Applications within Japan]

The application envelope must be postmarked no later than June 24 (Tue), 2025 for the Autumn Examination, or October 1 (Wed), 2025 for the Winter Examination.

[Applications from overseas]

Only the application materials that have been delivered during an application period will be accepted.

*Write “Application for Qualifying Review” in red on the front of the envelope.

*The notification of the results will be sent to applicants by post.

We do not respond concerning the result by phone or email.

*Those who passed the Qualifying Review but failed to pass the Autumn Examination are exempt from the Qualifying Review for the Winter Examination.

Qualifying Review Documents ***The submitted documents will NOT be returned.**

Necessary documents	Qualification						Remarks
	(7)-(A)	(7)-(B)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	
Application for the Qualifying Review	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	prescribed form: https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor
Research Achievement List	✓	✓				✓	
Academic Papers, etc.	✓	✓				✓	
Certificate of Graduation	✓	✓				✓	
Academic Transcript	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Certificate issued by the president of schools or institutes attended (in Japanese or English).
Certificate of Research Period	✓	✓				✓	
Certificate of Enrollment Period	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) (for notification results)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Prepare an envelope (120mm x 235mm), with your postal address (Japan) and name on the front and affix a 460JPY stamp on the envelope.

6. Application Procedure:

Applicants should hand-deliver or mail (registered mail by Japan Post or EMS from overseas) the following documents to the Graduate School of Medicine's GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI (Student Support, Educational Affairs Section).

***International students should apply through your intended laboratory.**

Note:

*Application forms (marked with *) can be downloaded from the website.

https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor

*The forms should be printed on one side on plain white A4 paper.

***All submitted documents must be original.**

***If you take a hand delivery option, you need to put all your application documents in an envelope, and affix the prescribed label with your address and name (no need to affix postal stamp).**

***Certificates in other than Japanese or English must be translated to either Japanese or English, and must have been proved as the notarial certificate with the original and official signature or stamps of the school authorities/Embassy/Consulate.**

***The submitted documents will NOT be returned.**

*Please contact GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI (Student Support, Educational Affairs Section; i-kyomu-gakuseishien@office.osaka-u.ac.jp) for your query.

*If you wish to apply to the Winter Examination after failing the Autumn Examination, please submit the original application documents **again**. The submitted documents for the Autumn Examination cannot be reused for the Winter Examination.

Document	Remarks
Application Form	<prescribed form * >
Statement of Purpose	<prescribed form * >
Examination Slip and Photo Sheet	<prescribed form * > Attach photo taken within the last three months of the application date, width 3.5 cm / height 4.5 cm, to the designated box.
Certificate of Graduation (expected) Certificate of Completion (expected) or Certificate of Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Original Certificate issued by the president of schools attended. (written in Japanese or English) and must have either the original and official signature/stamps of the school authorities or with anti-counterfeiting paper. •Individuals who have completed/are expected to complete more than one undergraduate or graduate program should <u>submit certificates from each and every program</u>. 1* Certificates from the University of Osaka's Medical School or Graduate School of Medicine (Master's Program in Medical Sciences) are not required to be submitted. 2* Certificates from any faculties, schools, or graduate schools of the University of Osaka other than those mentioned above (1*) are required to be submitted. •For those who have completed undergraduate or graduate programs abroad, a degree certificate is also required if it is not included in the Certificate of Graduation/Completion.
[If applicable] Certificate of Degree	Individuals who were conferred a bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE) should submit a Certificate of Degree issued by NIAD-QE.
Academic Transcript	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Certificate issued by the president of schools attended. (written in Japanese or English) and must be either the original and official signature/stamps of the school authorities or with anti-counterfeiting paper. •Individuals who have completed graduate programs should submit certificates from both undergraduate and graduate programs. •Individuals who have completed more than one undergraduate or graduate program should <u>submit certificates from each and every program</u>. 1* Certificates from the University of Osaka's Medical School or Graduate School of Medicine (Master's Program in Medical Sciences) are not required to be submitted. 2* Certificates from any faculties, schools, or graduate schools of the University of Osaka other than those mentioned above (1*) are required to be submitted. •Individuals who have transferred to other schools should submit certificates from each and every school. (Including the case of withdrawal from school.)

Document	Remarks
Receipt of Application Fee Payment	<p>The application fee is 30,000 yen. Please make payment using the Application Fee Payment System.</p> <p>Once the payment is completed, download the Receipt of Application Fee Payment from the Application Fee Payment System and submit it with other application documents.</p> <p>○the Application Fee Payment System https://e-apply.jp/n/osaka-u-payment</p> <p>For the details how to pay the application fee by the Application Fee Payment System, please refer to the graduate school's website below. http://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor</p> <p>System operation fee will be charged separately. * Not required for those who will enroll as a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship student. * Not required for those who expect to complete a master's program at the University of Osaka in March 2026 and will continue studying at the doctoral level.</p>
Address Labels	<p><prescribed form * ></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Labels must be used for sending documents or notices. •Important documents will be sent by registered mail. Please ensure that the address in Japan (home address, place of employment, or laboratory applied for) is available for delivery with a signature. Those who are outside Japan, please ask your intended laboratory or your friend in Japan for receiving these documents on behalf of you. <p>*Contact the Graduate School of Medicine's GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI immediately if there are any address changes after application.</p>
Self-addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE)	<p><prescribed form * ></p> <p>Prepare an envelope (120mm x 235mm) affix 'Envelope Label'(prescribed form) and 460 JPY stamp affixed.</p> <p>*The SASE will be returned by registered mail. Please ensure that the address in Japan (home address, place of employment, or laboratory applied for) is available for delivery with a signature.</p>
Document Check list	<p><prescribed form * ></p>
Application Envelope	<p><prescribed form * ></p> <p>Prepare an envelope (240mm x 332mm) affix prescribed form label and put all the application documents.</p> <p>*Required even if you take hand delivery option.</p>
[If applicable] Document Regarding Applicant's Name	<p>(a) Individuals whose name on the application form and the one on any certification documents submitted are shown in different languages should attach <u>a document that proves both are the name of the same person.</u></p> <p>(b) Individuals who have changed their own name and the documents submitted include two different names should attach <u>public certifications</u>, such as certificate of individual records, to prove the change.</p>
[If applicable] Copy of Passport and Residence Card / Special Permanent Residents Certificate (both sides)	<p>Passport copy of the page(s) with the applicant's name, nationality, date of birth and photo. (Passport holders only)</p> <p>Foreigners (except Special Permanent Residents) who have registered as residents in Japan should submit a copy of their Residence Card / Special Permanent Resident Certificate that shows their Status of Residence and Period of Stay.</p>

Document	Remarks
[If applicable] Certificate of MEXT Scholarship Student	Japanese government scholarship students (MEXT Scholarship Student) must submit their Certificate of MEXT Scholarship Student. (Students in the University of Osaka's Medical School or Graduate School of Medicine (Master's Program in Medical Sciences) need not submit this certificate.)
[If applicable] Certificate of Government Scholarship (other than Japan)	Individuals who receive foreign government scholarships must submit a certificate of the scholarship.
[If applicable] Permission Form (Approval Form)	<p><prescribed form></p> <p>Individuals who currently work at places such as government offices, research institutes, companies, and hospitals and will be still employed after enrollment in the University of Osaka must submit a "Permission Form" signed by your representative of institution. (Those who plan to retire do not need to submit).</p> <p>※Applicants who belong to the laboratory which marked with ● on the "Graduate School of Medicine Course List." are allowed to continue the training at the University of Osaka Hospital under certain conditions. Please consult to your intended laboratory.</p>

Note: Within the Graduate School of Medicine, admission of graduate students holding jobs is limited to certain laboratories. If you work at the time of application and wish to belong to a laboratory that is restricted for graduate students holding jobs, you must submit proof of resignation from your current place of employment at the time of enrollment.

7. Selection Method:

Successful applicants are selected on the basis of the overall judgement of the results of the entrance examination(s) (major subject, reading and essay writing (English), and interview) and applied materials.

Reading and essay writing (English) examination is not required for those who meet the one of the following conditions:

- (1) Individuals who expect to complete a master's program at the University of Osaka by 2026 March in the Division of Medical Sciences, Graduate School of Medicine.
 - Successful applicants are selected on the basis of the overall judgement of the results of the entrance examination, major subject examination and interview, and applied materials.
 - Check the box for < Applicant who expects to complete a master's program in the Division of Medical Sciences, Graduate School of Medicine, the University of Osaka > and fill in your Student ID in Application Form.
- (2) Individuals who have passed the reading and essay writing examination for a doctoral dissertation of medicine within five years.
 - Successful applicants are selected on the basis of the overall judgement of the results of the entrance examination, major subject examination and interview, and applied materials.
 - Check the box for <Applicant who has passed the exam for a dissertation > and fill in the passed date in Application Form.
- (3) Individuals who have minimum English proficiency of TOEFL iBT 80 or 6.5 in the IELTS academic module.
 - Successful applicants are selected on the basis of the overall judgement of the results of the entrance examination, major subject examination and interview, and applied materials.
 - The following documents are required to submit in addition to the documents listed in "6. Application

Procedure”:

- (a) One letter of recommendation (written in Japanese or English)
 - The letter should be written by the person who is equivalent to a professor in Japan and overseas, and content of the applicant’s research must be included in the description of the recommendation letter.
- (b) An original copy of the TOEFL iBT Test Taker Score or of IELTS' Test Report Form
 - Only those from tests held during August 2023 to July 2025 (for the Autumn Examination) and during December 2023 to November 2025 (for the Winter Examination) are valid.
 - TOEFL MyBest Scores, TOEFL-ITP, TOEFL iBT Home Edition, IELTS General Training Module are invalid. Score sheets, downloaded/printed from your ETS account on the website are invalid.
 - * You can request to the ETS (Our Institution Code is C723)/IELTS test center to send the score to us directly, however we do not offer any measurements (i.e. extension of deadline e.t.c.) for any troubles may cause, such as late delivery or delivery mistakes. So, we will recommend you should send the score by yourselves with other application materials at once.
 - Check the box for <Applicant who meets English score > in Application Form.
 - If any application material is not fully completed, applicants will not be exempted writing (English) examination.
 - Applicants who were exempted writing (English) examination for the Autumn Examination and failed the course, will be exempt writing (English) examination for the Winter Examination
- (4) A graduate of the University of Osaka’s Medical School who has acquired credits from the “MD Researcher Education Program” or Individuals who expect to graduate from the University of Osaka’s Medical School and have finished the final presentation in the “MD Researcher Education Program” before the Reading and Essay Writing (English) Examination, and wishes to belong to a laboratory marked with ◇ on the “Graduate School of Medicine Course List”.
 - Successful applicants are selected on the basis of the overall judgement of the results of the entrance examination, major subject examination and interview, and applied materials.
 - Check the box for <Applicant who has acquired or expects to acquire credits for the “MD Researcher Education Program at the University of Osaka”> and fill in your Student ID in Application Form.

8. Exam Subjects and Dates:

(1) Major subject and Interview

Exams will be conducted by the laboratory you wish to belong to. Please ask the laboratory for details regarding the date and the place of exams.

(2) Reading and Essay writing (English)

Note1: Applicants are allowed to bring a paper dictionary to the exam, limited to one language dictionary. Other dictionaries such as a medical dictionary or an electronic dictionary are not allowed.

Note 2: Please meet at the Faculty of Medicine Lecture Building thirty minutes prior to the exam time and be seated in the designated place.

Note 3: Please present your Examination Slip when you enter the place for examination. Examination Slips will be sent out by registered mail on September 12 (Fri), 2025 (for the Autumn Examination) or on December 12 (Fri), 2025 (for the Winter Examination). Please contact the Graduate School of Medicine’s GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI if you don't receive it within six days from the date above.

9. Announcement of Successful Candidates:

Successful applicants will be posted on the Graduate School of Medicine's website (https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor) after 1:30 p.m. on the date indicated on page 2. Successful applicants will also individually receive an acceptance letter. The letter will be sent by registered mail to the address on the label affixed to the SASE. If you need to change the address, please contact the Graduate School of Medicine's GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI 10 days prior to the announcement date.

(*Only successful applicants will receive a letter individually.)

We do not respond concerning the result by phone or email.

10. Enrollment Fee and Tuition Fee:

Enrollment Fee: 282,000yen

Tuition Fee : 267,900 yen/Semester (535,800 yen/year)

*Changes may occur to enrollment fee and tuition fee.

*Should tuition fees change while the student is attending the school, the new tuition fees will apply at the time of the change.

*An enrollment fee is not required for those who expect to complete the master's program at the University of Osaka in 2026 March and will continue studying at the Doctoral level.

*Japanese government scholarship students do not need to pay the enrollment fee or tuition fee.

The University of Osaka offers tuition waiver system (Tuition Waiver System for Honor International Students) for privately-funded international students who are recognized as excellent in the graduate school entrance examinations in order to further strengthen research capabilities and promote the acceptance of international students. This entrance examination is subject to the Tuition Waiver System for Honor International Students. The successful applicants for this program/course are eligible for the Tuition Waiver System.

11. Admission Process:

The period for the admission process is planned for late February 2026. Documents relating to the admission process should be sent by registered mail by the middle of February 2026.

*Please fill in the address label (Address in Japan only). Contact the Graduate School of Medicine's GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI immediately if there is any address change after application.

*Failure to complete the admission procedures shall be regarded as refusal of admission.

*Junior Residents in training are not allowed to be enrolled in the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Osaka. Junior Residents are required to suspend or cancel their Senior Resident training before enrollment.

※Applicants who belong to the laboratory which marked with ● on the “Graduate School of Medicine Course List.” are allowed to continue the training at the University of Osaka Hospital under certain conditions. Please consult to your intended laboratory.

*Individuals who are enrolled in other universities, other faculties of the University of Osaka, or other graduate schools of the University of Osaka (*hereinafter referred to as “other universities”) are not allowed to be enrolled in the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Osaka. Please contact other universities to confirm the necessary procedure for unenrolling. A document to prove unenrollment such as a Certificate of Withdrawal or Certificate of Graduation is required to be submitted after entering the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Osaka.

12. Disclosure of Entrance Examination Results:

The score of the reading and essay writing (English) examination is disclosed upon request from the applicant.

Request period: *Requests made outside of this period will not be accepted.

Autumn Examination: November 18 (Tue), 2025 – November 21 (Fri), 2025

[requests must be arrived no later than the deadline]

Winter Examination: March 3 (Tue), 2026 – March 6 (Fri), 2026

[requests must be arrived no later than the deadline]

How to request:

Please send the following documents to the Graduate School of Medicine's GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI. Write “Request for disclosure of the score of <Entrance Examination for Doctoral Course>” in red on the envelope. Please enclose:

- The Disclosure of the Entrance Examination Results (prescribed form)

Application form can be downloaded from the website. (To be published in November 2025)

https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor

- Examination slip
- SASE envelope (120mm x 235mm) with a 460JPY stamp.

13. Precautions:

- (1) Those who did not pass the Autumn Examination may apply for the Winter Examination.
- (2) If the application documents contain any falsifications, admission may be revoked even after being admitted to the university.
- (3) We do not accept the enrollment if the applicant fail to obtain qualification of the Application Eligibility by March 31, 2026.
- (4) If you require support or reasonable adjustments/accommodations due to disabilities etc., please make requests to the Graduate School of Medicine's GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI (Student Support, Educational Affairs Section) at least a week prior to the date of each application period.
- (5) Changes are not allowed to the application for admission after submission.
- (6) The application documents submitted are not returnable.
- (7) The application fee will not be returned after application submission, except for the following circumstances:
 1. An applicant applied but was not eligible to take the examination.
 2. The application arrived after the deadline and the application was not accepted.
 3. The application documents were incomplete and the application was not accepted.
 4. The application fee was paid, but the individual did not submit the application.
 5. The application fee was paid incorrectly and overlapping payments were sent.

*If 4 or 5 mentioned above apply, please request reimbursement. The request form for application fee reimbursement may be requested from GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI (Student Support, Educational Affairs Section) within two weeks from the deadline of each application period.
- (8) Bring the examination slip on exam day. Keep the slip for the admission process (if the exam is passed).
- (9) We do not arrange accommodation for testing.
- (10) Cars, motorcycles (including motorized bikes) are not permitted on the campus.
- (11) Individuals who show outstanding achievements can complete a four-year doctoral course in three-years, following an approval by a faculty meeting.
- (12) Any schedule change due to disasters, flu, or other emergencies, will be announced on the website below. Please check the website to obtain the latest information.
- (13) Please visit our website below to request Past Entrance Exam Questions (2years). Read "How to request the past entrance exam questions", and send the request following the given instructions.
- (14) This Application Guidance is a translation from the original and shall not be regarded as official documentation. The English text has been provided merely as a reference. Please note that any official rules are based solely on the Japanese text.

Official website of the Graduate School of Medicine, the University of Osaka
https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor

14. Policy on Handling Personal Information:

- Names, addresses, and other personal information obtained through the application procedure will be used in the Entrance Examination Process, Announcement of the Successful Applicants, Admission Procedures, and to distribute program leaflets. Also, successful applicants' information is used for special registration course selection. For those admitted into the University of Osaka, personal information will also be used in academic-related matters (such as keeping academic and registration records), in student support matters (such as health care management, school fee remissions, scholarship applications, career support, etc.), and in school fee management.
- The information obtained through the entrance examination such as grade statistics and analysis will be used for research on admission methods. Also, successful applicants' information is used for special registration course selection.
- To process the admission, personal data obtained from the entrance examination process may be delegated to a third party with a contract to protect the information of individuals.