

2026 October admission

Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Osaka

Doctoral Course Division of Medicine

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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,
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1. Admission Schedule

Application Period	June 5 (Fri) – due NLT June 11 (Thu) , 2026 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Any application materials arriving after the application deadline will not be accepted.</u>
Period of Application Fee Payment	May 1 (Fri) 2026, 09:00 (JST) — June 11 (Thu) 2026, 17:00 (JST)
Submission Address [Mail or Hand-deliver]	GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Osaka 2-2 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871 JAPAN [Hand-deliver] Application Office Hour 9:00~12:00、13:00~17:00 *CLOSED : Saturday, Sunday, and National holidays
Announcement of Successful Candidates	August 3 (Mon), 2026

2. Number to be Admitted

Division	Number to be Admitted
Division of Medicine	A few students

- * "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.

3. Choosing a supervisor (laboratory)

- (1) On the application, applicants should select a supervisor (laboratory) you would like as your supervisor from the "Graduate School of Medicine Course List".
< https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor_oct >
- (2) Prior to application, the applicant must obtain consent from the supervisor (laboratory) selected.

4. Application Eligibility

Individuals who do not have Japanese nationality (excluding people with permanent resident status in Japan), who have minimum English language proficiency of TOEFL 80 iBT (taken after June, 2024) and those who meet the following qualifications are eligible to apply for Doctoral Course. (For the qualification ⑤, a qualifying review is required prior to application.)

- ① Individuals who expect to graduate from a university course in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy (limited to course of six (6) years) in Japan between April 1st and September 30th of 2026.
- ② Individuals who expect to receive their master's degree or an equivalent professional degree in Japan between April 1st and September 30th of 2026.
- ③ Individuals who expect to complete eighteen (18) years of schooling in a country other than Japan between April 1st and September 30th of 2026.
- ④ Individuals who expect to receive the equivalent of a bachelor's degree through the completion of coursework which requires five (5) or more years of study at an overseas university or school (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) between April 1st and September 30th of 2026.
- ⑤ Individuals who expect to complete sixteen (16) years of schooling in a country other than Japan (limited to courses in medicine, dentistry, veterinary sciences, or pharmacy) between April 1st and September 30th of 2026, who have been acknowledged by this graduate school to have completed a predetermined number of credits at a superior grade. [Refer to "5. Qualifying Review" (1)]

5. Qualifying Review

Individuals who require a qualifying review should download the “Application for Doctoral Qualifying Review” from our website below.
https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor_oct

- (1) Individuals for whom the qualification ⑤ is applicable will undergo a review to determine whether the individual has the requisite subjects and credits for application as determined by this graduate school (hereafter referred to as “review”). Individuals that pass the review may apply for the doctoral entrance examination.

▼The following review documents must be submitted to GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI (Student Support, Educational Affairs Section), either delivered by hand or by mail (registered mail or EMS or other international courier services for those abroad). The documents submitted will not be returned.

- Application for the qualifying review [FORM-A]
- Certificate of Graduation, or a certificate recording terms of attendance
- Academic transcripts from schools attended

- (2) Date of the Qualifying Review

Application Period for the Qualifying Review	<p>April 13(Mon)- due NLT April 16 (Thu), 2026 Hour : 9:00~12:00、13:00~17:00 Place : Graduate School of Medicine GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI (Student Support, Educational Affairs Section)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Any application materials arriving after the application deadline will not be accepted.</u></p>
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- (3) Announcement of the qualifying review results

Notices will be sent to the prospective laboratory of a supervisor prior to the application period.

Please note that no inquiries about the result are accepted.

6. Application Process

Applicants should hand deliver or mail (registered mail by Japan Post or EMS or other international courier services for those abroad) the following documents to the Graduate School of Medicine.

Prescribed forms are downloadable from the graduate school’s website below.

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

Please submit original documents. The documents submitted will not be returned.

Necessary Documents	Remarks
Application Form [FORM-I]	Form-I is to be downloaded from the website
Examination Slip Photo Sheet [FORM-II] **1)	Two (2) applicant photos taken within three (3) months prior to the application attached to the prescribed form
Statement of Purpose [FORM-III]	Must be written in Japanese or English
Letter of Recommendation	Letter of Recommendation from a professor, domestic or foreign (written in Japanese or English)

Necessary Documents	Remarks
TOEFL Score	<p>Test Taker Score Report</p> <p>For 2026 October Admission Applicants, the English Test should be taken after 2024 May.</p> <p>For 2027 April Admission Applicants, the English Test should be taken after 2024 September.</p> <p>Any scores submitted after each application period are not accepted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL iBT: Test Taker Score Report <p>The scores of TOEFL ITP and TOEFL iBT Home Edition are invalid.</p> <p>TOEFL iBT: Only Test Date Scores is available. MyBest Scores is invalid.</p> <p>TOEFL Test Taker Score Reports, downloaded/printed out from My Home page (personal account sites) is valid.</p>
<p>Certificate of Graduation (expected)</p> <p>Certificate of Completion (expected) (**2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate issued by the president of schools attended (written in Japanese or English) • Certificates must have 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 program. • Individuals who have completed more than one undergraduate or graduate programs should submit certificates about each and every program. • 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.
Academic Transcript (**2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate issued by the president of schools attended (written in Japanese or English) • Certificates must have 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 program. • Individuals who have completed more than one undergraduate or graduate programs should submit certificates about each and every program. • Individuals who have transferred to other schools should submit certificates from each and every school. (Including the case of withdrawal from school.)
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>
Certificate of MEXT scholarship student	Japanese government scholarship student (MEXT student) must submit.
Permission Form (Approval Form) (**3)	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.

Necessary Documents	Remarks
Proof of Payment of Application Fees	<p>Application Fee : 30,000yen</p> <p>The payment must be made using the Application Fee Payment System. 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>○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. https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor_oct</p> <p>System operation fee will be charged separately.</p> <p>* Not required for those who will enroll as a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship student.</p> <p>* Not required for those who expect to complete the Master's Course at the University of Osaka in September 2026 and will continue studying at Doctoral level.</p>

- **1) The examination slip will be sent to the prospective laboratory by June 29. Please be sure to check your examination number.
- **2) If the name on the certificate and academic transcript no longer matches due to a name change, please attach proof of this change (extract from the family register, etc.).
- **3) Within this graduate school, admission of graduate students with jobs (those seeking admission to a graduate program while they work) is limited to certain laboratories. For those seeking admission to a laboratory that is restricted from graduate students with jobs please submit proof of resignation from your current place of employment at the time of enrollment.
- **4) Please contact GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI (Student Support, Educational Affairs Section; i-kyomu-gakuseishien@office.osaka-u.ac.jp) if you have any questions during application.

7. Selection Method

Successful applicants are selected based on the materials submitted, the interview, and the evaluation by the prospective supervisors. Please arrange the interview date with the prospective supervisors.

8. Announcement of Successful Candidates

The examination numbers of the successful applicants will be posted on the following website. We do not respond concerning the result by phone or email.

August 3 (Mon), 2026 13:30	The University of Osaka Graduate School of Medicine website https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor_oct
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*Acceptance letters and admission documents will be sent to the prospective supervisors.

9. Entrance Fee and Tuition Fee

Entrance Fee : 282,000yen

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

*Changes may occur to entrance and tuition fees.

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

*No Entrance Fee and Tuition Fee are required for Japanese government scholarship students.

*Entrance Fee is not required for those who expect to complete the Master's Course at the University of Osaka in September 2026 and will continue studying at Doctoral level.

10. Admission Process

Enrollment procedures are scheduled to begin in the middle of August 2026. Documents relating to the admission process along with the acceptance letter should be sent to the prospective supervisors.

11. Precautions

- If the application documents contain any falsifications, admission may be revoked even after the student's admission.
- We do not accept enrollment if the applicant fails to obtain qualifications of the Application Eligibility by September 30,2026.
- If you have any long-term health conditions, impairments, or specific learning difficulties, you are likely to be eligible for disability support and reasonable adjustments/accommodations. Please make requests to the Graduate School of Medicine GAKUSEISHIEN-KAKARI (Student Support, Educational Affairs Section) before your application.
- Changes are not allowed to the application for admission after submission.
- Application fee will not be returned after application submission, except for the following circumstances:
 1. An applicant applied but did not have the appropriate application qualifications.
 2. Application arrived after the deadline, and the application was not accepted.
 3. There was a mistake in the application, and the application was not accepted.
 4. Application fee was paid, but the individual did not submit the application.
 5. Application fee 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).
- We do not arrange accommodations for testing.
- Cars, motorcycles (including motorized bikes) are not permitted on the campus.

12. Notes

- Names, addresses, and other personal information obtained through the application procedure will be used in the entrance examination process, announcement of successful applicants, admission procedures, and to distribute program leaflets. Also, successful applicants' information is used for special registration course selection.
- For those admitted to the University of Osaka, personal information will also be used for 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 information on individuals.
- Any schedule change caused by disasters, flu, or other emergency reasons, the information will be announced on the website below.
Please confirm the website to obtain the latest information, as needed.
[https://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/admission/admission_doctor_oct]
- Individuals who are approved by faculty meeting can complete a four-year doctoral course in three-year.
- These procedures are written in both Japanese and English. Should any discrepancy in wording or nuance occur between the two languages, note that the Japanese version takes precedence.