Mainly, there are two programs offered in the graduate school: one is open to candidates for Master’s Degrees and the other for Doctoral Degrees. Most instruction is conducted in Japanese for international students. Applicants should note that it is essential to achieve a sufficient mastery of the language prior to admission. The amount of time it takes to earn a degree, admission qualifications, general application procedures, and so on, are outlined below.

Admission procedures and requirements differ slightly depending on the graduate school, and there are some graduate schools that make special selections for international students. Applicants wanting more details should enquire at the support office of the graduate school concerned. A list of such offices and their addresses can be found on page 30.

Regular Courses for Graduate Degrees

Master's Degrees are normally awarded to a student if he/she has satisfied the following requirements: at least 2 years in the Master’s Program, acquisition of the required course credits in his/her graduate school, an acceptable master’s thesis written under the guidance of a faculty member, and passing a final comprehensive examination.

Main Application Eligibility for Master's Program

Applicants must meet one of the following stipulations before the expected admission day:

1. A person who graduated a Japanese university.
2. A person who has completed 16 years of formal schooling in a foreign country.
3. A person 22 years old or more, recognized by our graduate school as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a university graduate.
4. A person who has attended a university for at least three years, (including a person who has been specially selected by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), and has been recognized by our graduate school as having achieved excellent grades.

(For applicants wanting the full list, please contact the graduate school concerned.)

Doctorate Degrees are awarded to a student if he/she has satisfied the following requirements: at least 3 years in the doctoral program, acquisition of the required course credits in his/her research graduate school, an acceptable doctoral dissertation written under the guidance of a faculty member, and passing a final comprehensive examination.

In the Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences (Biomedical Sciences Major), there is no Master’s program; only the doctoral program is available. A minimum of 4 years residence is required.

Main Application Eligibility for Doctoral Program

Applicants must meet one of the following stipulations before the expected admission day:

1. A graduate of a master’s or professional degree.
2. A person who has graduated from a degree program equivalent to a master’s or a professional degree in a foreign country.
3. A person 24 years or older, recognized as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a master’s or professional program by individual qualification screening at our graduate school.

(For applicants wanting the full list, please contact the graduate school concerned.)

Please enquire regarding the Biomedical Sciences Major, Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences Application Eligibility.

Required Documents

Students wishing to be admitted to either program (Master’s or Doctoral) must submit the following documents. For a detailed list of procedures, please enquire at the graduate school concerned at least one year in advance.

1. Admission Application Form (the application form may be obtained from the graduate school concerned upon request)
2. Transcript (issued by the President or the Dean of the university attended and in a sealed envelope)
3. Certificate of graduation, etc., issued by the President or the Dean of the faculty at the university or college attended
4. Letter of Recommendation (prepared by the President or the Dean of the faculty at the university or college attended)
5. Copy of Residence Certificate (this applies only to applicants currently residing in Japan)
6. Other (some graduate schools may require applicants to submit a research paper or a research plan)

Some graduate programs accept Online Application. For details, please contact each support office of the graduate school.

Selection

Students wishing to be admitted into either the Master’s or Doctoral program must take the entrance examination. He/she is screened through a written examination, an oral test, and submitted documents.