

# Overseas Selection for International Students

## Application Guidelines for Enrollment in October 2026 / in April 2027

Graduate School of Environmental, Life,  
Natural Science and Technology  
(Doctor's Course)

### OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY

	October 2026 Enrollment		April 2027 Enrollment
	First Application Period	Second Application Period	
Application Period	May 29, 2026 to June 8, 2026	June 25, 2026 to July 9, 2026	November 27, 2026 to December 11, 2026

For details on procedures, etc., be sure to see the next page and thereafter.

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# I Admission Quota

【Doctor's Course】

Division	Degree Program	Course	Admission Quota	
			October 2026 Enrollment	April 2027 Enrollment
Environmental, Life, Natural Science and Technology	Advanced Science and Technology	Mathematics	A few	A few
		Physics		
		Mathematical and Data Sciences		
		Computer Science		
		Information and Communication Systems		
		Electrical and Electronic Engineering		
		Intelligent Mechanical Systems		
		Advanced Mechanics		
		Urban Environment Development		
	Innovative Chemistry	Chemistry	A few	A few
		Applied Chemistry		
	Planet Environmental and Life Science	Biological Sciences	A few	A few
		Earth Science		
		Planetary Materials Science		
		Rural and Environmental Sciences		
		Environmental Ecology		
		Agricultural and Biological Chemistry		
		Plant Stress Science		
		Applied Plant Science		
		Applied Animal Science		
Interdisciplinary Science	Interdisciplinary Science	A few	A few	

For detailed information on faculty members, please refer to the following website.

Some faculty members may only teach classes and not provide research supervision. Please contact the faculty member you wish to apply in advance to confirm whether or not he/she is available to supervise you.

<https://www.elst.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/about-us/staff/>

## II Eligibility for Application, Individual Admission Eligibility Screening

### II-1. Eligibility for Application

Those to whom all the following provisions are applicable:

1. Those to whom any of the following items is applicable, or are expected to be applicable by September 2026 in case of October 2026 enrollment or by March 2027 in case of April 2027 enrollment.
  - (1) Have a master's or professional degree.
  - (2) Have been awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree abroad.
  - (3) Have been granted a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by taking, in Japan, a correspondence course provided by a foreign school.
  - (4) Have completed a program in Japan provided by an educational institution that is positioned as having graduate programs under the relevant foreign education system and which is designated separately by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and who have been awarded a degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree.
  - (5) Have completed the program at United Nations University and have been awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree.
  - (6) Have completed a curriculum at a foreign school, an educational institution that has received the designation under item (4), or the United Nations University, who have passed an examination or a screening equivalent to those stipulated in Article 16-2 of Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools, and who are deemed to have academic ability equivalent to or greater than that of a master's degree holder.
  - (7) Are designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
  - (8) Are deemed to have academic ability equal to or greater than that of a master's degree holder by the Graduate School and who have reached the age of 24.
2. Those who don't possess Japanese citizenship and who live outside Japan and are unable to come to Japan to take their entrance examinations.
3. Those who are expected to obtain a visa status of "Student" stipulated in the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act after being enrolled in the Graduate School.
4. Those who were recommended by the schools from which they graduated as being particularly excellent in both personality and academic ability.

Note 1: Those who "are designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology" specified in item (7) of Provision 1 refers to applicants who meet any of the following conditions, and who have the experience of engaging in research in a university or research institution for more than 2 years after graduation or completion of university or other institution, with research achievements, such as published books, academic papers, academic lectures, academic reports, or patents, which are considered to be equivalent to or higher than a master's thesis. (See "II-2. Individual Admission Eligibility Screening in Eligibility for Application".)

1) Those who graduated from a Japanese university.

2) Those who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country or who have completed 16 years of school education in Japan by taking a correspondence course of education provided by a foreign school.

Note 2: Those who "Are deemed to have academic ability equal to or greater than that of a master's degree holder by the Graduate School" specified in item (8) of Provision 1 refers to applicants who passed an academic proficiency test (written and oral examinations) after the document screening that the Graduate School provides as the screening of the eligibility for application.

However, when an applicant's ability can be confirmed based on the documents submitted, the applicant will be exempted from the written examination. (See "II-2. Individual Admission Eligibility Screening in Eligibility for Application".)

Note 3: We withdraw permission for admission for those who applied as a prospective degree holder but who failed to be awarded the degree by September 2026 in case of October 2026 enrollment or by March 2027 in case of April 2027 enrollment.

Note 4: Those "who live outside Japan and are unable to come to Japan to take their entrance examinations" specified in Provision 2 include people who are staying in Japan at the time of application but depart from Japan because their duration of stay expires by the end of July 2026 in case of October 2026 enrollment or by January 2027 in case of April 2027 enrollment. For more details, please contact "Address for Submission of Documents / Inquiries".

**II -2. Individual Admission Eligibility Screening in Eligibility for Application**

For those applicants for admission who fall under item (7) or (8) of Provision 1 specified in the previously described “ II -1. Eligibility for Application”, we conduct individual admission eligibility screenings for the approval of admission eligibility before application. The applicants must submit the documents required for the admission eligibility screening specified in Provision 2 by the deadline stated in Provision 1.

**1. Submission Period of Documents for Admission Eligibility Screening**

October 2026 Enrollment	First Application Period	May 7, 2026 to May 8, 2026
	Second Application Period	May 27, 2026 to May 28, 2026
April 2027 Enrollment		October 27, 2026 to October 28, 2026

**2. Documents Required for Admission Eligibility Screening**

Documents Required for Admission Eligibility Screening	Remarks	
<1> Application Form for Admission Eligibility Screening	Use the forms prescribed by the Graduate School.	
<2> Academic Transcript and (Expected) Graduation Certificate (of last completed education)	Submit a transcript issued by the president of the final school from which the applicant graduated.	
<3> Record of Academic Performance	Record of Academic Performance	Use the form prescribed by the Graduate School. (Briefly describe objective findings from research results relevant to the field of major.)
	Copy of academic paper etc.	With regard to academic papers, attach an offprint or a copy and attach a summary or abstract for research presentations.
<4> Certificate of Research Participation	Use the form prescribed by the Graduate School. (The form must be completed by the institution with which the applicant is affiliated.)	

Note1: All of the documents mentioned above must be prepared in English, in principle. (When English is not your native language, attach English translations.)

Note2: Documents <1>, <2>, <3>, and <4> must be submitted in original. For documents <2> , a copy of the original document is also acceptable only if the copy is certified by the issuer.

**3. Address for Submission of Documents**

Please submit all documents required to “Address for Submission of Documents / Inquiries”.

**4. Methods of Admission Eligibility Screening**

Applicants who fall under the item (7) of Provision 1 specified in the previously described “ II -1. Eligibility for Application”, we conduct the eligibility screening based on the documents submitted.

Applicants who fall under the item (8) of Provision 1, we conduct the eligibility screening based on the documents submitted, written and oral examinations. However, depending on the results of the document screening, the written examination may be waived. Details such as the examination schedule and any notification regarding the waiver of the written examination will be individually notified through your prospective supervisor.

**5. Notification of the Result of Admission Eligibility Screening**

The result of the Admission Eligibility Screening will be notified through your prospective supervisor according to the schedule below.

October 2026 Enrollment	First Application Period	May 28, 2026
	Second Application Period	June 25, 2026
April 2027 Enrollment		November 26, 2026

**6. Notes on Admission Eligibility Screening**

Applicants whose admission eligibility has been approved may apply only to the course for which they submitted the eligibility screening application.

### III Application Procedures, Methods for Selection of Entrants, Announcement of Successful Applicants, Admission Procedures

Applicants must contact a prospective supervisor as early as possible before application to consult about research contents, etc.

#### III-1. Application Procedures

##### 1. How to Apply

Applicants must complete all the procedures described in items 1 through 3 below:

- (1) Before preparing documents for application, applicants must directly contact a prospective supervisor at Graduate School of Environmental, Life, Natural Science and Technology by means such as email, consult about research and education after enrollment, obtain approval to take the examination, and receive a copy of “Letter of Informal Acceptance by Prospective Supervisor”. With regard to prospective supervisors at Graduate School of Environmental, Life, Natural Science and Technology, please refer to the webpage.
- (2) Pay the entrance examination fee after having obtained the approval by the prospective supervisor. (Except those who are exempted from the payment.)
- (3) Send all the documents for application by post to arrive **no later than the date stated in “2. Application Periods”**.

##### 2. Application Periods

October 2026 Enrollment	First Application Period	May 29, 2026 to June 8, 2026
	Second Application Period	June 25, 2026 to July 9, 2026
April 2027 Enrollment		November 27, 2026 to December 11, 2026

##### 3. Address for Submission of Documents

Please submit all documents required to “Address for Submission of Documents / Inquiries”.

##### 4. Notes on Application

- (1) No change shall be permitted after submission in terms of the contents of the documents submitted.
- (2) No document shall be returned for any reason after the application documents are accepted.
- (3) Application with incomplete application documents or shortage of examination fee shall not be accepted.
- (4) Please note carefully that admission might be withdrawn even after enrollment if the contents of the submitted documents are found to include false entries.
- (5) Certificates issued under the former name, which differs from the name written on the application form are useful. However, in such cases, attach a document (in any form) with the date of name change and the new and the former name are written personally by the applicant.
- (6) Additional application documents may be requested to verify the eligibility for application.

## 5. Documents Required for Application

Documents Required for Application	Remarks	
<1> Application for admission Curriculum Vitae (CV) Photograph	<p>Use the forms prescribed by Graduate School. Affix a photograph (4 cm long × 3 cm wide, upper body, no headwear, facing forward, taken within the three months before application) on the prescribed space on the “Application for admission”.</p> <p>Before affixing it, write your nationality and name on the back of the photograph.</p>	
<2> Entrance Examination Fee	<p>30,000yen (handling fees will be charged separately)</p> <p>Please refer to [Paying for Entrance Examination Fees] below and pay the entrance examination fee by 5 p.m. (Japan time) on the last day of the application period on [Payment for Entrance Examination Fee website].</p> <p>In addition, please be sure to choose “Credit Card” for payment method. Other payment methods cannot use from overseas.</p> <p>After confirming the payment of the entrance examination fee, print “Certificate of Entrance Examination Fee Payment” and attach it to the prescribed section of the prescribed form.</p> <p><b>[Paying for Entrance Examination Fees]</b> <a href="https://www.elst.okayama-u.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/pay_overseas_eng.pdf">https://www.elst.okayama-u.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/pay_overseas_eng.pdf</a></p> <p><b>[Payment for Entrance Examination Fee website]</b> <a href="https://e-apply.jp/n/okayama-payment-eng">https://e-apply.jp/n/okayama-payment-eng</a></p> <p>If you could not pay by the payment method above, contact “Address for Submission of Documents / Inquiries”.</p> <p>Applicants who are MEXT Scholarship students (only those whose MEXT Scholarship after October 1, 2026 in case of October 2026 enrollment or after April 1, 2027 in case of April 2027 enrollment is confirmed) need NOT pay the entrance examination fee.</p> <p><b>[Refund of Entrance Examination Fee]</b> The entrance examination fee paid is not refundable for any reason, except in the following cases: a) Entrance examination fee was paid, but application was not made (application documents were not submitted or not accepted.) b) Entrance examination fee was accidentally transferred twice.</p>	
<3> Certificates from University	Graduation Certificate	Submit certificates issued by the university from which you graduated.
	Transcript	
<4> Certificates from Graduate School (Prospective)	Completion Certificate	Submit certificates issued by the graduate school from which you graduated (or will graduate).
	Transcript	

Documents Required for Application	Remarks
<5> Copy of Papers Submitted	Submit a <u>full copy</u> of your master's thesis or an equivalent research paper. If the thesis or paper is written in a language other than English or Japanese, submit a full copy in the original language along with an abstract in English.  In addition, if applicable, submit a list of research achievements after earning the Master's degree and one or two representative papers of them.
<6> Research Plan	Use the form prescribed by Graduate School.
<7> Document Certifying English Language Ability (TOEFL®, TOEFL iBT®, etc.)	When you have not taken TOEFL®, TOEFL iBT® or other tests, submit a certificate of English ability issued by the graduate school, etc. from which you most recently graduated. (If your native language is English, please submit a certificate that certifies you received your last completed education in English issued by the graduate school, etc.)
<8> Copy of Passport or Certificate of Citizenship in Home Country or Copy of Family Registry	Submit a copy of the page of passport which can confirm the name, the date of birth, etc. If not possessing the passport, please submit the certificate which is acquired in your home country such as citizen membership or copy of the family register, etc.
<9> Recommendation Letter to the President	Use the form prescribed by Graduate School and submit a letter. Recommender should be the head of university or department (President or Dean) that you graduated most recently from or that you are currently enrolled in if you are still a student and are expected to graduate.  In addition to the above letter, applicants with a job can also submit a recommendation letter prepared in any format by your supervisor at your current working place, if you want.  <b>[Planetary Materials Science Course Only]</b> Please send the PDF data of the letters of recommendation to the prospective supervisor in advance.
<10> Pertaining to the Qualifying Examination	Applicants who fall under the item (6) of Provision 1 of "II -1. Eligibility for Application" must submit a "Pertaining to the Qualifying Examination" (see an example of the format) issued by the president of the university (or the graduate school) that conducted the screening and its accompanying documents.
<11> Letter of Acceptance by Prospective Supervisor	Contact to your prospective supervisor at Graduate School to prepare the document. Submit a copy of the letter written by a prospective supervisor.

Note 1: All documents to be submitted must be prepared in the same size (preferably A4 size) and be typewritten.

Note 2: We do not accept documents that are incomplete, not written completely and accurately, or which are received after the deadline for submission.

Note 3: The previously described documents **must be prepared in English**, except <11>.  
(When English is not your native language, attach English translations.)

Note 4: **Documents <1>, <3>, <4>, <6>, <9>, and <10> must be submitted in original.** For documents <3> and <4>, a copy of the original document is also acceptable only if the copy is certified by the issuer.

Note 5: Applicants whose admission eligibility has been confirmed through the Admission Eligibility Screening are not required to submit certificates <3> and <4>.

### III-2. Methods for Selection of Entrants

Selection of entrants shall be made based on document screening and pass or failure is determined.

### III-3. Announcement of Successful Applicants

A letter of acceptance and others will be given to the successful applicants through their prospective supervisor on the day of the announcement described below.

October 2026 Enrollment	First Application Period	June 26, 2026
	Second Application Period	July 31, 2026
April 2027 Enrollment		January 22, 2027

### III-4. Admission Procedures

#### 1. Method of Admission Procedures

Successful applicants will be admitted by completing the admission procedures.

Details will be informed separately with a letter of acceptance.

#### 2. Period of Admission Procedures

October 2026 Enrollment	September 17, 2026 to September 18, 2026
April 2027 Enrollment	March 11, 2027 to March 12, 2027

### III-5. Other

#### 1. Admission Fee and Tuition Fee

(Applicable only for self-supporting international students. MEXT Scholarship students need not pay.)

**Admission fee: 282,000 yen (expected amount)**

**Tuition fee: 267, 900 yen (for half a year); 535,800 yen (for a year)**

\* When the amount was revised at the time of admission or while at school, the new amount will be applied from the time of the revision.

#### 2. Study Assistance and Dormitories

For self-supporting international students, we have systems as part of study assistance: admission fee waiver, postponement of admission fee collection, tuition fee waiver, and various scholarships.

If your academic achievement, income, etc. meet the requirements, you may apply for admission fee waiver, postponement of admission fee collection, and tuition fee waiver and have a full or half waiver, or you may apply for various scholarships and receive scholarship benefits.

Also, Okayama University has four dormitories for international students and researchers: Kuwanoki Dormitory for International Students, Fukui Dormitory for International Students, International House for International Students and Researchers, and International Student Shared House, which is for international and Japanese students. All of these dormitories are within walking distance of the Tsushima campus.

Inquiry about scholarship, dormitories, etc.:

International Education and Student Mobility Division  
Okayama University  
2-1-1, Tsushima-naka kita-ku, Okayama 700-8530, Japan

Website: <https://intl.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/support/>  
Fax: +81-86-252-5022 (from overseas)  
Fax: 086-252-5022 (from inside Japan)  
E-mail: [dde7046@adm.okayama-u.ac.jp](mailto:dde7046@adm.okayama-u.ac.jp) (Scholarship)  
[housing@cc.okayama-u.ac.jp](mailto:housing@cc.okayama-u.ac.jp) (Dormitory)

### 3. Notes

It is recommended that international students have sufficient knowledge of the climate, weather, and customs of Japan as well as the situation of the university in advance before coming to Japan.

Education and research activities will be conducted mainly in Japanese language. Consult with your desired prospective supervisor in advance if you wish to have guidance in English.

In everyday life, you will need Japanese language skills. It is also desired that candidates have studied Japanese language.

Okayama University has a Japanese language course for international students. Please take the course if you like.

### 4. Purpose of Use of Personal Information

Application documents submitted and personal information written on them are used for affairs related the selection of entrants.

However, regarding entrants, we use their personal information written on the application form, including name, gender, date of birth, current address, and schools graduated from, as registry data for basic student information in the academic affairs system at Okayama University.

In addition, successful applicants' personal information, examinee number and name, are used for the clerical systems for tuition fee debt management and tuition fee waiver at Okayama University.

When application for admission fee waiver, postponement of admission fee collection, tuition fee waiver, or various scholarships was made, the applicant's entrance examination results and academic transcript might be used to handle academic ability judgment related to affairs such as postponement of admission fee collection.

### 5. Security Export Control System

Okayama University has established the "Security Export Control Regulations of Okayama University" under the Security Export Control System based on the "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA)", and conducts strict screening when accepting foreign students (including Japanese students receiving scholarships from outside Japan).

If you are subjected to this regulation or FEFTA, you may not be accepted or your desired research activities may be restricted.

For details concerning the Security Export Control System in Japan, please refer to the following website. URL: <https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/anpo/englishpage.html>

## Address for Submission of Documents / Inquiries (Doctor's Course)

[1] Inquiries should be sent by e-mail with the following information.

- (1) Name
- (2) Name of the Faculty and University (Current affiliation or you have graduated/completed)
- (3) Contact e-mail address
- (4) Area of specialization you are currently studying
- (5) Degree(s) you hold
- (6) Which course of study (Doctor's Course) you are applying to
- (7) Which selection (Overseas Selection for International Students) you are applying to
- (8) Field of study (course) and name of faculty member(s) with whom you wish to consult
- (9) Description of consultation (please be specific)

Graduate School Section,  
Academic Affairs Division,  
Graduate School of Environmental, Life, Natural Science and Technology,  
Okayama University

3-1-1, Tsushima-naka, kita-ku Okayama 700-8530, Japan

E-mail: [admission8576@adm.okayama-u.ac.jp](mailto:admission8576@adm.okayama-u.ac.jp)

[2] How to request the forms for Application / forms for Admission Eligibility Screening

### **Applicants of Overseas Selection for International Students:**

We do not distribute forms for the Overseas Selection by mail or at the counter.  
Please use the forms on the website.