Guidelines for Special Selection for International Student Admission to April 2027 Master's Program of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyoto University

The Master's program of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyoto University (hereinafter "the Graduate School"), a two-year program, constitutes the first stage of the Graduate School's doctoral program established under Article 4 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools.

If there are any additional information regarding this application guideline, please check it carefully before submitting your application, as it will be posted on the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences website.

Philosophy and Admission Policy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Kyoto University

The Graduate School aims to create an unparalleled innovative center for scientific discovery and therapeutic (or medicinal) application by integrating the accumulated knowledge of various academic fields, thereby greatly contributing to human health and social development by promoting cutting-edge scientific researches toward drug discovery and pharmacotherapy. With regard to education, and from the foundation of bioethics, the Graduate School aspires to train and cultivate scholars who will become pharmaceutical researchers with the qualities and abilities needed to perform innovative research as leaders in academia, pharmaceutical industry and medical institution. To this end, the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Kyoto University seeks to enroll students who have a keen desire to pursue truth, based on a commitment to independent original thinking, outstanding scholastic proficiency, versatility, and an appropriate ethical mindset. Together, these characteristics will enable these students to excel as future medical personnel.

【Notes about application for 5 years doctoral program】
Applicants for this selection are eligible to apply for the second round of the 5- year doctoral program, which is held separately. If you wish to apply for both, you must also apply separately for the second stage of the 5 year doctoral program and take the oral examination for the second stage of the 5 year doctoral program in addition to the examination for the main selection. Please note that the 5 year doctoral program only accepts applications for admission in April.

1. Enrollment Capacity and Divisions (Departments)

Enrollment Capacity: Several (Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences)

Department	Supervisor	
Quantum Biological Analysis ■	Professor	Takashi TEMMA
Drug Delivery Research	Professor	Yuriko HIGUCHI
Microbial Systems Biology	Associate Professor	Martin ROBERT
System Biology	Professor	Masao DOI
Bio-Knowledge Engineering ＊	Professor	Hiroshi MAMITSUKA

Departments that will not be open for 2027 Admission : Synthetic Medicinal Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biophysical Chemistry, Structural Biology, Fine Organic Synthesis, Organelle Signaling, Medical Virology, Immunopathogenesis, Aging and Infection Control, Genetics, Biofunctional Chemistry, Quantitative Pharmaceutics, Clinical Pharmacy and Education, Molecular Mechanisms and Disease Control, Patho-Functional Bioanalysis, Molecular Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Molecular Systems Bioanalysis, Pharmacogenomics / Genomic Drug Discovery Sciences(GDDS), Bioorganic Medicinal Chemistry, System Chemotherapy and Molecular Sciences, Histogenetic Dynamics Molecular Endocrinology, Bioinformatics, Chemical Biology

Collaborative Department：■Institute for Integrated Radiation and Nuclear Science

＊Institute for Chemical Research

2. Eligibility requirements for applicants

Applicants must have a “College Student” residence status (Ryugaku, this includes students who expect to acquire this status by the time of admission), and must satisfy one of the following requirements (or who will satisfy one of the following requirements by the end of March 2027).

(1) Applicants who have completed 16 years of education abroad

(2) Individuals who have been conferred a bachelor's degree (including degrees equivalent thereto) by completing more than 3 years of education in a foreign university or a foreign institution (including by completing a foreign school education through distance learning while residing in Japan and by completing a foreign university curriculum in Japan at an educational facility accredited as having an approved curriculum under the educational system of the said country and is also designated by the Minister of MEXT).

(3) Applicants who are at least 22 years old and judged to have the academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a university graduate through their submitted

documents given by the Graduate School.

Note 1:
Applicants must have spent at least half of one year enrolled as a Research Student in Kyoto University's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences or any of the Graduate School's collaborative departments. However, those students who are judged by the Graduate School to have an outstanding academic record may be exempt from this requirement. Applicants must have obtained consent from the prospective chair of their preferred department.

Note 2:
Applicants who have not spent at least half of one year (by the end of March 2027) as a Research Student at either Kyoto University's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences or any of the Graduate School's collaborative departments must undergo an eligibility screening before being able to apply. To apply for an eligibility screening, students must submit an Application Form for Eligibility Screening along with a graduation certificate and an academic transcript to the Education Affairs Office, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyoto University, by Monday, November 30, 2026. Students may obtain an Application Form for Eligibility Screening at the Education Affairs Office, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyoto University.

Note 3:
Applicants who meet requirement (3) must undergo an eligibility screening. These applicants must submit an application to the Education Affairs Office, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyoto University on or before Monday, November 30, 2026. Prior to filing, applicants should ask the Education Affairs Office about which required documents are needed.

Note 4:
Applicants who have graduated from a Japanese university are not eligible for this screening process.

3. Procedures for Application

Those who are going to apply must contact the teaching staff of their preferred department prior to applying.
The application procedure will be completed after applicant registration through the internet application system, completion of payment of the entrance exam fee, and document submission within the application period.

The internet application system can be accessed via:
https://kjs.gakusei.kyoto-u.ac.jp/pharmmdforeign2027

・Internet application period, Application fee payment period ;
from December 22 (Tue),2026～17:00, January 7 (Thu),2027
・Application period ; 9:00～17:00, January 6 (Wed) ～ 7 (Thu), 2027

(1) Documents required to apply
Prepare a square-shaped envelope (Size;240 ㎜×332 ㎜) and write the address indicated in Section 3. (2) (i) on that envelope. Enclose the following application documents in the envelope and submit it by postal mail or by hand. The following application documents must be submitted via the internet application system as well.

(i)Application form
After applying via the internet application system, print and submit the application form.

(ii) Graduation certificate and Academic transcript
Both certificates should be issued by the university from which you graduated. Certificates not written in Japanese or English must have a Japanese or English - translated version attached to the original certificate. (Those who have submitted a certificate for eligibility screening are not required to resubmit a certificate again.)

(iii) Application fee
Application Fee: JPY 30,000 (Japanese Government (Monbukagakushou: MEXT) scholarship students will get refund once they pass the entrance exam)
Select one payment method among four listed below when you apply to the Internet Application System.
・Credit Card (Payments can be made using a credit card not in the applicant's name)
・Convenience Store (for domestic use)
・Bank transfer (Pay-easy) (for domestic use)

※Applicants are required to pay a change as well as entrance application fee. Please check the payment system screen for the final total amount.
※The Application fee may be waived for an applicant whose primary financial supporter was affected by the disaster in the regions designated by the university as subject to the

Disaster Relief Act and who has been issued a victim's certificate.
(Reference) Exemption from the Admission Examination Fee
https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/admissions/examination-fee/fees-exemption
For details, please contact the Graduate School's Education Affairs Office on or before November 30, 2026.

(iv) TOEFL iBT Test Taker Score Report
The original TOEFL iBT Test Taker Score Report
For detailed information, refer to section 7, "Evaluation of English Ability" of this document.

(2) How to Apply
(i) After registering the Internet application and paying the application fee, applicants must submit (by hand or by mail) the aforementioned application-related documents (Graduation certificate, Academic transcript, Copy of certificate of residence) to the Education Affairs Office of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyoto University, 606-8501 Yoshida-Shimo-Adachi-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan.

(ii) When an applicant submits the documents by mail, he/she must send it by registered mail, with "Application Form for Admission to Master's Program enclosed" written on the front side of the envelope in red ink.

(iii) Once received, no changes can be made to the information provided in the application-related documents. Additionally, the Application fee will not be refundable.

(3) Application Period
From Wednesday, January 6 to 17:00 on Thursday, January 7, 2027
Only registered mail postmarked (by originating post office) on or before January 6 will be accepted if the application arrives after the above deadline.

4. Security Export Control

In accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, Kyoto University has established the Security Export Control Regulations of Kyoto University. Under the regulations, the university conducts rigorous screening regarding the export of goods and the provision of technology (including the hosting of individuals) prior to the admission of students. Please be aware that admission may be denied if a case falls under the scope of the regulations, or if a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is not issued, or the screening process is prolonged, even if the applicant has passed the entrance examination. Please

note that even after enrollment, restrictions may be placed on the education or research guidance that a student can receive.

5. Consideration for handicapped potential applicants

The Graduate School will provide consultations for potential applicants who are handicapped and who need some consideration for their admission examination at the Graduate School . Those who desire to have a consultation should contact the Education Affairs Office of the Graduate School on or before December 11, 2026.

6. Selection Method and Examination Subjects and Schedule

(1) Selection of successful applicants will be performed based on a comprehensive review of the content of the submitted application documents and the results of the paper and oral examinations.

(2) Examination Subjects

Language(English)

An evaluation will be performed based on the applicant's TOEFL iBT score.

Paper Examinations:

- Specialized Subject: An examination will be conducted about specialized fields related to the desired department the applicant selected when applying.

Oral Examination: Specialized knowledge will be tested orally.

(3) Examination Schedule

The Examinee's Voucher can be downloaded from the internet application system after approximately January 19.

Date	Time	Subject	Room
Wednesday, February 10	11:00-12:00	Specialized Subject	Lecture Room of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
	13:00-	Oral Examination	

7. Evaluation of English Ability

・ English ability will be evaluated based on the Test Taker Score Report.

- Applicants must apply for and take the TOEFL iBT test individually. The test fee shall be paid by the applicants.
- Only the TOEFL iBT (Internet-based Test) results shall be valid.
  Note that TOEFL tests other than iBT such as the TOEFL ITP (Institutional Testing Program), which is a test program intended for organizations, are not accepted.
- A score for a TOEFL iBT test taken on or after February 10, 2025 shall be valid.
- If the submitted document is found to be fraudulent, passing of the examination shall be rescinded.
- Note that failure to submit a Test Taker Score Report for TOEFL iBT shall result in a zero mark for English.
- Applicants should take the TOEFL iBT well in advance.
- The Test Reports will be returned to the applicants on the day of the examination after being verified.

8. Announcement of successful applicants

The examination results will be announced through the internet application system at approximately 10:00 on Monday, February15, 2027. (Inquiries via phone will not be accepted.)

9. Admission fee and Tuition Fees (Japanese Government (Monbukagakushou: MEXT) scholarship student will get refund once they pass the entrance exam)

Admission Fee 282,000 JPY

Tuition Fee for the 1st semester: 267,900 JPY (for full year: 535,800 JPY)

* The listed Admission and Tuition Fees are planned and may be revised.

* If the Admission and/or Tuition Fee is revised, the new Admission and/or Tuition Fee will be effective from the time of the revision.

* The payment deadline will be announced by the admission procedure documents sent by Graduate School Office around the beginning of March 2027.

10. Handling of Personal Information

Personal information provided in the application-related documents (including information relating to the examination results) shall be treated according to the Regulations Concerning the Handling of Personal Information in Kyoto University for the purposes of 1) conduct of an admission examination, 2) completion of admission procedures, recommendation for scholarship, and similar processes, and 3) preparation for acceptance of students to be enrolled.

11. Disclosure of admission examination scores

Admission examination scores will be disclosed upon request from the applicant. Requests for score disclosure will be accepted only at the Education Affairs Office for a period of one year starting from April after the examination.

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