

Information on Applying to the Doctoral Program

(Regular Admission and Special Selection for Applicants with Professions)

※Only applicants for Schedule B should refer to this document

1. Applicant Eligibility

- The applicant eligibility for the Regular Admission and Special Selection for Applicants with Professions is described in the Guidelines for Applicants to the 2026 Doctoral Program Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, The University of Tokyo (p 14-27) (Hereafter referred to as the Guidelines for Applicants).
- Applicants who are employed by a business, government agency, or other organization can apply for Special Selection for Applicants with Professions, provided that they fulfill the requirements listed in the Guidelines for Applicants. Those who wish to apply under this special selection must declare their intention to do so at the time of application.

2. Application

- Applicants must upload the documents to be submitted through the online application site during the application period specified in the Guidelines for Applicants.
- Applicants cannot apply for Schedule B when they pass the examination according to Schedule A.
- Please check the Guidelines for Applicants for the required application submission. In addition to the documents common to all applicants, the Department of Integrated Biosciences requires the "Doctoral Program Applicant Information Sheet," a TOEFL iBT® Score Report, and a Research/Work Balance Plan (only for applicants applying under Special Selection for Applicants with Professions). Please download the "Doctoral Program Applicant Information Sheet" from the department's admission information website.
- Please note the following points:
 - (1) Those who wish to apply under Regular Admission and Special Selection for Applicants with Professions must declare the desired laboratory and the name of the desired supervisor on the "Doctoral Program Applicant Information Sheet".
 - ✧ The following faculty members do not recruit students.
Professor Dr. Shoji Kawamura (Laboratory of Evolutionary Anthropology)
Professor Dr. Misato Ohtani (Laboratory of Plant Functional Analyses)
Professor Dr. Masahiro Yasunaga (Laboratory of Cancer Biology)
Associate Professor Dr. Shoji Oda (Laboratory of Genome Stability)
Associate Professor Dr. Kiyosumi Hori (Laboratory of Applied Bioresources)
 - ✧ The following faculty members will accept Doctoral Program students only for April 2026 enrollment, but not for October 2026.
Professor Dr. Hiroaki Saito (Laboratory of Advanced Marine Bioscience)
Associate Professor Dr. Naoki Matsumoto (Laboratory of Molecular Medicine)
 - (2) Before applying, contact the faculty member under whom the applicants wish to study in order to receive consultation on their research plans. If for some reason the applicants are unable to receive prior consultation, the application will still be processed.
 - (3) Those who wish to be exempted from the English examination must declare it on the "Doctoral Program Applicant Information Sheet" (for details, see **3.** on the next page).
 - (4) If the applicants wish to enroll while remaining employed, they need to submit a Research/Work Balance Plan (no specified format, approximately 1 page, A4 paper, PDF file) at the time of application by uploading it. The successful applicant must submit a letter of approval (no specified format) from their workplace supervisor stating that they will be given sufficient time away from work to concentrate on their studies during the admission procedure.

3. Entrance Examination

- The entrance examination consists of an English examination and an oral examination concerning the applicant's master's thesis or its equivalent. See the next page for details.
- Applicants who have completed or will complete a master's program at The University of Tokyo are exempted from taking the English examination.
- Applicants who have graduated or will graduate from a university or a graduate school in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, or the United States may be exempted from taking the English examination upon document screening. Applicants who wish to be exempted from the English examination must contact the Admissions Committee of the Department of Integrated Biosciences before submitting their application and declare it on the "Doctoral Program Applicant Information Sheet".

4. Enrollment

- The timing of the enrollment is April 2026 or October 2026.
- Please note that the only available enrollment period for international applicants who plan to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility through The University of Tokyo is October 2026 for Schedule B. Please check the Guidelines for Applicants and the flowchart below for details:

https://www.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/assets/files/Flowchart_and_FAQ_on_enrollment_timing_for_foreign_applicants_Examination%20B_2025717.pdf

- After checking this flowchart, international applicants who wish to enroll in April 2026 should contact the Admissions Committee of the Department of Integrated Biosciences before applying and register on the online application site at the time of application.
- Please note that applicants are not allowed to change their planned enrollment period for their own convenience after submitting their application.

5. Inquiry

- Applicants' inquiries to faculty members will only be accepted before the application is closed.
- After the application is closed, the only inquiries accepted will be procedural questions for the Admissions Committee of the Department of Integrated Biosciences.

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1. English examination

- English exam will be assessed based on your submitted TOEFL iBT® Score Report. No other scores will be accepted.
- Applicants must submit a Test Taker Score Report of TOEFL iBT® or TOEFL iBT® Home Edition (former TOEFL iBT® Special Home Edition) by uploading it at the time of application or by January 8 (Thu.), 2026 (Note that TOEFL iBT® Home Edition can take more time to issue a Score Report than expected). If the electronic copy of the Score Report submission is not in time, applicants must contact the Admissions Committee of the Department of Integrated Bioscience.
- We do not use a MyBest™ score but use a Test Date score as a TOEFL iBT® score.
- Applicants are also required to submit the Official Score Report (Institutional Score Report) to the Student Affairs Team of the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences before admission. For the submission of these Score Reports, please refer to the Guidelines for Applicants.
- The submitted TOEFL iBT® Score Reports must reflect the test taken after February 1, 2024.

2. Oral examination

- The oral examination includes a presentation of the master's thesis (or its equivalent).
- Applicants can use Japanese or English.
- Applicants must submit in advance the abstract of their master's thesis or its equivalent (no specified format, 2 pages in A4 paper, PDF file). Applicants may also submit the full master's thesis (or its equivalent) along with the abstract.
- Prepare a personal computer with a camera, a microphone, and speakers, as well as a stable internet connection for the online oral examination. In order to prevent fraudulent activity, the applicant's room will be checked by taking a 360-degree video with a camera built-in PC, etc. just before starting the oral examination. Applicants cannot use a fixed camera, such as one built into a desktop PC, to take the online oral examination if they cannot take a 360-degree video of their room with it. Applicants cannot use a tablet device, earphones, or headphones.

Applicants who wish to enroll in October 2026 (International applicants who plan to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility through The University of Tokyo) and in April 2026 (Japanese applicants and international applicants who do not plan to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility through this university)

Date: January 26 (Mon.) or 27 (Tue.), 2026 (any one of these days)

Testing location: Online

Submission of abstract: Details on where to submit the abstract, etc. will be notified by early January 2026 by e-mail, etc.

Time and test implementation method: The details will be notified by e-mail, etc. on January 13 (Tue.), 2026.

Applicants who wish to enroll in October 2026 (Japanese applicants and international applicants who do not plan to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility through this university)

Date: Late July or early August 2026

Testing location: Online

Submission of abstract: Details on where to submit the abstract, etc. will be notified by early July 2026 by e-mail, etc.

Time and test implementation method: The details will be notified by e-mail, etc. by mid-July 2026.

3. Prospective candidate announcement

- The formal announcement of acceptance takes place after the completion of the entrance exams of all departments of the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences. The Department of Integrated Biosciences will make its own announcement of "prospective candidates" as a provisional decision.
- For those taking the oral examination in January 2026, the URL of the announcement of the prospective candidates will be notified by e-mail around 3:00 p.m. on January 28 (Wed.), 2026.
- For those taking the oral examination in Late July or early August 2026, the URL of the announcement of those who will prospectively pass the first examination will be notified by e-mail within a few days after the examination.

**Information on Applying to the Doctoral Program
(Special Selection for Applicants with Overseas Education)**
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1. Applicant Eligibility

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2. Application

- Applicants must upload the documents to be submitted through the online application site during the application period specified in the Guidelines for Applicants.
- Applicants cannot apply for Schedule B when they pass the examination according to Schedule A.
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- Please note the following points:
 - (1) Those who wish to apply under this special selection must declare their intention to do so at the time of application.
 - (2) Applicants must declare the desired laboratory and the name of the desired supervisor on the "Doctoral Program Applicant Information Sheet".
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 - (3) Before applying, contact the faculty member under whom the applicants wish to study in order to receive consultation on his/her research plans.
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3. Entrance Examination

- The entrance examination consists of an English examination and an oral examination concerning the applicant's master's thesis or its equivalent. See page 6 for details.
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- Applicants who apply under Special Selection for Applicants with Overseas Education are required to submit a TOEFL-iBT® score not lower than 80. If the score on the submitted TOEFL iBT® Score Report is lower than 80, the applicant will not be allowed to take the oral examination.
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