

Information on Applying to the Doctoral Course

(Regular Admission and Special Selection for Applicants with Professions)

※ Only applicants for Schedule B should refer to this document

1. About Applicant Eligibility

- The applicant eligibility for the Regular Admission is described in the Guidelines for Applicants to the 2024 Doctoral Course Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, The University of Tokyo (Hereinafter 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 for the Regular Admission.
- Those who do not have a master's degree or a professional degree such as those who are expected to be graduated from a six-year undergraduate program in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy, need to be recognized by Graduate School of Frontier Sciences through individual screening of entrance qualifications, so please contact through the inquiry form on the Graduate School's website.

2. About 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.
- Applicants should check the application guideline to know what documents are required for the application. Applicants are required to submit the PDF file of the filled "Doctoral Course Applicant Information Sheet" (applicants should download it from the department's website) at the time of application by uploading it.
- 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. Due to the retirement, the following faculty members do not recruit students.

Professor Dr. Hiroshi Kataoka (Laboratory of Molecular Recognition)

Professor Dr. Yoshikazu Ohya (Laboratory of Signal Transduction)

Professor Dr. Toshi Nagata (Laboratory of Advanced Marine Biosciences)

- 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. About 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 3 for the details.
- For the English examination, the applicants must submit TOEFL Score Report. We do not use a MyBest™ score but use a Test Date score as a TOEFL-iBT® score.
- Applicants who have completed or will complete a master's course at The University of Tokyo are exempted from taking the English examination. Those who wish this exemption must declare it in the "Doctoral Course Applicant Information Sheet".

- 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. Those who wish this exemption must declare it in the "Doctoral Course Applicant Information Sheet".

4. About Enrollment

- New students are generally expected to enroll in April 2024
- Applicants who wish to enter in October 2024 need to declare this intention at the time of application on the online application site. The applicant eligibility is described in the Guidelines for Applicants. Applicants are not allowed to change their planned month of enrollment for their convenience after submitting their application.

5. About Inquiry

- Applicant's inquiries to faculty members are taken only before the application is closed.
- After the application is closed, the only inquiries taken are procedural questions directed to the Entrance Exam Committee for the Department of Integrated Biosciences.

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- Applicants must submit an electronic copy of 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 15 (Mon.), 2024 (Note that TOEFL iBT® Home Edition can take more time to issue a score report than expected).
- Applicants are also required to submit the Institutional Score Report (Official 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 score reports must reflect the test taken after February 1, 2022. If the score sheet submission is not in time, applicants must contact the Department of Integrated Biosciences Entrance Exam Committee.

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. Prepare an internet environment 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 camera such as a built-in 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 April 2024

Date: January 30 (Tue.) to 31 (Wed.), 2024 (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, 2024 by e-mail, etc.

Time and test implementation method: The details will be notified by e-mail, etc. by January 17 (Wed.), 2024.

Applicants who wish to enroll in October 2024

Date: Late July or early August, 2024

Testing location: Online

Submission of abstract: Details on where to submit the abstract, etc. will be notified by early July, 2024 by e-mail, etc.

Time and test implementation method: The details will be notified by e-mail, etc. by mid-July, 2024.

3. Prospective candidate announcement

- The formal announcement of acceptance takes place after the completion of the entrance exams of all departments of Graduate School of Frontier Sciences. The Department of Integrated Biosciences will make its own announcement of "prospective candidates" as a provisional decision. The URL of the announcement of the prospective candidates will be notified by e-mail around 3:00 p.m. on February 2 (Fri.), 2024. For those who wish to enroll in October 2024, the URL of the announcement of the prospective candidates will be notified by e-mail several days after the examination in August 2024.

Information on Applying to the Doctoral Course (Special Selection for Applicants with Overseas Education)

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1. About Applicant Eligibility

- The applicant eligibility for Special Selection for Applicants with Overseas Education is described in the Guidelines for Applicants to the 2024 Doctoral Course Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, The University of Tokyo (Hereinafter referred to as the Guidelines for Applicants).

2. About Application

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- Applicants cannot apply for Schedule B when they pass the examination according to Schedule A.
- Applicants are required to submit the PDF file of the filled "Doctoral Course Applicant Information Sheet" (applicants should download it from the department's website) at the time of application by uploading it. Those who wish to apply under this special selection must declare the intention to do so. Applicants must declare the desired laboratory and supervisor at the time of application.
- Applicants must contact a faculty member in their desired laboratory before applying. Due to the retirement, the following faculty members do not recruit students.
 - Professor Dr. Hiroshi Kataoka (Laboratory of Molecular Recognition)
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- In addition to the submissions required by the Graduate School's application guidelines, applicants are also required to submit the transcript of academic work stating GPA by uploading their electronic copies. The originals should be submitted at the time of the admission procedure.

3. About Entrance Examination

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- For the English examination, the applicants must submit TOEFL Score Report. We do not use a MyBest™ score but use a Test Date score as a TOEFL iBT® score.
- 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 sheet is lower than 80, the applicant will not be allowed to take the Specialized and fundamental biosciences or Oral examination.
- Applicants who have completed or will complete a master's course at The University of Tokyo are exempted from taking the English examination. Those who wish this exemption must declare it in the "Doctoral Course Applicant Information Sheet".
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- Applicants who wish to enroll in October need to declare this intention at the time of application on the online application site. The applicant eligibility is described in the Guidelines for Applicants. Applicants are not allowed to change their planned month of enrollment for their own convenience after submitting their application.
- Non-Japanese applicants planning to newly enter Japan are strongly suggested to consider enrolling in October 2024. See the Guidelines for Applicants for details.

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