

Information on Applying to the Doctoral Course

(Regular Admission and Special Selection for Applicants with Professions)

1. About 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 Course Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, The University of Tokyo (Hereinafter referred to as the Guidelines for Applicants).
- 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.
- 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 need to declare this intention at the time of application.

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 may apply for Schedule A and B. 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. Before applying, contact the faculty member under whom the applicants wish to study in order to receive consultation on his/her research plans. If for some reason the applicants are unable to receive prior consultation, the application will still be processed.
- The following faculty members do not recruit students.
Professor Dr. Shoji Kawamura (Laboratory of Evolutionary Anthropology)
Professor Dr. Masahiro Yasunaga (Laboratory of Cancer Biology)
Associate Professor Dr. Shoji Oda (Laboratory of Genome Stability)
- 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-sized) and must submit an electronic copy of the Research/Work Balance Plan at the time of application by uploading it and the originals during the admission procedure. The successful applicant must submit a letter of approval (no specified format) from his/her workplace supervisor stating that he/she will be given sufficient time away from work to concentrate on his/her studies during the admission procedure.

3. About Entrance Examination

- The entrance examination consists of an English examination (1st exam) and an oral examination (2nd exam) concerning the applicant's master's thesis or its equivalent. See next page for the details.
- Applicants who have completed or will complete a master's course at The University of Tokyo are exempted from taking the English examination.

- Applicants who have graduated or will graduate from a university 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 this in the appropriate field of the "Doctoral Course Applicant Information Sheet".

4. About Enrollment

- In Schedule A, new students are generally expected to enroll in April 2026. In Schedule B, new students are generally expected to enroll in October 2026.
- Enrollment in October 2025 and in April 2026 may be permitted for accepted applicants in Schedule A and Schedule B, respectively. Applicants who wish to enter in October 2025 in Schedule A or in April 2026 in Schedule B must contact the Admissions Committee of the Department of Integrated Biosciences before submitting their application. Note that non-Japanese applicants planning to newly enter Japan after being accepted will be required to follow the general enrollment timing described above.
- Applicants are not allowed to change their planned month of enrollment for their own 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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Schedule A

* Details of Entrance Examination Schedule B will be published after the completion of Entrance Examination Schedule A.

1. English examination (1st exam)

For the English exam in Entrance Exam Schedule A, applicants must choose one of the following three options. For Schedule B, applicants can choose the option ② (To submission of TOEFL-iBT® score sheet) only.

① To take the TOEFL-ITP only.

Date: Jul. 29 (Tue.), 2025

Venue: Kashiwa Campus, The University of Tokyo

Notes: Details of the examinations will be notified by email on Jul. 18 (Fri.), 2025.

② To submit a TOEFL-iBT® Test Taker Score Report only.

- 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 Jul. 11 (Fri.), 2025 (Note that TOEFL-iBT® Home Edition can take more time to issue a score report than expected).
- 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 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 of Graduate School of Frontier Sciences.
- The submitted score reports must reflect the test taken after September 1, 2023. If the score sheet is not in time, applicants must contact the Department of Integrated Biosciences Entrance Exam Committee.

③ Both to take the TOEFL-ITP and submit a TOEFL-iBT® Test Taker Score Report.

- In this case, the highest score will be taken as the applicants' English score.

2. Oral examination (2nd exam)

- 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 (2 pages, A4-sized). 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.

Special Selection for Applicants with Professions, Regular Admission for Applicants who wish to enroll in April 2026 (Applicants not required to undergo new entry procedures)

Date: Late January, 2026

Testing location: Online

Submission of abstract: The details will be notified by early January, 2026 by e-mail, etc.

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

Special Selection for Applicants with Professions, Regular Admission for Applicants who wish to enroll in April 2026 (Applicants required to undergo new entry procedures), and Special Selection for Applicants with Professions, Regular Admission for Applicants who wish to enroll in October 2025 (Those whose wish to enroll in October has been approved in advance)

Date: Jul. 30 (Wed.), or Aug. 1 (Fri.), 2025

Testing location: Online

Submission of abstract: The details will be notified by early July, 2025 by e-mail, etc.

Time and test implementation method: Details of the test time and the online test implementation method will be notified by July 18 (Fri.) 2025 , by e-mail, etc.

3. Announcement of acceptance

- The formal announcement of acceptance will be made at 10:00 AM on Sep. 3 (Wed.), 2025, after the completion of the entrance exams of all GSFS departments. For details, please refer to the Guidelines for Applicants.

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

1. About Applicant Eligibility

- The applicant eligibility for Special Selection for Applicants with Overseas Education is described in the Guidelines for Applicants to the 2026 Doctoral Course Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, The University of Tokyo (Hereinafter referred to as the Guidelines for Applicants).

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 may apply for Schedule A and B. 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 at the time of application.
- Applicants must contact a faculty member in their desired laboratory before applying. The following faculty members do not recruit students.
 - Professor Dr. Shoji Kawamura (Laboratory of Evolutionary Anthropology)
 - Professor Dr. Masahiro Yasunaga (Laboratory of Cancer Research Biology)
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3. About Entrance Examination

- The entrance examination consists of an English examination (1st exam) and an oral examination (2nd exam) concerning the applicant's master's thesis or its equivalent. See next page 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 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 this in the appropriate field of the "Doctoral Course Applicant Information Sheet".
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4. About Enrollment

- In Schedule A, new students are generally expected to enroll in April 2026. In Schedule B, new students are generally expected to enroll in October 2026.

- However, if the applicant has a mid- to long-term resident status and has already entered Japan at the time of application, or if the applicant is guaranteed government-sponsored scholarship status by his/her country of nationality, the enrollment in October 2025 and in April 2026 may be permitted for accepted applicants in Schedule A and Schedule B, respectively. Applicants who wish to enter in October 2025 in Schedule A or those who wish to enter in April 2026 in Schedule B must contact the Admissions Committee of the Department of Integrated Biosciences before submitting their application. 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.
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Schedule A

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- For the submission of these score reports, please refer to the Guidelines for Applicants of Graduate School of Frontier Sciences.
- Applicants who apply under Special Selection for Applicants with Overseas Education are required to submit a TOEFL-iBT® score not lower than 80.
- The submitted score reports must reflect the test taken after September 1, 2023. If the score sheet is not in time, applicants must contact the Department of Integrated Biosciences Entrance Exam Committee.

③ Both to take the TOEFL-ITP and submit a TOEFL-iBT® Test Taker Score Report.

- In this case, the highest score will be taken as the applicants' English score.

2. Oral examination (2nd exam)

- The oral examination includes a presentation of the master's thesis (or its equivalent).
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