

Overseas Selection for International Students

Application Guidelines for Enrollment in October 2025／April 2026

Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems (Doctor's Course)

OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY

	October 2025 Enrollment		April 2026 Enrollment
	First Application Period	Second Application Period	
Application Period	May 23, 2025 to June 2, 2025	June 26, 2025 to July 10, 2025	November 28, 2025 to December 12, 2025
Announcement of Successful Applicants	June 27, 2025	August 1, 2025	January 23, 2026
Period of Admission Procedures	September 18, 2025 to September 19, 2025		March 12, 2026 to March 13, 2026

Address for Submission of Documents / Inquiries

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Policies for Graduate Education: Admissions, Curriculum, and Degree

Please refer to the following website about the Policies for Graduate Education.

Admission Policy

<https://www.int.gisehs.okayama-u.ac.jp/admission/policy/admission-policy/>

Curriculum Policy

<https://www.int.gisehs.okayama-u.ac.jp/admission/policy/curriculum-policy/>

Degree Policy

<https://www.int.gisehs.okayama-u.ac.jp/admission/policy/degree-policy/>

I. Admission Quota

(1) Time of Enrollment ; October 2025

Division	Quota
Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems	A Few

(2) Time of Enrollment ; April 2026

Division	Quota
Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems	A Few

II. Eligibility for Application

Those to whom all the following provisions are applicable:

1 Those to whom any of the following items is applicable, or is expected to be applicable by September 2025(or in case of April 2026 enrollment, by March 2026).

- (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 the program at United Nations University and have been awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree.
- (5) 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 who 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.

5 Those who meets the application qualifications listed when applying for a department listed below.

- Human Care Innovation Section request one of the following qualifications

(Consult with your instructor about which one to use)

- ① Japanese Language Proficiency Test N1
- ② TOEFL iBT® 100 points (or higher) or IELTS 7.0(or higher)

Note 1: Those who are deemed to have academic ability equal to or greater than a master's degree holder by the Graduate School" specified in item 5 of Provision 1 refers to applicants who passed the document screening that the Graduate School provides as the screening of the eligibility for application. (See III Individual Screening of Eligibility for Admission in Eligibility for Application.)

Note 2: We withdraw permission for admission for those who applied as a prospective degree holder but who failed to be awarded the degree by September (or in case of April 2026 enrollment, by March 2026).

Note 3: 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, 2025(or in case of April 2026 enrollment, by January 2026).

For more details, please contact "Address for Submission of Documents / Inquiries".

III. Individual Admission Eligibility Screening in Eligibility for Application

For those applicants for admission who fall under item 5 of Provision 1 specified in the previously described II 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 to the address in “Address for Submission of Documents / Inquiries” by each deadline stated in Provision 1.

1. Submission Period of Documents for Admission Eligibility Screening

October 2025 Enrollment	First Submission Period	May 7, 2025 to May 8, 2025
	Second Submission Period	May 28, 2025 to May 29, 2025
April 2026 Enrollment		October 28, 2025 to October 29, 2025

2. Documents Required for Admission Eligibility Screening

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

〈6〉 Qualifications and Licenses	Submit copies of licenses relevant to the field of major that might be of some help. (Make A4-sized photocopies with brief explanations.)
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Note 1. All of the documents mentioned above must be prepared in English, in principle. (When English is not your native language, attach English translations.)

Note 2. Document (1) mentioned above should be submitted using the forms prescribed by our graduate school, in principle. However, using any forms containing the necessary matters other than the prescribed forms may be allowed only when our graduate school permits.

Note 3. The result of the Admission Eligibility Screening will be notified through your prospective supervisor.

Enrollment		Date of notification of screening result
October 2025 Enrollment	First Application Period	May 22, 2025
	Second Application Period	June 26, 2025
April 2026 Enrollment		November 27, 2025

IV. 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 Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems by 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 Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems, please visit the Website of the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems below: <https://www.gisehs.okayama-u.ac.jp/staff/>
- (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 mail to arrive no later than each date stated in “2. Application Period”.

2. Application Periods

October 2025 Enrollment	First Application Period	May 23, 2025 to June 2, 2025
	Second Application Period	June 26, 2025 to July 10, 2025
April 2026 Enrollment		November 28, 2025 to December 12, 2025

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	Use the forms prescribed by Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems. 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” Before affixing, write your nationality, name and the name of major desired on the back of the photograph.
〈2〉 Entrance Examination Fee	30,000yen (handling fees will be charged separately) Please refer to “Paying for Entrance Examination Fees” below and pay the entrance examination fee by 17:00 5 p.m. (Japan time) on the last day of the application period on “Payment for Entrance Examination Fee web site”.

	<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>【Paying for Entrance Examination Fees】 https://www.gisehs.okayama-u.ac.jp/wp_root/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Paying-for-Entrance-Fees.pdf</p> <p>【Payment for Entrance Examination Fee website】 https://e-apply.jp/n/okayama-payment-eng</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, 2025 (or April 1, 2026 in case of April 2026 enrollment) is confirmed) need NOT pay the entrance examination fee, in principle.</p> <p>【Refund of Entrance Examination Fee】 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〉 Graduation Certificate from University, Transcript of University	Submit certificates issued by the university from which you graduated.
〈4〉 (Prospective) Completion Certificate from Graduate School, Transcript of Graduate School	Submit certificates issued by the graduate school from which you graduated (or will graduate).
〈5〉 Copy of Papers Submitted	a) Master's thesis or an equivalent research paper (in English or Japanese) b) List of research achievements after earning the Master's degree and one or two representative papers of them. (if applicable)
〈6〉 Research Plan Document	Use the form prescribed by Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems.

<p>〈7〉 Document Certifying Language Ability (IELTS, TOEFL iBT[®], Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, etc.)</p>	<p>Medical Bioengineering Section, Medical Devices and Materials Engineering Section Submit original of official Score or transcript at least one of followings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IELTS • TOEFL iBT[®] • TOEFL CBT[®] • TOEIC[®] <p>When you have not taken these tests, submit a certificate of English ability issued by the graduate school, etc. from which you graduated.</p> <p>Healthcare Sciences Section Submit original of official Score or transcript at least one of followings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) • IELTS • TOEFL iBT[®] • TOEFL CBT[®] • TOEIC[®] <p>Human Care Innovation Section Submit at least one of the following originals of official score or transcript.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese Language Proficiency Test(JLPT)grade N1 • TOEFL iBT[®] score of 100 points or higher • IELTS7.0 or higher <p>To find out the required documents, you must consult with a potential supervisor in your desired field of research at Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems well in advance before applying.</p>
<p>〈8〉 Copy of Passport or Copy of Family Registry or Certificate of Citizenship in Home Country</p>	<p>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 copy of the family register or citizen membership, etc. in your home country.</p>
<p>〈9〉 Recommendation Letter to the President</p>	<p>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.</p>

〈10〉 Letter of Acceptance by Prospective Supervisor	Use the form prescribed by Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems, and submit a copy of the letter written by a prospective supervisor at Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems.
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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. Documents (1), (3), (4), (6), and (9) must be submitted in the 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 4. The previously described documents **must be prepared in English**, except 〈10〉 .
(When English is not your native language, attach English translations.)

V. Methods for Selection of Entrants

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

VI. Announcement of Successful Applicants

October 2025 Enrollment	First Application Period	June 27, 2025
	Second Application Period	August 1, 2025
April 2026 Enrollment		January 23, 2026

A letter of acceptance and others will be sent to successful applicants themselves through your prospective supervisor dated on the day of the announcement described above.

VII. 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

Enrollment	Period of Admission Procedures
October 2025 Enrollment	September 18, 2025 to September 19, 2025
April 2026 Enrollment	March 12, 2026 to March 13, 2026

VIII. 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 • 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, then you may apply for admission fee waiver, postponement of admission fee collection, and tuition fee waiver and have a full or half waiver.

When your academic achievement, income, etc. meet the requirements, 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 Affairs Department

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 (Scholarship)

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 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 and all personal information submitted will be used for affairs related to the selection of entrants.

However, entrants' personal information, including the name, gender, date of birth, current address, and schools graduated from, are also used 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 by the clerical systems for tuition fee debt management and tuition fee waivers at Okayama University.

When applications for admission fee waivers, postponement of admission fee collection, tuition fee waivers, or various scholarships are 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. 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.

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>

6. 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) Name of faculty member(s) with whom you wish to consult
- (8) Description of consultation (please be specific)

Major Guide to the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems

**Doctor's Course, Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems Program,
Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems Major**

Section	Education and Research Field	Content of Education and Research Field	Affiliated teachers
Medical Bioengineering	Design of Biofunctional Molecules	Interdisciplinary research aimed at the application of artificial bio-function regulatory molecules that are designed based on functional analysis of bio-functional molecules, including nucleic acid binding protein and enzymes, and aiming at application of the obtained knowledge for medical care and agriculture	SERA Takashi, Professor MORI Tomoaki, Senior Assistant Prof. MORI Koichi, Assistant Prof.
	Single Molecule Biology	Functional analysis of protein and elucidation of the molecular mechanism, and the application of those results to medical care and environmental science	☆IDE Toru, Professor HIRANO Minako, Associate Prof. HAYAKAWA Tohru, Assistant Prof.
	Applied Cell Biology	Intracellular signal transduction research and drug development	☆TOKUMITSU Hiroshi, Professor MAGARI Masaki, Assistant Prof. △OTSUKA Satomi, Assistant Prof.
	Biomaterials Engineering	Research into the design and application of biomedical materials in which the inorganic material-based structure is precisely controlled	HAYAKAWA Satoshi, Professor YOSHIOKA Tomohiko, Associate Prof. △KATAOKA Takuya, Assistant Prof.
	Biomolecular Engineering	Research into biotechnology and life science, mainly emphasizing the function of RNA, based on design of novel bio-functional molecules	OTSUKI Takashi, Professor WATANABE Kazunori, Associate Prof. △TAKAHARA Mari, Assistant Prof.
	Organelle Systems Biotechnology	Research into elucidating mechanisms and applications of intracellular organelle biogenesis and material transport control	SATO Ayano, Professor
	Medical Protein Engineering	Research into the development of effective methods for production and analysis of proteins and applications to the field of medical engineering	FUTAMI Junichiro, Professor △MIYAMOTO Ai, Assistant Prof.
	Molecular Cell Engineering	Research into analysis and application of molecular functions in immune cells	KANAYAMA Naoki, Associate Prof.
Medical Devices and Materials Engineering	Human Centric Information Processing	Analysis and modeling of human audiovisual information processing and behaviors based on signal processing, probability statistics theory, and machine learning, as well as research on their application to services	AIDA Toshiaki, Senior Assistant Prof.
	Information Network Technologies for Medical Engineering	Methods for functional analysis and evaluation, as well as for their further reliability enhancement and further sophistication, of computer networks and communication protocols, and their application to medical use	☆YOKOHIRA Tokumi, Professor △MIURA Hideyoshi, Assistant Prof.
	Advanced Electro Measurement Technology	Research into various measuring techniques, systematization, and signal processing design using sensor devices that are important in biomedical fields	KIWA Toshihiko, Professor WANG Jin, Associate Prof.
	Interface Systems	Education and research on human computer interaction (HCI), media processing and robot technologies that cooperate with people and which support human activities, and their application to medical and nursing care systems	NAKAZAWA Atsushi, Professor
	Cognitive Neuroscience	Education and research related to the elucidation of human cognitive neurological functions using cognitive psychology and neuro-imaging techniques, and their application to medical care and welfare	YANG Jiajia, Professor TAKAHASHI Satoshi, Associate Prof. △YOKOYAMA Hiroshi, Assistant Prof.

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Note 2: If you want to choose a teacher with a ☆ mark, please inquire in advance at the Address for Submission of Documents / Inquiries.

Section	Education and Research Field	Content of Education and Research Field	Affiliated teachers
Healthcare Sciences	Health System Management	Research on the construction of theories for building organizations, formulating strategies, and motivating human resources while effectively using and allocating finite human resources and funds in the clinical practice of medicine and the development of new therapeutic methods.	WATANABE Toyohiko, Professor *
	Nursing science	Research on building micro and macro level organizational structures to enable effective disaster response in health, medical care, public health, and welfare to scale up strategic response. Research on stress and wellbeing management for humanitarian responders.	HARADA Nahoko, Professor *
	Biomedical Informatics	Education and research on technologies for accurate measurement and processing of biological information and methods for analysis and evaluation, and for furthering their use in society based on the obtained information and databases	MORITA Mizuki, Professor *
	Radiological Health Science	Research into the development and application of physical measurement and evaluation technologies for radiation in the field of medical care; also, research related to predictive simulations for subjects such as therapeutic and side effects to living bodies	OITA Masataka, Associate Prof. *
	Regenerative and Reconstructive Medicine (Ophthalmology)	Development and evaluation of equipment through medicine--engineering collaboration, clinical research related to vision, and research elucidating the role of vision in society and medical care	☆MATSUO Toshihiko, Professor *
	Pharmaceutical Biomedicine	Analytical research elucidating the biological reactions of blood vessels and fibrous tissues based on knowledge of diseases in using medicines with nanotechnology for actual disease treatment, or epidemiological analytical research based on medical data	KANO Mitsunobu, Professor
Human Care Innovation	Japanese Culture	Research specifically examining eastern Asian and Japanese views of old age and those of life and death rooted in sites of medical and nursing care	MOTOMURA Masafumi, Professor
	Religious Culture	Philosophical and religious research on human being, focusing on the notions of life/death and of body/soul.	HAKAMADA Rei, Associate Prof.
	Medical Law	Education and research oriented to fostering persons who can offer solutions after grasping and analyzing legal issues arising at medical sites from both medical practice and medical systems	SHISHIDO Keisuke, Professor
	History of Science and Technology	Research elucidating the relation between the development of scientific technology involved in nursing care and the issues of aging, and how the relation should be	YOSHIBA Yasuyuki, Professor △ KOMATA Megumi, Assistant Prof.
	Clinical Thanatology	Clinical thanatological research investigating issues related to life and death in medical and nursing care sites and how the theory and specific method for solving the problems should be	HIKASA Haruka, Associate Prof.
	Social Innovation	Education and research elucidating the development and application of technological and social innovation for various issues in medical and nursing care sites	FUJII Daiji, Professor

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Note 3: Teachers marked * are of Shikata campus.