

For International Applicants

Graduate School of Agriculture
Osaka Metropolitan University

Doctoral Program
Admission Guidelines for International Students

[For September, October 2023 Admission]

[For April 2024 Admission]



Please check the following website for any changes in the response to the selection process of applicants for admission, etc.

Osaka Metropolitan University Admission Guidelines Website (In Japanese only)

<https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/>



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Admission Policy of Graduate School of Agriculture

Today, we are faced with numerous challenges on both the domestic and international levels. Global challenges include securing sustainable energy, resources and food, and addressing the global environmental deterioration symbolized by abnormal and extreme weather. Within Japan, we face urban environmental issues, food loss, and the extension of healthy life expectancy. The academic field of agriculture can contribute extensively to solve these problems. Educational research in the agricultural sector is also expected to play a key role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations. Graduate schools are also expected to play a central role in fostering "intellectual professionals" in current social reform (from the "Fourth Guidelines on Measures to Promote Graduate School Education"). Accordingly, the philosophy of education and research in the Graduate School of Agriculture is to develop human resources with a high level of understanding and deep insights into agriculture-related fields to realize the sustainable society necessary in Japan and overseas.

To realize this philosophy, the Graduate School of Agriculture seeks students with the following qualities, abilities, and motivations.

1. Those with a deep interest and understanding of agriculture.
2. Those with logical thinking abilities and an independent, inquiring spirit.
3. Those with sufficient basic skills in their major academic field of study and proficiency in English.

Doctoral Program

Admission Policy of Department of Agricultural Biology

The Department of Agricultural Biology aims to educate students to use the varied potential of biology to benefit human life and acquire knowledge to contribute to creating a sustainable society using biological sciences for the production and security of food, resources, and useful materials or in environmental conservation. The Department provides a broad range of education, from gene-level knowledge represented by molecular biology to field science, and also focuses on data science. Our philosophy of research and education is to train human resources with high-level expertise and broad perspectives, high research ethics, and the ability to conduct independent research.

To realize this philosophy, the Department of Agricultural Biology seeks students with the following qualifications, abilities, and motivations.

1. Those with the basic ability to understand various biological mechanisms from different perspectives, from the genetic and cellular level to the individual level, and are willing to contribute to the development of agricultural biology.
2. Those who can independently form hypotheses and experimentally test them to solve problems in various research areas related to agricultural biology.
3. Those who can learn research ethics and the appropriate handling of research results in society.

Based on these, we will select students with the following skills and aptitudes.

1. A wide range of basic and professional academic abilities to understand the diverse properties of organisms from different perspectives.
2. Creativity and logical thinking to independently formulate hypotheses and experimentally verify them.
3. Sufficient communication skills and English-language proficiency.

Admission Policy of Department of Applied Biological Chemistry

The Department of Applied Biological Chemistry conducts research on bioscience and biotechnology based on chemistry to clarify the various biological phenomena of living organisms and use the diverse life functions of biological organisms. The Department aims to train human resources capable of playing an active role in different social fields with advanced knowledge and skills in biological chemistry and research ethics. Our philosophy of education and research is to cultivate human resources with advanced knowledge and skills in biological chemistry, comprehensive perspectives, insights, research ethics, originality, and capacity for independent research.

To realize this philosophy, the Department of Applied Biological Chemistry seeks students with the following qualities, abilities, and motivations.

1. Those who have a broad range of basic and academic skills to understand the diverse functions of various organisms at the molecular, cellular, and individual levels.
2. Those who can form hypotheses about problems in the increasingly advanced and diversified research field of Applied Biological Chemistry and experimentally verify them with independent and flexible research skills.
3. Those who have a sufficient understanding of English-language communication and research ethics, and can play an active role on an international level.

Based on the above, we will select students with the following skills and aptitudes.

1. A high level of specialized academic abilities to understand the various functions of a wide variety of organisms at the molecular, cellular, and individual levels.
2. Independence and logical thinking ability to independently form hypotheses and experimentally verify them.
3. Sufficient communication skills and English-language proficiency.

Admission Policy of Department of Environmental Sciences and Technology

The Department of Environmental Sciences and Technology conducts educational research on science and technology based on regional studies to shed light on the ecosystems formed by various phenomena and interactions within the environment and biomes, including human activities, address various environmental problems facing the region, and aims to train human resources who can contribute to the development of environmental science and technology. To this end, the Department's education and research philosophy is to cultivate human resources with advanced knowledge and skills in environmental science and technology, and have comprehensive perspectives, insight, research ethics, originality, and the capacity for independent research.

To realize this philosophy, the Department of Environmental Sciences and Technology seeks students with the following qualities, abilities, and motivations.

1. Those with a deep interest in and understanding of the conservation and creation of an environment that contributes to the sustainable development of cities and urban areas, and are willing to contribute to the development of society.
2. Those who can form hypotheses about the advanced and diverse fields of environmental science and technology and can verify them with flexible and independent research capabilities.
3. Those who have a sufficient understanding of English-language communication and research ethics, and can play an active role on an international level.

Based on this, we will select students with the following skills and aptitudes.

1. A high level of specialized academic abilities to understand the relationships between environmental factors such as air, soil, water, and organisms and ecosystems, and human life.
2. Independence and logical thinking to form hypotheses and test them.
3. Sufficient communication skills and English-language proficiency.

Admission Guidelines for International Applicants

Doctoral Program

[1] Allocation of Admission Spaces

Department	Capacity
Department of Agricultural Biology	low enrollment capacity
Department of Applied Biological Chemistry	low enrollment capacity
Department of Environmental Sciences and Technology	low enrollment capacity

[2] Qualification for Admission

<For admission in September or October 2023>

Non-Japanese nationals who have or are expected to obtain by the time of enrollment a valid “Student” visa as defined by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and who meet one of the following criteria.

- (1) Those who received a degree equivalent to a Master’s degree or a professional degree in a foreign country and those who expect to obtain one by September 30, 2023.
- (2) Those who have enrolled in a graduate school as a foreign student who was specially selected and have a Master’s degree or professional degree and those who expect to obtain one by September 30, 2023.
- (3) Those who have completed in Japan a course offered by a foreign school through correspondence and have been awarded a degree equivalent to a Master’s degree or a professional degree. This also includes those who expect to obtain one by September 30, 2023.
- (4) Those who have completed the relevant course designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at an education institution positioned within the school education system of the relevant foreign country as a graduate school that provides graduate courses in that country. This also includes those who have received the equivalent of a Master’s degree or professional degree and those who expect to receive one by September 30, 2023.
- (5) Those who completed the program at the United Nations University and received a degree equivalent to a Master’s degree and those who expected to be awarded one by September 30, 2023.
- (6) Those who are recognized as having completed an education course at a foreign school and have passed the equivalent of Qualifying Examination (QE) or expected to pass by September 30, 2023, and also those who have an academic ability that is equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master’s degree.
- (7) A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Sep. 1, 1989 Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Notification No. 118)
 - a. Those who have graduated from a university in Japan, have engaged in research at a university or research institute etc. for more than 2 years, have received a Master’s degree by engaging in research at our Graduate School, have an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual with a Master’s degree.
 - b. Those who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country or have completed courses offered by a foreign school through correspondence in Japan, have engaged in research for over 2 years at a university or research institute, have received a Master’s degree by engaging in research at our Graduate School, have an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual with a Master’s degree.
- (8) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School as having Master’s degree or a professional degree from this Graduate School through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master’s degree or a professional degree and are also 24 years of age by September 30, 2023.
- (9) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School as having Master’s degree or a professional degree from this Graduate School through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master’s degree or a professional degree.

<For admission in April 2024>

The same conditions above, but the date “September 30, 2023” should be replaced with “March 31, 2024”.

[Notes]

- (1) Applicants who qualify for admission per criteria (7), (8), and (9) for both admission in September or October 2023 and admission in April 2024 must go through the qualification process described in “[5] Qualification Screening” in advance.
- (2) Applicants who do not have or will not obtain a “Student” visa, please contact the Admissions Office at least two weeks prior to the start of the online application registration period.

[3] Overseas Examination

For the convenience of applicants living outside Japan, we recognize to use Internet service for audiovisual communication from your country. It is required prior examination if applicants wish to take examination at overseas. Please contact Admissions Office to get more details.

[4] Application Procedure

The application procedure will be conducted via the internet.

Please consult with your prospective supervisor (Professor or Associate Professor) before you apply.

- ※ Applicants who wish to apply from outside Japan (overseas) will be notified of the application procedure separately. Please send an email to the Admissions Office (gr-nyu-agriculture@omu.ac.jp) by June 9, 2023 if applying for September or October 2023 admissions or by October 13, 2023 if applying for April 2024 admission including your name and the department to which you wish to apply. For those applying from within Japan, the deadlines are June 16, 2023 and November 10, 2023 for September or October 2023 admissions and April 2024 admissions, respectively.
- ※ There is no examination fee for applicants coming out of Osaka Metropolitan University’s master’s programs or professional degree programs, Osaka Prefecture University’s master’s programs or Osaka City University’s master’s programs, doctoral programs, the Graduate School of Medicine’s master’s programs, or professional degree programs. Applicants will be notified of the application procedure separately, so please send an email to the Admissions Office (gr-nyu-agriculture@omu.ac.jp) by June 16, 2023 if applying for September or October 2023 admissions or by November 10, 2023 if applying for April 2024 admission including your name and the department to which you wish to apply.

1. Application Period

<For admission in September or October 2023>

	Heading	Period
Overseas Examination	Online application registration	June 23, 2023, 10:00 to July 3, 2023, 17:00
	Submission of documents required for application	June 29 – July 3, 2023 (postmarked by July 3) (Note) Please send by simplified-registered mail
Examination inside Japan	Online application registration	June 30, 2023, 10:00 to July 11, 2023, 17:00
	Submission of documents required for application	July 7 – 11, 2023 (postmarked by July 11) (Note) Please send by simplified-registered mail

<For admission in April 2024>

	Heading	Period
Overseas Examination	Online application registration	October 20, 2023, 10:00 to October 30, 2023, 17:00

	Submission of documents required for application	October 26 – 30, 2023 (postmarked by October 30) (Note) Please send by simplified-registered mail
Examination inside Japan	Online application registration	November 24, 2023, 10:00 to November 30, 2023, 17:00
	Submission of documents required for application	November 28 – 30, 2023 (postmarked by November 30) (Note) Please send by simplified-registered mail

Note: If the application is sent from overseas, it is valid as long as it arrives in Japan by the last day of the application submission period. Please be sure to send the documents using a method that can be tracked.

Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Block A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above (except Saturdays and Sundays) only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Even when dropping off forms in person, please use an envelope and ensure it is sealed.**

2. Method of Application

Please follow Steps 1 – 6 below to submit your application.

Step1	● Advance Preparations	
	PC or other Operating Environment	• Applications can be registered from a PC, smartphone, or other device connected to the internet
	Printing Requirements	• Print the documents that need to be mailed on A4 paper.
	Email Settings	• A notification email will be sent when you register your application. Ensure that you have added @sak-sak.net to your safelist as an authorized sender so that you can receive emails from this domain.
	Documents Necessary for Application	• Please refer to [4] Application Procedures 4 Application Documents and prepare them, so they may be submitted on time.
Envelopes	• Please prepare two types of envelopes: ① A commercially available rectangle-type No. 2 (24.0cm×33.2cm) for mailing application documents. ② A commercially available long-form No. 3 (12.0cm×23.5cm) with stamps worth 434 yen attached for sending the Entrance Examination Card	
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Step2	● Accessing the Online Application Site	
	• You can find the Online Application Site on the university website during the application registration period. University Website URL: https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/inet-apply/	
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Step3	● Application Registration	
	• Please read the “User's Guide,” “Application Procedures,” and “Q&A” on the Internet Application Site before you register your application. • Please verify all your entered information on the final confirmation screen, as you cannot change the input information after the application registration is completed.	
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Step4	● Payment of Examination Fee			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please pay the examination fee (30,000 yen) by any of methods (1)–(4), as per the instructions on the online application site. (See [4] Application Procedure 3. Examination Fee Payment Method) • In addition to the examination fee, a handling fee (990 yen) is required. 			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Credit card	Convenience stores	ATM (Pay-Easy)	Net banking

Step5	● Printing the Application Confirmation Slip and Address Label	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please print it single-sided on A4-size white sheets of paper. • Please complete printing within the registration period for the online application. 	

Step6	● Sending the Required Documents	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please send the application documents by simplified-registered mail (postmark valid). (See p.6 [4] Application Procedure 4. Application Documents) • If you wish to submit the documents in person, please note the dates and times for submitting the documents. • Application documents not submitted within the deadline will not be accepted. (See p.4 [4] Application Procedure 1. Application Period) 	

3. Examination Fee Payment Method

The fees required for application registration are as follows.

- Admission certification fee ¥30,000
- Handling fee ¥990

※ There is no examination fee for applicants coming out of Osaka Metropolitan University's master's programs or professional degree programs, Osaka Prefecture University's master's programs or Osaka City University's master's programs, doctoral programs, the Graduate School of Medicine's master's programs, or professional degree programs. Applicants will be notified of the application procedure separately, so please send an email to the Admissions Office (gr-nyu-agriculture@omu.ac.jp) by June 16, 2023 if applying for September or October 2023 admissions or by November 10, 2023 if applying for April 2024 admission including your name and the department to which you wish to apply.

Payment may be made through any of the following payment methods available. For detailed information on payment methods, please check the screen for the payment method selected on the "Select Payment Method" page of the online application site.

Payment Method	Handling Agency
(1) Credit card	VISA, MasterCard, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, Diners Club Note: Only lump-sum payments are accepted.
(2) Convenience stores	7-Eleven, Lawson, Ministop, FamilyMart, Daily Yamazaki, Yamazaki Daily Store, Seicomart Note: Only cash payments are accepted.
(3) ATM (Pay-Easy)	Payments can be made at ATMs of financial institutions with the Pay-easy mark.
(4) Net banking	You can use the banking services of more than 1,000 banks across Japan, including major megabanks that support Pay-easy. ※ To avail yourself of this method, you need to have signed up for net banking.

4. Application Documents

After registering your application and paying the examination fee, **please submit all the following documents within the submission period.** Please download the designated form from the university website.

Ensure that you use a commercially available rectangle-type No.2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm) with the following address label attached.

※Applicants who have undergone [5] Qualification Screening may omit documents that are duplicated in the Qualification Screening.

Application Documents		Preparation
1	Application Confirmation Form (for submission to the university)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After registering your online application and paying the examination fee, please print the application form on A4-sized paper from the online application site.
2	Application for Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please use either the Japanese or English form specified by the Graduate School. Please paste 4cm x 3cm photos taken within the last three months For photographs, it is acceptable to submit a printout of the form with clear face photo data pasted on it.
3	Entrance Examination Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please use the form specified by the Graduate School.
4	Photo Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please use the form specified by the Graduate School. Please paste 4cm x 3cm photos taken within the last three months. For photographs, it is acceptable to submit a printout of the form with clear face photo data pasted on it.
5	Certificate of Graduation (Completion) or Prospective Certificate (Documents Certifying Qualification for Admission)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate issued by the president of the applicant's previous university stating that the applicant has received (or expects to receive) the degree. In regard to the cases referred to in (6), Certification Documentation for passing QE or expected to pass QE.
6	Academic Transcript	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A transcript issued by the president of the applicant's previous university stating the number of credits and the grades of subjects taken.
7	Letter of Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From a supervising professor, superior authority from applicant's institute, from the applicant's university.
8	Applicant's Background and Curriculum Vitae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please use either the Japanese or English form specified by the Graduate School.
9	Copy of the residence card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please submit photocopies of both sides of the residence card. Overseas residents must submit a copy of their passport (the page with the photo).
10	Envelopes for sending Entrance Examination Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please write your name, address, and postal code on a commercial long-form No.3 envelope (12cm×23.5cm) and attach a stamp worth 434 yen. ※ Please add “sama (様)” after your name. Note: Even if the application documents have been submitted directly to the Admissions Office, including the envelope for sending the Entrance Examination Card.
11	Address Label	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After registering your online application and paying the examination fee, please print it on a piece of A4 paper from the online application site and paste it on the commercial rectangular No.2 envelope (24cm×33.2cm).

[Notes]

- Original copies of the above certificates are required for application. Copies will not be accepted.
- No changes in the information will be accepted after the application procedure.
- When using a certificate etc. with a maiden name (or past first name), please also submit an extract from the family register or other documents that confirm the change of the family name (or first name).

5. Notes for Applications

- You must complete all the procedures for application registration, payment of the examination fee and others, printing of an application confirmation slip and an address label, and submission of the application documents (by mail or in person) within the “Application Period” as indicated on page 4, Section [4]

Application Procedures, item 1. Please note that the application procedure is not completed if you only completed the steps of application registration and payment of examination fee. The application confirmation slip and the address label can be printed after the payment of the application fee etc. is completed.

(2) Input of Applicant Information

Please enter an address where you can receive mail when sending the Entrance Examination Card. If your address has changed since the announcement of successful applicants, please contact the Admissions Office (E-mail : gr-nyu-agriculture@omu.ac.jp) or submit a change of residence notification to the post office.

(3) You cannot change the details in the application once registration has been completed. If you notice a mistake before paying the examination fee, please do not pay the fee, and begin registration again from the beginning. Additionally, you are not permitted to cancel an application once it has been accepted.

(4) The “Application Receipt Number” listed on the application confirmation slip is not the examination number.

(5) We cannot accept incomplete Applications for Admission. When registering the application, please ensure you include a contact number and email address where you can be reached, as we may contact you if the application is incomplete.

(6) Once paid, the examination fee shall not be refunded except for the following reasons.

Grounds for refund:

1. If you paid the examination fee but did not apply,
2. If the application documents are incomplete or otherwise unacceptable,
3. In case of duplicate payment of examination fee.
4. In the case that a continuing student pays the entrance examination fee,
5. If you are a Japanese Government Scholarship student who is enrolled in the graduate school program.

Note: For information on how to obtain a refund for cases 1 through 4, please contact the Admissions Office within one month of the last day of the application submission period. In the case of 5, a refund will be made after enrollment.

6. Sending the Entrance Examination Card

The “Entrance Examination Card” and “Instructions for the Examination” will be sent by simplified-registered mail to those who have completed the application procedures. The cards are expected to be mailed by July 20 for September, October 2023 Admissions and by December 11 for April 2024 Admissions. If you do not receive these after one week from the scheduled mailing date, please contact the Admissions Office.

(E-mail: gr-nyu-agriculture@omu.ac.jp)

7. Considerations for Examination

Persons with disabilities or in another situation that requires consideration for the examination, please contact the Admissions Office as soon as possible before submitting your application.

(E-mail: gr-nyu-ask3@omu.ac.jp)

[5] Qualification Screening

If you meet the conditions (7), (8) or (9) described in “[2] Qualification for Admission,” submit the following documents to obtain qualification before submitting your application. You are required to inform your prospective supervisor (Professor or Associate Professor) of your application before submitting your documents.

1. Documents to be submitted

- Applicant’s Background and Curriculum Vitae (Form1)
- Certificate of Graduation (Completion)
- Academic Transcripts
- Research Background (Form2)

※ Form1 and Form2 may be downloaded from our website. You may use either the Japanese or English form.

2. Submission Period

<For admission in September or October 2023>

	Acceptance period	Shipping address (Inquiries)
Overseas Examination	June 6 – 8, 2023 [Deadline: June 8, 2023]	Admissions Office (Nakamozu Campus), 1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan TEL 072-254-8319 ※ Please send by registered mail and before the deadline. ※ Please write “Qualification Screening Documents for Application to the Graduate School of Agriculture” on the envelope.
Examination inside Japan		

<For admission in April 2024>

	Acceptance period	Shipping address (Inquiries)
Overseas Examination	October 3 – 5, 2023 [Deadline: October 5, 2023]	Admissions Office (Nakamozu Campus), 1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan TEL 072-254-8319 ※ Please send by registered mail before the deadline. ※ Please write “Qualification Screening Documents for Application to the Graduate School of Agriculture” on the envelope.
Examination Inside Japan		

Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Block A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above and only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Even when dropping off forms in person, please use an envelope and ensure it is sealed.**

3. Announcement of Result Qualification Screening

Applicants will be notified in writing of the results of the screening.

Note: If you are requested to submit additional documents by the Graduate School, please follow the instructions immediately.

[6] Admission Selection Method

You must take an oral examination to evaluate your level of academic achievement mainly in your field of specialization.

After considering the results of the academic achievement examination and documents, we will determine whether you will be admitted to our graduate school.

[7] Examination Date and Location

<For admission in September or October 2023>

1. Overseas Examination

Using Internet service for audiovisual communication from your country.

Examination date	Examination subjects	Examination locations
The time will be designated in July 13, 2023 If there are exceptional circumstances, the applicant may be admitted to take examination in July 12 or 14, 2023	Special subject (Oral examination) by Internet service	Nakamozu campus and the institution or facilities where applicant belongs.

2. Examination inside Japan

Examination date	Examination subjects	Examination time	Examination locations
August 22, 2023	Special subject (Oral examination)	Start at 10 am (Examination time may be changed.)	Nakamozu campus building B11, C17

Refer to the details of the examination will post at the entrance of building B11 at 9am on the day of the examination. In the case of change, we will notice by separate information.

Spare day

August 23, 2023	Due to unexpected circumstances such as natural disasters, the above examination is postponed on the day that is designated.
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<For admission in April 2024>

1. Overseas Examination

Using Internet service for audiovisual communication from your country.

Examination date	Examination subjects	Examination locations
The time will be designated in November 14, 2023 If there are exceptional circumstances, the applicant may be admitted to take examination in November 13 or 15, 2023	Special subject (Oral examination) by Internet service	Nakamozu campus and the institution or facilities where applicant belongs.

2. Examination inside Japan

Examination date	Examination subjects	Examination time	Examination locations
December 26, 2023	Special subject (Oral examination)	Start at 10 am (Examination time may be changed.)	Nakamozu campus building B11, C17


Refer to the details of the examination will post at the entrance of building B11 at 9am on the day of the examination. In the case of change, we will notice by separate information.

Spare day

December 27, 2023	Due to unexpected circumstances such as natural disasters, the above examination is postponed on the day that is designated.
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[8] Announcement of Successful Applicants

1. Announcement of successful applicants

Date and time of announcement	Place of publication
For admission in September or October 2023 « Overseas Examination » July 24, 2023, 10:00 « Examination inside Japan » September 4, 2023, 10:00	https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/pass/ 
For admission in April 2024 « Overseas Examination » November 27, 2023, 10:00 « Examination inside Japan » January 22, 2024, 10:00	

Successful applicants will be notified directly. The examination numbers of successful applicants will also be posted on the university website, from 10:00 on the day of the announcement to 17:00 on the seventh day from the announcement. Please note that the university will not respond to any inquiries regarding the results by telephone or other means.

2. Letter of Acceptance and Enrollment Procedure Documents

Successful applicants will receive the letter of acceptance along with the enrollment procedure documents via registered mail.

[9] Enrollment Procedures

1. Date of Enrollment

<For admission in September or October 2023>

September 24, 2023

※ Date of enrollment of those who meet application qualification during September 24 to 30, 2023 will be October 1, 2023.

<For admission in April 2024>

April 1, 2024

2. Enrollment Procedures

« Examination inside Japan »

<For admission in September or October 2023>

September 4– 15, 2023 Must arrive no later than this date.

If the documents arrive after September 15, they must be postmarked by September 13 (*)

<For admission in April 2024>

March 1– 15, 2024 Must arrive no later than this date

If the documents arrive after March 15, they must be postmarked by March 13 (*)

The application must arrive by mail within this period.

(*)Only in the case of simplified-registration express mail postmarked at a post office in Japan.

If the application is sent from overseas, it will be valid as long as it arrives in Japan by the last day of the submission period. Please be sure to send the documents using a method that can be tracked.

However, if a document arrives after March 15, it will be accepted if postmarked by March 13 (postmarked at a domestic sending office in Japan, only for registered express mail. In case of overseas mail such as EMS, the date of arrival at a post office in Japan shall be considered the date of receipt).

Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Block A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above (except Saturdays and Sundays) only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Successful applicants will be notified of the details of the procedure.

Applicants who do not complete the Enrollment Procedures will be treated as having declined admission.

« Overseas Examination »

<For admission in September or October 2023> Late July, 2023

<For admission in April 2024> Early December, 2023

Successful applicants will be notified of the details of the procedure.

Applicants who do not complete the Enrollment Procedures will be treated as having declined admission.

[10] School fees (Enrollment Fee and Tuition Fee etc)

The current schedule for academic fees (enrollment and tuition fees) is as follows, both of which are subject to revision. Please be sure to check the details in the enrollment procedure documents that will be sent to successful applicants.

(Note: fees already paid will not be refunded.)

1. Enrollment Fee: Osaka residents and their children: 282,000 yen; Others: 382,000 yen

“Osaka residents and their children” shall apply to the following persons who have completed the prescribed procedures and have been approved.

Eligibility: Either the applicant or his/her parents who appear on the same family registry as the applicant must present a certificate of residence in Osaka Prefecture for at least one year prior to the date of admission (on or before September 24, 2022 for admission in September or October 2023, or on or before April 1, 2023 for admission in April 2024). The same requirement applies to applicants who do not have Japanese citizenship.

*Those who qualify for admission between September 24 and September 30, 2023, must have a certificate of residence in Osaka Prefecture continuously starting from a date that is before October 1, 2022. The same requirement applies to those who do not have Japanese citizenship.

Required documents: Certificate of residence (for all eligible applicants), certificate of all items of the family register (for those applicable), and other official documents.

*These documents must be issued within one month prior to the date of the enrollment procedures.

Details will be provided at the time of sending the enrollment procedure documents.

- There is no enrollment fee for applicants continuing from the master or professional degree programs of Osaka Metropolitan University, Osaka Prefecture University or Osaka City University.
- The enrollment fee must be paid by the time of the Enrollment Procedures using the designated bank transfer form.
- Payment of the enrollment fee is not sufficient to complete the Enrollment Procedures, and the enrollment fee must be paid before the Enrollment Procedures can be completed.
- The enrollment fee is not refundable after the Enrollment Procedures are complete.
- The university does not allow for deferrals of the entrance fee payment.

2. Tuition fee [Annual amount] 535,800 yen

- Tuition is to be paid semi-annually (First and Second Semester) in the amount equivalent to half of the annual tuition fee by direct debit from the bank account you register.
- The tuition fee will be debited from your bank account on May 27 for the first semester and October 27 for the second semester. If the debit date falls on a holiday of a financial institution, the debit date will be the next business day.
- If the tuition fee is revised during the student's enrollment, the revised amount will be applied.
- For students who have applied for tuition reduction and exemption or are long-term study students, the amount of tuition fee and the date of withdrawal for the relevant year may differ from the above.

3. Other

- (1) Separate fees are required to join various organizations.
- (2) Expenses (transportation, etc.) for moving between campuses may be required.
- (3) Personal laptop computer (required)

In addition to class registration, viewing grades, and various other communications, students will be expected to use the computer system for classes. We will be promoting education and research using computers by distributing materials and submitting assignments using electronic files as much as

possible. We ask that all new students have a laptop computer ready by the time classes begin. The required specifications for laptop computers are available on the University's website.
<https://www.omu.ac.jp/campus-life/course/academic-calendar/index.html#pc>



- (4) Some graduate schools require a practical training fee. Details on the amount, etc. will be announced at the orientation of the graduate school.

[11] Long-Term Study System

The standard term of study for the Doctoral Program is three years. For students who have difficulty completing the program within the standard three-year period because they are working or have difficulty finding sufficient time to study due to childcare, nursing care, etc., a long-term study system is available to enable them to complete the program over a certain period of time beyond the standard three-year period. For more details, please refer to the following page on the university's website.

<https://www.omu.ac.jp/contribution/recurrent/longcourse/index.html>

[12] Other

1. Handling for the Protection of Personal Information

- (1) The names, addresses, and other personal information submitted at the time of application will be used solely to conduct the admission process, prepare for admission, prepare statistical materials, and provide information on individual results. However, we may use applicants' examination results in connection with the educational purposes and student life at this university.
- (2) In the event that the university outsources the computerized processing of personal information to a third party in order to carry out the operations of the university, a contract will be made with the third party stating that information will be protected and handled in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information.

2. Providing Information on Individual Results

Information on individual results will be provided as follows.

(1) Period

<For admission in September or October 2023>

From 10:00 on November 1, 2023 to 15:00 on November 30, 2023

<For admission in April 2024>

From 10:00 on May 8, 2024 to 15:00 on June 7, 2024

(2) Eligible Persons

Only the examinees themselves.

(3) Method of Request

Access the following URL and follow the on-screen instructions to enter the required information.

https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/score/



- A. If you wish to receive information on your individual result, please make sure to register your four-digit score disclosure PIN at the time of application. This can only be created during application registration. The PIN will be printed on the application confirmation slip (your copy), but please handle it with care.
- B. For the password for result disclosure, please enter your score disclosure PIN registered at the time of application, followed by your examination number.
For example, if your score disclosure PIN registered during application is "1230," and your examination number is "98765," the password will be "123098765."
- C. You will need to enter your date of birth for identification.

3. In the event that the entrance examination cannot be conducted as planned due to a natural disaster, etc., an “Emergency Notice” will be published on the university's website, so be sure to check it.
<https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/news/>
4. If any false information is found in the application documents, or if the applicant is found to have committed any misconduct on the entrance examination, the admission approval may be revoked even after the enrollment procedure has been completed.
5. If a student who has applied and completed the admission procedures with the expectation of completing (graduating) or receiving (being conferred) a degree fails to complete (graduate) or obtain (be conferred) a degree by September 30, 2023 for September, October 2023 Admission or March 31, 2024 for April 2024 Admission, the admission will be cancelled.
6. The second semester starts from September 24, and the classes are open for those admitted in October 1.
7. OMU (Osaka Metropolitan University) stipulates the regulations for security export control in accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, and strictly reviews all items and technologies to be exported from the university. If you have conflict of interest with any regulations set by OMU, you may not be eligible for education and research of OMU.

[13] Financial Aid

The University has financial aid programs available to students, such as tuition fee reductions and scholarships. Details on these programs and how to apply are available on the university's website.

<OMU (Osaka Metropolitan University) Financial Aid and Scholarships>

<https://www.omu.ac.jp/en/admissions/financial-aid/>

[14] Inquiries

For additional information and clarifications, please contact the Admissions Office at the following address:
Admissions Office,

Osaka Metropolitan University

1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan (E-mail: gr-nyu-agriculture@omu.ac.jp)

Graduate School of Agriculture Faculty member lists

【Department of Agricultural Biology】

(As of April 1, 2023)

Status	Name	Research and Education Fields
Professor	AOKI Koh	Functional genomics of vegetable crops. Cell-to-cell communication in the co-construction of junction tissues between the parasitic plants and their hosts.
Professor	INADA Noriko	Cell biology-based research for production of plants with useful traits, Intracellular temperature imaging
Professor	KOIZUMI Nozomu	Plant molecular breeding, Metabolic engineering, Regulation of gene expression in plants, Risk communication of GMO
Professor	OHTA* Daisaku	Cytochromes P450, Metabolomics Molecular Biology, Molecular Genetics, Biochemistry
Professor	Sasaki Nobuhiro	Biosynthesis of plant pigments, Plant molecular biology, Plant biochemistry, Food safety
Professor	TAKANO Junpei	Plant Nutrition, Regulation of nutrient transporters and its application
Professor	TOJO Motoaki	Plant pathology, Crop protection, Taxonomy and epidemiology of oomycetes plant pathogens
Professor	YOKOI Shuji	Plant Breeding, Characterization of phase change in plants
Associate Professor	IWATA Yuji	RNA-mediated regulation of gene expression and its application in plants
Associate Professor	MOCHIZUKI Tomofumi	Molecular mechanisms of viral pathogenicity and adaptation
Associate Professor	OGATA Yoshiyuki	Function and evolution of genes based on homology analysis
Associate Professor	OHE Masamichi	Stable, high yielding and safe cultivation methods of paddy rice, Food crop science, crop physiology and crop ecology
Associate Professor	OKAZAWA Atsushi	Chemical, biological, and biotechnological control of parasitic weeds, Metabolic engineering of useful plant specialized metabolites
Associate Professor	SHIOZAKI Shuji	Pomology, Chemical regulation of fruits development and quality, Development of bioactive compounds in fruits, Propagation of wild Grapes
Associate Professor	YAMAGUCHI Yube	Defense response against biotic and abiotic stress in crops, and its impact on food production
Lecturer	FUKADA Takashi	Molecular cell biology of mammalian cells, mainly on their response to mechanical stimuli and role of cytoskeletal structures
Lecturer	FURUKAWA* Hajime	Development of technology for using toy drones in the field of horticulture
Lecturer	MATSUMURA Atsushi	The role of soil microbial nutrient cycle in crop production
Lecturer	OGAWA Takumi	Molecular plant-microbe interactions, Metabolomics
Lecturer	TEZUKA Takahiro	Plant breeding, Analysis of reproductive isolation (especially hybrid lethality) observed in wide hybridization, Development of DNA markers
Lecturer	WADA Teruo	Vegetable crop sciences, Hydroponics, Soilless culture, Plant factory
Assistant Professor	TSUSHIMA Ayako	Plant disease diagnosis using genomic data, Evolutionary genomics of plant pathogenic fungi
Assistant Professor	YANASE Masanori	Plant breeding and propagation

*This person will retire at the end of March 2024.

【Department of Applied Biological Chemistry】

(As of April 1, 2023)

Status	Name	Research and Education Fields
Professor	AKIYAMA Kohki	Chemical identification and functional analysis of signalling molecules involved in the development of mycorrhizal symbiosis
Professor	FUJIEDA Nobutaka	Creation of enzymes, pepzymes, and nanozymes
Professor	INUI Takashi	Drug delivery system by transporter protein, Enzymes for the biosynthesis of nucleic acids in parasite, Identification of allergen proteins
Professor	KATAOKA Michihiko	Screening and application of microbial enzymes to the production of useful compounds
Professor	KAWAGUCHI* Takashi	Screening and utilization of microbial functions, Molecular genetics of microorganisms
Professor	SAKAMOTO Tatsuji	Functional analysis of microbial polysaccharidases, Biotechnological utilization of plant biomass
Professor	TANIMORI*** Shinji	Organic and Bioorganic Chemistry, Chemical Biology, Organometallic Chemistry, Heterocyclic Chemistry
Professor	WATANABE Yoshiyuki	Process engineering for effective use of food materials
Professor	YAMAJI Ryoichi	Signaling mechanisms of nutrients or non-nutrients, Nutraceuticals (functional food factors, etc.) for skeletal muscle health
Associate Professor	HARADA Naoki	Hormonal regulation of macronutrient metabolism, Functional foods and metabolic homeostasis
Associate Professor	ISHIBASHI Osamu	Molecular pathological analysis and diagnostics based on transcriptomics, genome-based drug discovery
Associate Professor	KAI Kenji	Bioactive natural products chemistry, Chemical communication among microbes
Associate Professor	KISHIDA*** Masao	Analysis of available yeast strains which bred by gene-activation mutagenesis and cell fusion
Associate Professor	MIURA Natsuko	Enzyme evolution, Molecular basis of microbial metabolic regulation under stress
Associate Professor	SONODA Motohiro	Designing and synthesis of bioactive compounds, Synthesis of fused heteropolycyclic compounds
Associate Professor	SUMITANI Jun-ichi	Functional improvements of carbohydrate hydrolases and diagnostic Enzymes from microorganisms, Regulatory mechanisms of their genes
Associate Professor	TANI Shuji	Molecular genetics in Fungi and Oomycetes, Gene regulation
Associate Professor	UEDA Mitsuhiro	Biomass, Biological waste treatment, Bioenergy, Biotransformation, Bioremediation
Lecturer	NAKAZAWA Masami	Biochemistry and gene manipulation of <i>Euglena gracilis</i>
Lecturer	MORITA Yoshitsugu	Design and function modulation of protein-based artificial enzymes
Assistant Professor	KITAKAZE Tomoya	Carotenoid and retinoid signaling, Molecular nutrition, Myokine
Assistant Professor	NISHIMURA Shigenori	Kinetic study and structure biology of amylase and related enzymes
Assistant Professor	TAKASHIGE Shisei	Drying and powderization for the purpose of stabilization of food materials

*This person will retire at the end of March 2024.

***This person will retire at the end of March 2026.

【Department of Environmental Sciences and Technology】

(As of April 1, 2023)

Status	Name	Research and Education Fields
Professor	FUJIWARA** Nobuo	Revegetation technology, Mitigation, Waterfront restoration, Cultural landscape, Global warming
Professor	HIRAI Norio	Animal ecology, Biological interaction, Biodiversity, Life history of insects
Professor	HORINO*** Haruhiko	Hydrological cycle, Multi-functional roles of agricultural production system, Sustainable management of water environment
Professor	IMANISHI Junichi	Landscape management, Development of regions based on nature, history and culture
Professor	KAGA Hiroyuki	Landscape planning and design, Environmental planning, Open space management by citizen
Professor	SHIBUYA Toshio	Plant–environment interactions, Responses of plants to environmental stresses, Controlled-environment horticulture
Professor	YAMADA Hiroyuki	Urban climate, Micrometeorology, Thermal environment, Urban greenery
Associate Professor	AONO Yasuyuki	Urban climatology, Heat budget analysis, Satellite remote sensing, Climatic analysis of plant phenology
Associate Professor	KIMATA Takashi	Geotechnical engineering, Construction and materials, Soil test, Numerical analysis
Associate Professor	NAKAGIRI Takao	Conservation of water resources and the environment, Hydrological cycle, Hydrology, Basin water management
Associate Professor	NAKAMURA Akihiro	Revegetation, Biodiversity, Environmental effects, Forest management
Associate Professor	NISHIURA Yoshifumi	Systematization and robotization for environment-conscious bioproduction, Bioinstrumentation and control engineering, Phytotechnology
Associate Professor	TAKEDA Shigeaki	Landscape planning and design, Residential environmental planning, New town revitalization
Associate Professor	TANIGAWA Torahiko	Conservation of global water resource and the environment, Subsurface irrigation, Soil
Associate Professor	UEDA Moeko	Vegetation landscape, Cultural landscape, Historic greenery, Satoyama conservation activities
Associate Professor	UEDA Shouhei	Environmental entomology and zoology, Evolutionary ecology, Conservation biology, Biological interaction, Alien species control
Associate Professor	UEYAMA Masahito	Micrometeorology, Terrestrial Ecosystem, Urban Climate, Remote Sensing, Trace Gas exchange, Greenhouse gases
Lecturer	ENDO Ryosuke	Biomass utilization in plant production for sustainable agriculture, Non-destructive imaging analysis for evaluation of plant responses
Lecturer	SAKURAI Shinji	Substance behavior in the water-soil-plant systems, Hydrological cycle, Management of water quality, Environmental conservation in basin water
Assistant Professor	KUDO Yosuke	Landscape of structures, Multifunctionality, Performance-based design, Maintenance for infrastructures
Assistant Professor	MATSUO Kaoru	Landscape planning and design, Ecological Planning, Urban Environment, GIS
Assistant Professor	OTSUKA Yoshitaka	Environmental and human health science, Urban green space and public health, Horticultural therapy, Behavior modification

**This person will retire at the end of March 2025.

***This person will retire at the end of March 2026.