

For International Applicants

Graduate School of Agriculture
Osaka Metropolitan University

Doctoral Program
Admission Guidelines for International Students

[For April 2026 Admission]



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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

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 March 31, 2026.
- (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 March 31, 2026.
- (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 March 31, 2026.
- (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 March 31, 2026.
- (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 March 31, 2026.
- (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 March 31, 2026, 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 March 31, 2026.
- (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.

[Notes]

- (1) Applicants who qualify for admission per criteria (7), (8), and (9) must go through the qualification process described in “[4] 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] 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. Submission Period

Acceptance period	< Common for both Examination inside Japan and Overseas Examination > September 30 – October 2, 2025 [Deadline: October 2, 2025] * Please send by registered mail before the deadline.
Shipping address (Inquiries)	Osaka Metropolitan University, Admissions Office (Nakamozu Campus) 1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan TEL 072-254-8319 * Please write “Qualification Screening Documents for Application to the Graduate School of Agriculture” on the envelope.

Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3F, Building 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.**

2. Documents to be submitted

- Applicant’s Background and Curriculum Vitae (Form 1)
- Certificate of Graduation (Completion)
- Academic Transcripts
 - * This document is issued by the president of the graduate school you graduated from and includes the number of credits and grades for the courses you have taken.
- Research Background (Form 2)

[Notes]

- (1) **Original copies of each certificate are required for submission. Copies will not be accepted.**
- (2) Form 1 and Form 2 may be downloaded from our website. You may use either the Japanese or English form.
- (3) When using a certificate bearing the test taker’s maiden name (surname), please also submit an official document (excerpt from the family register etc.) that confirms the change of maiden name (surname).
- (4) If you are requested to submit additional documents by the Graduate School, please follow the instructions immediately.

3. Announcement of Result Qualification Screening

Prospective applicants will be notified of screening results prior to the beginning of the application reception period.

[5] Application Procedure

The application procedure involves the online application registration and submission of application documents.

Before applying, please consult with the faculty member (professor or associate professor) you would like to be supervised by.

The examination fee will be waived for those continuing on from a master's program or professional degree program at our university, Osaka Prefecture University's master's program, Osaka City University's master's program, or the Graduate School of Medicine's master's program or professional degree program.

Applicants will be notified of the application procedure separately, so please send an e-mail to the Admissions Office (gr-nyu-agriculture@omu.ac.jp) by November 7, 2025 including your name, student ID number, the department to which you wish to apply and the name of the faculty member you wish to supervise.

1. Application Period

	Heading	Period
Overseas Examination	Online application registration	October 17, 2025, 10:00 to October 27, 2025, 17:00
	Submission of documents required for application	October 23 – 27, 2025 (postmarked by October 27, 2025) (Note) Please send by simplified-registered mail.
Examination inside Japan	Online application registration	November 21, 2025, 10:00 to November 27, 2025, 17:00
	Submission of documents required for application	November 25 – 27, 2025 (postmarked by November 27, 2025) (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, 3F, Building A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above (except Saturdays and Sundays) 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.**

2. Method of Application

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

● Advance Preparations		
Step1	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.
	E-mail Settings	• A notification e-mail 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 e-mails from this domain.
	Documents Necessary for Application	• Please refer to [5] Application Procedures 4 Application Documents and prepare them, so they may be submitted on time.
	Envelope	• Please be sure to enclose your application documents in a commercially available square No.2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm) with an “address label” attached. The “address label” can be printed from the online application site after payment of the examination fee, etc.



Step2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessing the Portal Site 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the online application registration period, please access the portal via the University's website to register your user ID and password and begin completing your online application. <p>University Website URL: https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/inet-apply/</p> 			
▼				
Step3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Registration 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before submitting your application, please read the "Application Procedure," and "Q&A" sections on the online application site accessible via the portal. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 [5] 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
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Step5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing the Application Confirmation Slip and Address Label 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please access the online application site again and print the confirmation slip and address label single-sided on white A4 paper. • Please complete printing within the registration period for the online application. 			
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Step6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending the Required Documents 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please send the application documents by simplified-registered mail (postmark valid). (See p.7 [5] 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.5 [5] Application Procedure 1. Application Period) 			

3. Examination Fee Payment Method

The fees required for application registration are as follows.

- Admission certification fee: 30,000 yen
- Handling fee: 990 yen

The examination fee will be waived for those continuing on from a master's program or professional degree program at our university, Osaka Prefecture University's master's program, Osaka City University's master's program, or the Graduate School of Medicine's master's program or professional degree program.

Applicants will be notified of the application procedure separately, so please send an e-mail to the Admissions Office (gr-nyu-agriculture@omu.ac.jp) by November 7, 2025 including your name, student ID number, the department to which you wish to apply and the name of the faculty member you wish to supervise.

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, 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.
- Applicants who have undergone [4] Qualification Screening may omit documents that are duplicated in the Qualification Screening.
- The “Application Confirmation Form” and “Address Label” can be printed from the online application site after payment of the examination fee, etc., is completed.
- Ensure that you use a commercially available square No.2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm) with the following address label attached.

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 color photos taken within the last three months. • For photographs, it is acceptable to submit a color printout of the form with clear face photo data pasted on it.
3	Photo Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please use the form specified by the Graduate School. • Please paste 4cm x 3cm color photos taken within the last three months. • For photographs, it is acceptable to submit a color printout of the form with clear face photo data pasted on it.
4	Certificate of Graduation (Completion) or Prospective Certificate (Documents Certifying Qualification for Admission) *Original copy (No copies allowed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate issued by the president of the graduate school stating that the applicant has received (or expects to receive) the degree. • For those who have received or are expected to receive a master's degree in a foreign country, the certificate must clearly state the (expected) degree. If the certificate of completion and degree certificate are separate documents at your university, please submit both. • In regard to the cases referred to in (6), Certification Documentation for passing QE or expected to pass QE. • A certificate downloaded from websites and printed out is not acceptable.
5	Academic Transcript *Original copy (No copies allowed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This document is issued by the president of the graduate school you graduated from and includes the number of credits and grades for the courses you have taken. • A certificate downloaded from websites and printed out is not acceptable.
6	Letter of Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From a supervising professor, superior authority from applicant's institute, from the applicant's university.
7	Applicant's Background and Curriculum Vitae (Form 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please use either the Japanese or English form specified by the Graduate School.
8	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).

9	Address Label	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please print it on A4 paper and attach it to a commercially available square No.2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm). • For those who will be mailing the requirement from outside Japan, please do not use an address label. Write “3F, Building A3, 1-1 Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka 599-8531, Japan” as the address and “Osaka Metropolitan University, Admissions Office” as the addressee.
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[Notes]

- (1) Original copies of each certificate are required for submission. Copies will not be accepted.
- (2) No changes in the information will be accepted after the application procedure.
- (3) When using a certificate bearing the test taker’s maiden name (surname), please also submit an official document (excerpt from the family register etc.) that confirms the change of maiden name (surname).
- (4) Submission of documents in languages other than Japanese or English must be accompanied by translations into either English or Japanese.

5. Notes for Applications

- (1) 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 p.5 [5] 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.
- (2) Input of Applicant Information
Please enter an address where you can receive mail. 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 e-mail 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. Entrance examination card

For those who have completed the application procedure, an e-mail will be sent to the e-mail address registered at the time of online application with information regarding the “Entrance Examination Card” and “Instructions for the Examination”.

Log in to the portal using the URL in the email and print the Entrance Examination Card on white A4 paper. Please be sure to bring the Card with you on the day of the examination (the Entrance Examination Card will not be mailed).

If you do not receive an e-mail two weeks before the examination date, or if there are any errors in the information on your Entrance Examination Card, 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)

[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

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 11, 2025 If there are exceptional circumstances, the applicant may be admitted to take examination in November 10 or 12, 2025	Special subject (Oral examination) by Internet service	Nakamozu campus and the institution or facilities where applicant belongs.

2. Examination inside Japan

Examination date	Examination time	Examination subjects	Examination locations
December 23, 2025	Start at 10 am * Examination time may be changed. In the case of change, we will notice by separate information.	Special subject (Oral examination)	Nakamozu campus building B11, C17

Refer to the details of the examination will post at the entrance of building B11 at 9 am on the day of the examination.

〈Spare day〉


December 25, 2025	This is a backup day in case it becomes difficult to conduct the examination on the above date due to unforeseen circumstances such as natural disasters.
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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 Website, so be sure to check it.

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

[8] Announcement of Successful Applicants

1. Announcement of successful applicants

Date and time of announcement	Place of publication
[Overseas Examination] November 25, 2025, 10:00 [Examination inside Japan] January 21, 2026, 10:00	https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/pass/ 

The examination numbers of successful applicants will 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 Guide

A letter of acceptance and an Enrollment Procedure Guide will be mailed to successful applicants via simplified registered mail on the day of announcement. Please note that these can only be mailed to an address in Japan.

[9] Enrollment Procedures


1. Date of Enrollment

April 1, 2026

2. Enrollment Procedures

In line with the information in the Enrollment Procedure Guide, please carry out the necessary procedures via the portal in accordance with the schedule below. Enrollment activities must be performed using the online system.

* Applicants who applied on the basis of prospective graduation (completion) or similar should submit their certificate of graduation (confirming completion of the referenced course of study) or the equivalent before the deadline in line with the instructions in the Enrollment Procedure Guide.

Online registration period	<p>[Examination inside Japan] March 13, 2026, 10:00 to March 17, 2026, 15:00</p> <p>[Overseas Examination] December 10, 2025, 10:00 to December 15, 2025, 15:00</p>
Portal Site (Online system)	<p>https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/general/procedure/</p> 

[Notes]

- The enrollment fee must be paid during the online registration period. A payment fee will be charged depending on the selected payment method. Please see “[10] School fees (Enrollment Fee and Tuition Fee)” for details regarding these charges.
- Those who fail to complete the enrollment procedures during the specified period will be assumed to have decided not to enroll.

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

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 guide.

(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.

(1) Eligible individuals

Either the enrollee or a parent who is in the same family register as the enrollee must continue to have a resident record in Osaka Prefecture for at least one year prior to the enrollment date (before April 1, 2025). The same requirements apply to those who do not have Japanese nationality.

(2) 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 should have been issued no more than one month prior to the online registration period. Details can be found in the Enrollment Procedure Guide.

- The enrollment fee will be waived for those continuing on from a master's program or professional degree program at our university, Osaka Prefecture University's master's program, Osaka City University's master's program, or the Graduate School of Medicine's master's program or professional degree program.
- Please pay the enrollment fee during the specified period.
- In addition to the enrollment fee, the payment fee must be paid.
- Payment can be made via the three methods listed below. For more details about payment options, please consult the webpage corresponding to your chosen method while enrolling via the online system.

Payment methods and fees	Handling Agency
(1) Credit card Osaka residents and their children: 6,500 yen Others: 8,500 yen	VISA, MasterCard, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, Diners Club Note: Only lump-sum payments are accepted.
(2) ATM (Pay-Easy): 1,250 yen	Payments can be made at ATMs of financial institutions with the Pay-easy mark.
(3) Net banking: 1,250 yen	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.

Note: Regarding payment methods (2) and (3), some institutions may impose additional usage charges.

Please consult the relevant institution's website or customer service in advance.

- The enrollment fee is not refundable for any reason after the completion of the enrollment procedure.
- 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 may apply.
- 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.

3. Other

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

In addition to registering for classes, viewing grades, and communicating with others, students will be expected to use the system for classes, distributing materials and submitting assignments using electronic files as much as possible, and promoting education and research using computers. We ask all new students to have their laptop computers ready by the time classes begin. The required specifications for laptop computers (for the 2026 academic year) will be available on the University's website (scheduled around February 2026). For those who have difficulty in preparing a laptop computer due to financial circumstances, we offer a one-year loan program.

<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. Details are posted on the University Website.

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

[12] Other

1. Handling of Personal Data

In compliance with legislation on the protection of personal data and regulations on the handling and custody of personal data within the University Public Corporation of Osaka, Osaka Metropolitan University aims to minimize data collection. We use and store any data we collect appropriately in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, etc.

(1) Definition of personal data

Personal data comprise names, addresses, telephone numbers, examination numbers, email addresses, dates of birth, results, health information (collected for the purpose of support provision), and other information that could allow an individual to be identified (including items that do not facilitate individual identification on their own but can be easily matched with other information thereby allowing an individual to be conclusively identified).

(2) Use of personal data

- Personal data such as examination results, which are necessary to screen applicants for admission, are utilized in the applicant screening process and enrollment procedure. They are also used in research and surveys related to improving the efficacy of the entrance examination. Examples are follow-up surveys, analyses and surveys of applicant trends, tasks related to supporting students during their tenure at the University (regarding, for example, scholarships and tuition fees, student counselling, and health management), FD(* 1) activities including those aimed at improving the quality of education provided, and IR(* 2) activities including those aimed at improving the running of the University. (For those who provide information while enrolling, the disclosed data may also be analyzed in combination with personal data collected after enrollment.)
- The University uses personal data for academic research. However, research outcomes are not published in a form that allows individuals to be identified.
- The University may outsource the computerization, processing, and analysis of data to third parties, as well as the production of statistics and printing and binding. When the University supplies all or some personal data to a business for outsourcing, the business in question is contractually obligated to follow protection and storage stipulations that conform with legislation on personal data protection.

*1 FD means faculty development, which refers to the systematic efforts of faculty to improve and enhance teaching content and methods.

For example: Teaching method workshops and training sessions for newly appointed teaching staff

*2 IR means institutional research. In this context, it refers to the University's collection and analysis of internal data to improve institutional management, provide the highest quality student support and education, and inform the planning, implementation, and testing of other improvement measures.

2. Providing Information on Individual Results

Information on individual results will be provided as follows.

(1) Period

May 8, 2026, 10:00 to June 5, 2026, 15:00

(2) Eligible Persons

Only the examinees themselves.

(3) How the information is provided

Please check your results by logging in to the portal using the URL below.

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



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 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 March 31, 2026, their admission will be canceled.
6. 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.
Please note that you may be asked to submit documents as necessary.

[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 Website.

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

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



* Please see below for information on financial aid programs available to international students.

Tuition reduction <https://www.omu.ac.jp/campus-life/information/exemption/>

Scholarships <https://www.omu.ac.jp/campus-life/information/scholarship/>



【Tuition reduction】



【Scholarships】

[14] Inquiries

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

Osaka Metropolitan University
Admissions Office
1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan
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Graduate School of Agriculture

Faculty member lists

【Department of Agricultural Biology】

(As of April 1, 2025)

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	OKAZAWA Atsushi	Chemical, biological, and biotechnological control of parasitic weeds, Metabolic engineering of useful plant specialized metabolites
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	YAMAGUCHI Yube	Food safety, Crop stress responses and their impact on food production
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	SHIOZAKI Shuji	Pomology, Chemical regulation of fruits development and quality, Development of bioactive compounds in fruits, Propagation of wild Grapes
Associate Professor	TEZUKA Takahiro	Plant breeding, Analysis of reproductive isolation (especially hybrid lethality) observed in wide hybridization, Development of DNA markers
Associate Professor	WADA Teruo	Vegetable crop sciences, Hydroponics, Soilless culture, Plant factory
Lecturer	FUKADA Takashi	Molecular cell biology of mammalian cells, mainly on their response to mechanical stimuli and role of cytoskeletal structures
Lecturer	OGAWA Takumi	Molecular plant-microbe interactions, Metabolomics
Assistant Professor	SHIRAGAKI Kumpei	Breeding stress-tolerant crops, Hybrid vigor, Genetic diversity
Assistant Professor	SOTTA Naoyuki	Nutrient transport systems and mechanisms of environmental adaptation in plants
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 2028.

【Department of Applied Biological Chemistry】

(As of April 1, 2025)

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	KATAOKA Michihiko	Screening and application of microbial enzymes to the production of useful compounds
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	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	MORITA Yoshitsugu	Design and function modulation of protein-based artificial enzymes
Lecturer	NAKAZAWA Masami	Biochemistry and gene manipulation of <i>Euglena gracilis</i>
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	TAKADA Hiromi	Understanding crosstalk mechanisms between gut microbiota species and the host, and their applications to human health
Assistant Professor	TAKASHIGE Shisei	Drying and powderization for the purpose of stabilization of food materials

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

***This person will retire at the end of March 2028.

【Department of Environmental Sciences and Technology】

(As of April 1, 2025)

Status	Name	Research and Education Fields
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	KAGA Hiroyuki	Landscape management, Ecological planning, Symbiotic society
Professor	SAKATA Satoshi	Agricultural water management, Adaptation to climate change, Smart agriculture
Professor	SHIBUYA Toshio	Plant–environment interactions, Environmental stress in plants, 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	MATSUO Kaoru	Landscape planning and design, Ecological Planning, Urban Environment, GIS
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	OTSUKA Yoshitaka	Urban green space, Preventive medicine, Social capital, Social determinants of health, Horticultural welfare, Behavior change
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	TERADA Saeko	Conservation Science, Biodiversity conservation, Wildlife management, Sustainable use of wildlife

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

**This person will retire at the end of March 2027.

***This person will retire at the end of March 2028.