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For International Applicants

Graduate School of Veterinary Science
Osaka Metropolitan University

Doctoral Program of Veterinary Science
Admission Guidelines for International Students

[For September, October 2026 Admission]

[For April 2027 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/>



April 2026

Graduate School of Veterinary Science
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Graduate School of Veterinary Science Admissions Policy

The educational philosophy of the Graduate School of Veterinary Science is to cultivate human resources who can play an active role as leaders in Asia and the international community by combining knowledge, insight, and skills in the fields of veterinary and animal life sciences. To this end, our educational program ensures that students develop a broad perspective, deep insight, and high ethical standards in three fields: the Division of Structural and Functional Biosciences for Animals, which deals with human and animal biotechnology, such as drug discovery and safety evaluation of chemical substances, and their increasing social demands; the Division of Veterinary Environmental Sciences, which includes livestock health, food safety, and zoonosis; and the Division of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, which includes diagnosis, treatment, and prevention for animals with diseases. Therefore, the Graduate School of Veterinary Science is looking for students and professionals from Japan and abroad who have:

1. Sufficient basic academic ability to learn a specialized field of veterinary science;
2. Broad knowledge in the field of natural sciences, logical thinking abilities, and an inquisitive spirit to learn on their own;
3. The strong will to take up an instructive position in veterinary science and a willingness to exercise leadership both at home and abroad in the future;
4. An abundance of humanity, cooperativeness, internationalism, and a sense of ethics necessary as a person engaged in the field of veterinary science;
5. The English-language and communication skills necessary for research activities.

The Division of Veterinary Environmental Sciences is offering an international course to train “Professionals in Food Safety and Zoonosis.” All lectures in this course shall be conducted in English, and the course may be taken only in English.

[1] Allocation of Admission Spaces

Department of Veterinary Science:

Division	Enrollment capacity
Structural and Functional Biosciences:	a few number
Veterinary Environmental Sciences:	
Veterinary Clinical Sciences:	

[2] Qualification for Admission

<For admission in September or October 2026>

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 meet one of the following criteria. For those who have graduated or are expected to graduate from a Japanese university, only those who have been admitted or transferred to a university through the Special Selection for Foreign Students are eligible to apply.

- (1) Those who have completed 18 years of school education (applies only to those whose final course was veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology) and those who expect to complete their studies by September 30, 2026.
- (2) Those who have completed a 6-year university course in veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry and pharmacology in Japan and have graduated or those who expect to graduate by September 30, 2026.
- (3) Those who have completed 18 years of school education of the relevant foreign country by taking courses offered by that foreign country through correspondence in Japan (applies only to those whose final course was veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology) or those who expect to complete their studies by September 30, 2026.
- (4) Those who have completed a foreign university course in Japan offered by an education facility that is positioned within the school education system in the foreign country after completing an 18-year course in the school education system in that foreign country, or those who expect to complete their studies by September 30, 2026. (Applies only to those who have completed a final course in veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology). The course must also be the one designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (5) Those who have received a Bachelor’s degree or equivalent by completing a course that is longer than 5 years at a foreign university or other foreign school (*1), or those who expect to receive the degree (*2) by September 30, 2026. (applies only to those who have completed their final course in veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology).
 - *1 The educational research activities must have been evaluated by someone who has been recognized by the government or relevant agency of the foreign country and also approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as conforming to the above criteria.
 - *2 Completing in Japan a course offered by the relevant foreign country at an education institution which is part of the school system of that foreign country which conforms to what was said above.
- (6) Those who have received a university education in a foreign country, have graduated after completing a 6-year course at a Japanese university in veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology. Those who are recognized by the Graduate School as having an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual who has the above degree and are 24 years of age by September 30, 2026.
(Those who have graduated after completing a course that is shorter than 6 years in veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology and those who after graduating have engaged in research in veterinary medicine or have engaged in other duties for over 2 years in a foreign country or in Japan).
- (7) Those who have received a degree that is the equivalent of a Japanese Master’s degree in a foreign country or those who expect to receive the degree by September 30, 2026. Those who have graduated after completing a 6-year course in veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology at a Japanese university and those who are recognized by the Graduate School as having an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual who has the above degree and is 24 years of age by September 30, 2026.
- (8) Those who are designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Notice no. 39 of the Minister of Education, Science and Culture 1955)

- a. Those who have graduated under the former imperial system after completing a course in medical science or dentistry at the faculty of medicine or dentistry.
 - b. Those who have graduated from the National Defence Medical College established in accordance with the Defence Ministry Establishment Act.
 - c. Those who have completed a Master's degree or a course offered by a professional graduate school, and those who are able to receive a Master's degree and have been enrolled for over 2 years in a doctoral course that is not divided into two study periods, have earned more than 30 credits, have received the necessary research guidance, have been recognized by the Graduate School as having an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual mentioned in no.1.
 - d. Those who have graduated from a university (excludes those who have completed a 6-year course in veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology) after completing 16 years of school education in a foreign country, have engaged in research at a research institute for more than 2 years, have been recognized by the Graduate School as having an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual mentioned in no. 1 determined by the relevant research results.
- (9) Those who have any of the following and have been recognized by the Graduate School as having attained the relevant credits through excellent grades (so called grade skipping).
- a. Those who have been enrolled for more than 4 years at a Japanese university (applies only to those who will completed a 6-year course in veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology) or those who expect to be enrolled at a university for more than 4 years by September 30, 2026.
 - b. Those who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country (applies only to those who will complete a course that includes veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology) and those who expect to complete their studies by September 30, 2026.
 - c. Those who have completed in Japan 16 years of school education offered by a foreign school through correspondence (applies only to those who will complete a course that includes veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology) and those who expect to finish their studies by September 30, 2026.
 - d. Those who have completed a foreign university course in Japan offered by an education facility that is positioned within the school education system in the foreign country after completing a 16-year course in the school education system in that foreign country, or those who expect to complete their studies by September 30, 2026. (Applies only to those who have completed courses in veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology). The course must also be the one designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (10) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School as having graduated from a university through the qualification examination (applies only to those whose final course was veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology) and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of a university graduate and are also 24 years of age by September 30, 2026.
- (11) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School as having graduated from a university through the qualification examination (applies only to those whose final course was veterinary medicine, medical science, dentistry or pharmacology) and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of a university graduate.

<For admission in April 2027>

The same conditions above, but the date "September 30, 2026" should be replaced with "March 31, 2027".

[Notes]:

1. Any applicant who meets the above conditions (6), (7), (8) c, (8) d, (9), (10), or (11) must first follow the procedure for qualification as specified in "[4]Qualification Screening".
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 conditions (6), (7), (8) c, (8) d, (9), (10), and (11) described in the Qualification for Admission, you must undergo the following screening before submitting your application. You are required to inform your prospective supervisor of your application before submitting your documents.

1. Documents to be submitted:

- Applicant's Background and Curriculum Vitae (FORM 1)
 - Certificate of Graduation (Completion)
 - Academic Transcripts
 - Research Background (FORM 2)
- ※ FORM1 and FORM 2 may be downloaded from our website. You may use either the Japanese or English form.

Please submit original copies of these forms (duplicates will not be accepted).

[Notes]:

1. If you are requested to submit additional documents by the Graduate School, please follow the instructions immediately.
2. When using a certificate bearing the test taker's maiden name (surname), please also submit an official document (excerpt from the family register, certified copy of the family register, resident card with the maiden name (surname), etc.) that confirms the change of maiden name (surname). *Original copy (duplicates are not allowed)
3. Submission of documents in languages other than Japanese or English must be accompanied by translations into either English or Japanese.

2. Submission Period

<For admission in September or October 2026>

	Acceptance period	Shipping address (Inquiries)
Overseas Examination	June 2– 4, 2026 [Must arrive by: June 4, 2026]	Admissions Office (Nakamozu Campus), Osaka Metropolitan University 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 Veterinary Science” on the envelope.
Examination inside Japan		

<For admission in April 2027>

	Acceptance period	Shipping address (Inquiries)
Overseas Examination	October 1 – 5, 2026 [Must arrive by: October 5, 2026]	Admissions Office (Nakamozu Campus), Osaka Metropolitan University 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 Veterinary Science” on the envelope.
Examination Inside Japan		

Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, 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.

3. Announcement of Result Qualification Screening

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

[5] Application Procedure

The application process is conducted through online application registration and submission of application documents. Please consult with your prospective supervisor before you apply.

※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 email to the Admissions Office (grnyuveterinaryscience@omu.ac.jp) by June 15, 2026 if applying for Fall 2026 admissions or by November 6, 2026 if applying for Spring 2027 admission including your name and the department to which you wish to apply.

1. Application Period

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	Heading	Period
Overseas Examination	Online application registration	June 22, 2026, 10:00 to June 30, 2026, 17:00
	Submission of documents required for application	June 26 – 30, 2026 (postmarked by June 30) (Note) Please send by simplified-registered mail
Examination inside Japan	Online application registration	July 3, 2026, 10:00 to July 16, 2026, 17:00
	Submission of documents required for application	July 13 – 16, 2026 (postmarked by July 16) (Note) Please send by simplified-registered mail

<For admission in April 2027>


	Heading	Period
Overseas Examination	Online application registration	October 21, 2026, 10:00 to October 28, 2026, 17:00
	Submission of documents required for application	October 26 – 28, 2026 (postmarked by October 28) (Note) Please send by simplified-registered mail
Examination inside Japan	Online application registration	November 20, 2026, 10:00 to November 26, 2026, 17:00
	Submission of documents required for application	November 24 – 26, 2026 (postmarked by November 26) (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, Building 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 and @omu.ac.jp to your safelist as an authorized sender so that you can receive emails from this domain.		
	Documents Necessary for Application	• Please refer to [5] Application Procedure 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.		
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Step2	• Accessing the Portal Site			
	• Access the portal site from University’s website after the application registration begins, register your user ID and password, and proceed with the Internet application registration. ※Your email address is required as a user ID for the portal site. Register an email address that can be used until a grade Individual Information is provided (November 2026 or May 2027). University Website URL: https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/inet-apply/ 			
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Step3	• Application Registration			
	• 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	• Payment of Examination Fee			
	• Please pay the examination fee (30,000 yen) by any of methods (1)–(4), as per the instructions on the online application site. (Refer to [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)	Internet banking
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Step5	• Printing the Application Confirmation Slip and Address Label			
	• 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	• Sending the Required Documents			
	• Please send the application documents by simplified-registered mail (postmark valid). (See [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 [5] Application Procedure 1 Application Period.)			

3. Examination Fee Payment Method

The fees required for application registration are as follows.

- Examination 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 email to the Admissions Office (gr-nyu-veterinaryscience@omu.ac.jp) by June 15, 2026 if applying for Fall 2026 admissions or by November 6, 2026 if applying for Spring 2027 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, etc.
(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. You cannot use it at the convenience store counter or at the shared ATM of convenience stores.
(4) Internet 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 Internet banking.

4. Application Documents

Before submitting the documents, consult the faculty members you would like to be supervised by.

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.

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 rectangle-type No.2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm) with the following address label attached.

※Applicants who have undergone [4] Qualification Screening may omit documents that are duplicated in the Qualification Screening.

Application Documents, etc.	Preparation, etc.
1 Application Confirmation Form (for submission to the university)	• Please print on A4 paper.
2 Application for Admission	• 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 pasted on it.
3 Photo Card	• 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 pasted on it.
4 Certificate of Graduation (Completion) or Prospective Certificate (Documents Certifying Qualification for Admission)	• Certificate issued by the president of the applicant's previous university stating that the applicant has received (or expects to receive) the degree. • Please submit the original (no copies).

5	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. • Transfer students must also submit transcripts of grades from the educational institution they attended before transferring. • Please submit the original (no copies).
6	Score certificate of one of TOEIC L&R, TOEFL-iBT, or IELTS	<p>[Valid score certificate]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TOEIC Listening & Reading Test “TOEIC Listening & Reading OFFICIAL SCORE CERTIFICATE” PDF Digital Official Score Certificate downloaded from the TOEIC application site printed on A4 paper. ※Certificates whose integrity and authenticity cannot be verified using a QR code will not be accepted. However, applicants who took the test outside Japan must have the original copy of the Official Score Certificate which was sent to applicant. 2. TOEFL-iBT 「Test Taker Score Report」 PDF Test Taker Score Report downloaded from the your ETS account should be printed on A4 paper. ※The Graduate School will verify authenticity. ※Only the 0-120 score from the Test Date Score is used as the application score. The 1~6 score from the Test Date Score (band score method) and My Best[®] score are not acceptable. 3. “Test Report Form” for IELTS Academic Module (General Training Module will not be accepted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 3, score sheets downloaded (printed) from the website will not be accepted. • Score certificates from group special examination systems such as IP will not be accepted. • Score certificates from the home edition, etc., will not be accepted. • Score certificates sent directly from ETS to our university will not be accepted. <p>[Valid examination period]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For September, October 2026 Admission: Those who took the exam after July 2024 • For April 2027 Admission: Those who took the exam after December 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants for the Examination inside Japan who cannot submit a score certificate will be required to take an English-language proficiency test. (Refer to [6] Admission Selection Method.) • For the Overseas Examination applicants who cannot submit a score certificate, an English-language proficiency test will be included in the oral examination. • If your score certificate cannot be issued or delivered in time for submission, you may submit a printed A4 paper copy of your score that can be verified online. However, you must submit the official score certificate to the Nakamozu Campus Admissions Office by the morning before the day of the examination. If no score certificate is submitted, the applicant's English score is set to 0.
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	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. No changes in the information will be accepted after the application procedure.
2. When using a certificate bearing the test taker’s maiden name (surname), please also submit an official document (excerpt from the family register, certified copy of the family register, resident card with the maiden name (surname), etc.) that confirms the change of maiden name (surname). *Original copy (duplicates are not allowed)
3. 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) Please complete all the procedures within [5] Application Procedure: 1 Application period: registering applications, payment of examination fees, printing of an application confirmation slip and an address label and mailing of application documents (by registered mail or brought in manually within the submission period). Please note that the application procedure is not completed merely by online registration and paying the 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. If your address has changed since the announcement of successful applicants, please contact the Admissions Office (E-mail : gr-nyu-veterinaryscience@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) The examination fee paid by applicants will not be refunded except for the following reasons.
 - Reasons for refund
 - 1. Examination fee was paid, but application was not carried out.
 - 2. Application was not accepted due to inadequate documentation.
 - 3. Examination fee was paid repeatedly. Or paid by students in the master or professional degree programs of Osaka Metropolitan University, Osaka Prefecture University or Osaka City University.
 - 4. Examination fee was paid by a recipient of scholarship by the Japanese government.

[Note]: Please contact the Admissions Office within one month after the last day of the application period regarding how to obtain the refund for the above reason of 1, 2 and 3. The refund for the above reason 4 will be made after enrollment.

6. Entrance examination card

For those who have completed the application procedure, an email will be sent to the email 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 examination card will not be mailed). If you do not receive an email two weeks before the examination date (or one week before the test date if taking the test overseas), or if there are any errors in the information on your Entrance Examination Card, please contact the Admissions Office. (E-mail : gr-nyu-veterinaryscience@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-ask4\[at\]omu.ac.jp](mailto:gr-nyu-ask4@omu.ac.jp) Please replace [at] with @.)

[6] Admission Selection Method

Comprehensive judgment will be made based on the following academic tests (English and oral examinations) and the application documents.

(1) English

Applicants will be judged based on the results of either the TOEIC Listening & Reading Test, TOEFL-iBT, or IELTS Academic Module.

However, applicants for the Examination inside Japan who cannot provide a score certificate for the TOEIC Listening & Reading public test, “TOEIC Listening & Reading OFFICIAL SCORE CERTIFICATE,” TOEFL-iBT “Test Taker Score Report,” or the IELTS Academic Module “Test Report Form (Certificate of Achievement)” must take an English-language proficiency test (from 10:00 to 12:00 on the test day). Students may use an English dictionary during the proficiency test; electronic dictionaries are not allowed.

(2) Specialized subjects

Oral examinations will be conducted in specialized subjects in the desired field. The content will be largely expository and should be complemented by presentation materials. Applicants will explain 1) their research activities to date and 2) the research plan they intend to follow if admitted.

Please submit a summary of the content of your presentation to the faculty member whom you wish to supervise your work. This summary must be submitted at least a week before the examination date.

※ Please download the relevant form from the University’s website.

[7] Date, Time, and Location of Examination

<For admission in September or October 2026>

1. Overseas Examination (when taking the examination from abroad using remote relay)

Exam date and time	Examination subjects	Test site
The time specified by the Graduate School on July 9, 2026 ※In case of special circumstances, students may be allowed to take the examination on the 8th or 10th.	Specialized subjects (Oral Examination) Conducted using remote relay	Rinku Campus; facilities at the applicant's university or other institutions

2. Examination inside Japan

Exam date	Examination subjects	Exam time	Test site
August 18, 2026	Specialized subjects (Oral Examination)	13:00	Rinku Campus

Details about the test site will be posted at the main entrance of the Rinku Campus.
The time for the oral examination for each candidate will be announced separately.

(Spare day)

August 21, 2026	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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If the entrance examination cannot take place as planned because of unforeseen circumstances, such as a natural disaster, an emergency notice will be posted on the University's website, so please check the website accordingly.

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

<For admission in April 2027>

1. Overseas Examination (when taking the examination from abroad using remote relay)

Exam date and time	Examination subjects	Test site
The time specified by the Graduate School on November 11, 2026 ※In case of special circumstances, students may be allowed to take the examination on the 10th or 12th.	Specialized subjects (Oral Examination) Conducted using remote relay	Rinku Campus; facilities at the applicant's university or other institutions

2. Examination inside Japan

Exam date	Examination subjects	Exam time	Test site
January 9, 2027	Specialized subjects (Oral Examination)	13:00	Rinku Campus

Details about the test site will be posted at the main entrance of the Rinku Campus.
The time for the oral examination for each candidate will be announced separately.

(Spare day)


January 11, 2027	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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If the entrance examination cannot take place as planned because of unforeseen circumstances, such as a natural disaster, an emergency notice will be posted on the University's website, so please check the website accordingly.

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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 2026	« Overseas Examination » July 24, 2026, 10:00 « Examination inside Japan » September 4, 2026, 10:00	https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/pass/ 
For admission in April 2027	« Overseas Examination » November 25, 2026, 10:00 « Examination inside Japan » January 25, 2027, 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 Guide.

A letter of acceptance and an Enrollment Procedure Guide will be mailed to successful applicants via simplified registered mail (kani-kakitome-yuubin) 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

<For admission in September or October 2026> September 24, 2026


※ Date of enrollment of those who meet application qualification during September 24 to 30, 2026 will be October 1, 2026.

<For admission in April 2027> April 1, 2027

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	Portal (Online system)
« Examination inside Japan » <For admission in September or October 2026> From 11:00 on September 11, 2026 to 12:00 on September 15, 2026 <For admission in April 2027> From 11:00 on March 11, 2027 to 12:00 on March 15, 2027 « Overseas Examination » <For admission in September or October 2026> From 11:00 on July 30, 2026 to 12:00 on August 3, 2026 <For admission in April 2027> From 11:00 on December 9, 2026 to 12:00 on December 14, 2026	https://www.omu.ac.jp/admissions/g/exam_info/general/procedure/ 

(Note) • 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 “Section 10 – Tuition (Enrollment and Tuition Fees)” 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] Tuition (Enrollment and Tuition Fees)

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 Fees: Osaka Prefectural Citizens and Their Children: 282,000 yen; All Others: 382,000 yen
 “Osaka Prefectural Citizens 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, 2025 for admission in September or October 2026, or on or before April 1, 2026 for admission in April 2027). The same requirement applies to applicants who do not have Japanese citizenship.

- * Those who qualify for admission between September 24 and September 30, 2026, must have a certificate of residence in Osaka Prefecture continuously starting from a date that is before October 1, 2025. 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 should have been issued no more than one month prior to the online registration period.

Details can be found in the Enrollment Procedure Guide.

- If you are going to enroll in a Doctoral Program of Osaka Metropolitan University from a Master’s Program or a Professional Degree Program of Osaka Metropolitan University, Osaka Prefecture University, or Osaka City University, the enrollment fee will be exempted.
- Please pay the enrollment fee during the specified period.
- In addition to the enrollment fee, a payment handling fee will be required (to be borne by the student).

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 site.

Payment methods and fees	Handling agency, etc.
(1) Credit card • Osaka Prefectural Citizens and Their Children ¥6,500 • All others ¥8,500	VISA, MasterCard, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, Diners Club (Note) Full payment must be made in a single payment.
(2) ATM (Pay-easy) ¥1,250	You can pay at ATMs in financial institutions that have the Pay-easy mark. You cannot use it at the convenience store counter or at the shared ATM of convenience stores.
(3) Internet banking ¥1,250	You can use the banking services of more than 1,000 banks across Japan, including major megabanks that support Pay-easy. (Note) To avail yourself of this method, you need to have signed up for internet banking.

(Note) As for the payment methods (2) and (3), the fees required for payment by Pay-easy, the available hours, the maximum amount to be paid in cash, etc., may vary by financial institution, so please check the website of each financial institution in advance.

- After payment of the admission fee, we will not refund the admission fee for any reason.
- The university will not extend the payment deadline of the enrollment fee.

2. Tuition Fees [Annual amount] 535,800 yen (Payment after enrollment)

- 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. Others

- (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.

《April 2027 Admission》

The required specifications for laptop computers (for the 2027 academic year) will be available on the University's website (scheduled around February 2027). 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>



《September, October 2026 Admission》

Please refer to the required specifications for laptop computers (for the 2026 academic year), which are available on the University's website. 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 for the Doctoral Program is four years.

For students who have difficulty completing the program within the standard four-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 four-year period. Details are posted on the university's website. Please check the details and complete the procedures as soon as possible before using the system.

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



[12] Others

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

<For admission in September or October 2026>

From 10:00 on November 5, 2026 to 15:00 on November 27, 2026

<For admission in April 2027>

From 10:00 on May 7, 2027 to 15:00 on June 4, 2027

(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'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 enrollment procedure 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 graduating or receiving a degree fails to graduate or receive a degree by September 30, 2026 for the fall admission or March 31, 2027 for the spring admission, 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. 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 reduction / exemption 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/>

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

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

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



【Tuition Reduction /
Exemption】



【Scholarships】

[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

【Department of Veterinary Science】

Veterinary science is a comprehensive discipline focused on the understanding, prevention and treatment of animal diseases. Within this field, many issues are present that are highly relevant to the health and welfare of both humans and animals in society. These include: 1) The increasing sophistication of animal medical and surgical care, 2) The threat of zoonoses due to the growing international movement of animals, humans and livestock products, 3) The improvement of livestock production through biotechnology, 4) The development of novel medical and surgical approaches to disease and 5) The safety evaluation of pharmaceuticals and foods.

The Department of Veterinary Science aims to produce graduate veterinarians who are: 1) Specialists capable of applying veterinary perspectives, understanding and techniques in the domain of applied animal science, 2) Specialists in the diagnosis, treatment and public health aspects of animal diseases and 3) Capable of demonstrating innovative leadership in biomedical fields related to animal and human health.

(As of April 1, 2026)

Research Interests

< Division of Structural and Functional Biosciences >

Integrated Structural Biosciences

Status	Name	Research and Education Fields
Professor	KANEKO Takehito	Fertilization, gene modification and gamete preservation in animals
Professor	KUWAMURA Mitsuru	Pathological studies on spontaneous animal diseases and animal models for neurological disorders
Associate Professor	IZAWA Takeshi	Mechanism underlying progression of intractable liver diseases
Associate Professor	NAKAJIMA Takayuki	Brain ischemia, Ischemic tolerance, Neuronal cell death
Associate Professor	TANAKA Miyuu	Elucidation of pathomechanism of neurodegenerative diseases using animal models
Associate Professor	TANIDA Takashi	Visualization of endocrine and metabolic regulatory factors and their pathophysiological analyses
Lecturer	KONDO Tomohiro	Genetic analysis, Mouse cataract model, Fetal growth restriction

Integrated Functional Biosciences

Status	Name	Research and Education Fields
Professor	AZUMA YasuTaka	The inhibitory mechanism of inflammatory diseases and research on their prevention, Prophylactic Pharmacology
Professor	MORIYAMA Mitsuaki	Veterinary physiology, Amino acid metabolism
Associate Professor	MATSUBARA Misako	Cellular and molecular mechanism of liver diseases
Associate Professor	NAKAJIMA Hidemitsu	Drug discovery for intractable neurological diseases and cancers
Associate Professor	NISHIYAMA Kazuhiro	Studies on intestinal homeostasis
Associate Professor	TAKANO Katsura	Regulation mechanism of glial function, Microglia and astrocytes, Neurodegenerative disorders
Assistant Professor	INOUE Kirara	Cell-cell interaction-based mechanisms of liver disease

<Division of Veterinary Environmental Sciences>

Bioenvironmental Sciences

Status	Name	Research and Education Fields
Professor	MATSUBAYASHI Makoto	Veterinary parasitology, Genetical epidemiological analysis for parasites, Molecular pathogenesis of protozoan diseases
Professor	YASUGI Mayo	Veterinary public health, Zoonosis, Molecular epidemiology, Development of prevention and treatment
Associate Professor	NISHIMURA Kazuhiko	Toxicology, Cytotoxicology of metals
Lecturer	NAKAGAWA Hiroshi	Toxicology, Roles of ER-localized trimeric G proteins in COP II vesicle transport, Role of Sar1 protein in COP II vesicle formation
Assistant Professor	HARAGUCHI Asako	Veterinary parasitology, Genetical epidemiological analysis for parasites, Molecular pathogenesis of protozoan diseases
Assistant Professor	IWASAKI Tadashi	Veterinary immunology, Animal infectious diseases
Assistant Professor	KUSAKABE Shinji	Pathogenesis, molecular epidemiology, prevention and treatment for Zoonosis

Infection Diseases Control

Status	Name	Research and Education Fields
Professor	HORIE Masayuki	Evolution of viruses, Viral surveillance and discovery, Molecular diagnosis, Viral infectious diseases, Co-evolution between viruses and hosts
Professor	YAMASAKI Shinji	Food microbiology, Zoonosis, Molecular epidemiology, Molecular diagnosis Molecular pathogenesis, Antimicrobial resistance
Associate Professor	HATANAKA Noritoshi	Food microbiology, Zoonosis, Molecular epidemiology, Molecular diagnosis Molecular pathogenesis, Antimicrobial resistance
Associate Professor	HINENOYA Atsushi	Food microbiology, Zoonosis, Molecular epidemiology, Molecular diagnosis Molecular pathogenesis, Antimicrobial resistance
Associate Professor	HOSOMI Koji	Pathogenesis and control of bacterial infections/Functions and applications of symbiotic bacteria
Associate Professor	KISHIMOTO Mai	Virus discovery and characterization, Molecular mechanism of viral infection
Lecturer	KOHDA Tomoko	Veterinary hygiene, Molecular mechanism of bacterial toxins, Infectious control, Molecular detection of pathogenic factor

<Division of Veterinary Clinical Sciences>

Large Animal Clinical Sciences

Status	Name	Research and Education Fields
Professor	YAMAGISHI Norio	Research on circulating biomarkers in diseased animals
Associate Professor	ISHIKAWA Shingo	Innate immunity and inflammation in farm animals
Associate Professor	KOYAMA Keisuke	Reproductive efficiency in farm animals and fertility of <i>in vitro</i> matured oocytes
Lecturer	TSUCHIAKA Shinobu	Research on the gastrointestinal microbiome in farm animals
Assistant Professor	BANDAI Kazuhiro	Improvement of the reproductive management of dairy and beef cattle
Assistant Professor	KIM SU EUN	Research on evaluation of respiratory disease and stress

Small Animal Clinical Sciences

Status	Name	Research and Education Fields
Professor	FURUYA Masaru	Advanced diagnosis and therapy of small animal dermatosis and tumor
Professor	HASEGAWA Takashi	Veterinary ophthalmology, Veterinary otology, Veterinary neurosurgery, Veterinary orthopedics, Veterinary surgery
Professor	HATOYA Shingo	Regenerative veterinary medicine, veterinary hematology, veterinary endocrinology, veterinary gastroenterology
Professor	SHIMADA Terumasa	Immunological diagnosis and therapy in cancer animals
Associate Professor	FUJITA Naoki	Development of transplantation and regenerative therapy for refractory tissue Injury in small animals
Associate Professor	MATSUYAMA Satoshi	Molecular diagnosis of animal tumor-related genes, DNA damages and the genetic consequences, Base excision repair systems in mammalian cells
Associate Professor	SHIMAMURA Shunsuke	The diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases
Associate Professor	TAKAHASHI Tomoko	Diagnosis and treatment in small animal veterinary oncology
Associate Professor	TANAKA Toshiyuki	Non-invasive diagnosis and radiogenomics using CT/MRI in small animals
Associate Professor	TANI Hiroyuki	Dermatology, Endocrinology, Blood-borne parasites infection, Zoonosis
Associate Professor	TOMIHARI Mizuki	Veterinary soft tissue surgery, Veterinary orthopedic surgery, Veterinary oncology
Lecturer	TSUKAMOTO Masaya	Regenerative veterinary medicine, disease modeling using stem cells
Assistant Professor	TSUJIMOTO Yasunori	Research on diagnosis and treatment of neoplastic diseases in companion animals
Assistant Professor	UKAI Ayako	Research on diagnosis and treatment of neoplastic diseases in companion animals
Assistant Professor	WATANABE Shunichi	Establishment of Complement Diagnostics and Development of Complement-Targeted Tumor Therapy in Small Animal Medicine