

2026
Application Guidelines – Master’s Program
Special Selection for International Students

Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Kyushu University

1. Admission Policy

The School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences pursue education and research with the aim of contributing to the improvement of human health and welfare. Toward this aim, the School and Graduate School seek to integrate and deepen sciences for materials and life, and systematically explore sciences related to the environment and the creation of new medicines for disease prevention and treatment to maintain and improve human health. The research achievements including the technology and techniques would be returned to people, so as to solve various problems in the 21st century in which the society is rapidly aging and people is surrounded by huge numbers of advanced knowledge.

In line with our vision stated above, the Department of Medicinal Sciences aims to nurture internationally-competent researchers, who can contribute to drug discovery and development on the basis of their knowledge for basic and advanced pharmaceutical sciences as well as well-talented skills for the analysis and solution of problems. The Department seeks individuals who aspire to be involved in basic scientific research or become pharmaceutical researchers or educators.

The Department of Medicinal Sciences provides lectures in English for international students. We welcome international students who share our vision and have great motivation and enthusiasm to engage in drug pharmaceutical research. The Graduate School of Medicinal Sciences International Course also welcomes applications from qualified students. Applications must be submitted in accordance with these Guidelines.

2. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be of foreign nationality and be expected to acquire a resident status of “Student” after being admitted, must satisfy at least one of the following requirements, and must have the official score of English Language Proficiency Tests equivalent to or higher than the following scores.

Standard Scores: TOEFL-iBT 52, TOEIC Listening & Reading 500 (Must be taken within 2 years from the date of the examination)

- (1) Those who have completed 16 years of school education or will complete by September 30, 2026, in a foreign country.
- (2) Those who have received, or are expected to receive a bachelor’s degree or a degree equivalent to the bachelor’s by September 30, 2026 by completing a 3-year course or longer (includes completing the course by taking classes in a correspondence course provided by a foreign university or an equivalent foreign facility in Japan, or completing the course at a scholastic organization admitted by the School Education System in the foreign country concerned) at a foreign university or other foreign schools (limited to the institution and its overall situation of educational research activities admitted by the person certified by the foreign government or relevant authorities, or the equivalent institution specially designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) .
- (3) Those who have completed 15 years of school education in foreign countries and who are recognized by the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences as having earned specified credits with excellent grades.
- (4) Those who are recognized by the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, through its own individual entrance examination, as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a university graduate, and who have reached 22 years of age by October 1, 2026.

(Notes) 1. Applicants who qualify under requirement (3) or (4) above must submit to a preliminary eligibility screening. The application procedures for preliminary eligibility screening are outlined in the Section 10 below.

2. Applicants should contact the desired laboratory head and supervisor prior to applying.

3. Enrollment Capacity

A few students (up to 2 students for each laboratory)

4. Laboratories That Will Accept New Students

Department of Medicinal Sciences		
Laboratory	Clinical Pharmacokinetics	Molecular Pathobiology
	Pharmaceutics	Analytical Chemistry
	Molecular and System Pharmacology	Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology
	Physiology	☆ International Chemical and Physical Pharmacy
	Pathophysiology	Pharmaceutical Synthetic Chemistry
	Protein Drug Discovery	Green Pharmaceutical Chemistry
	○ Molecular Biology	Molecular Transformation Chemistry
	Pharmaceutical Cell Biology	Reaction-Driven Drug Discovery
	☆ Cellular Biochemistry	☆ Drug Delivery System
	Pharmacognosy	☆ Translational Pharmaceutical Sciences
	☆ Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Care	☆ Clinical Pharmacology and Biopharmaceutics
	☆ Global pharmacy	

(Notes)(1) Select up to 3 laboratories you wish to belong to from the laboratories listed above. In selecting laboratories, refer to the outline of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences for detailed information on research topics of each laboratory

URL: <https://www.phar.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/admission/>

- (2) Laboratories marked with ☆ are not accepting new students this year.
(3) Individuals who are applying to the laboratory marked with ○ should contact the Student Affairs Section for the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences in advance.

5. Application Period

July 16 (Thu), 2026 – July 23 (Thu), 2026

Applications must be submitted to the Student Affairs Section within the period specified above.

Submission by mail must arrive within the period specified above as well.

6. Entrance Examination Date and Place

August 6 (Thu), 2026

School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University

※Backup day : August 7 (Fri)

This date will be a backup date in case of unforeseen circumstances such as wind and snow that make it difficult to conduct the examination on the above schedule.

7. Selection Methods

(1) Applicants will be judged based on the grades of the following specialized subjects.

Date	Exam Subjects		
	Specialized subjects (*1)	Main corresponding subjects	Laboratory (*2)
August 6 (Thu) 9:00 - 11:00	1. Clinical Pharmacy A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacology I, II • Pharmacognosy A,B • Traditional Medicines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular and System Pharmacology • Physiology • Pathophysiology • Pharmacognosy
	2. Clinical Pharmacy B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmaceutics I, II • Pharmacokinetics IA, IB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Pharmacokinetics • Pharmaceutics
	3. Biology A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular Biology • Molecular Genetics A, B • Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences IA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protein Drug Discovery • Molecular Biology • Cellular Biochemistry
	4. Biology B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences IIA, IIB • Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences IIIA, IIIB • Social and Health • Hygienic Chemistry I, II • Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences IV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmaceutical Cell Biology
	5. Physical Pharmaceutical Sciences A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Pharmaceutical Sciences I, II • Radiochemistry 	
	6. Physical Pharmaceutical Sciences B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrumental Analysis • Applied Instrumental Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular Pathobiology • Analytical Chemistry • Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology
	7. Organic Chemistry A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Chemistry • Pharmaceutical Organic Chemistry I, II, III, IV 	
	8. Organic Chemistry B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmaceutical Organic Chemistry IV • Organic Reaction Chemistry A, B • Coordination Chemistry • Organic Synthesis A, B • Natural Product Chemistry • Structural Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmaceutical Synthetic Chemistry • Green Pharmaceutical Chemistry • Molecular Transformation Chemistry • Reaction-Driven Drug Discovery

① Applicants should select 3 questions from the list of 8 questions provided on the examination. Of the three subjects, applicants must select the specialized subjects (*1) specified by the laboratory (*2) of their first to the third choice that they indicated on their application form. The specified specialized subjects are as listed above.

② Please refer to the faculty website for further information on the required subjects and the main corresponding subjects designated by each laboratory.

(<https://www.phar.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/admission/>)

Please note that this does not guarantee that all questions will be given from the main corresponding subjects.

※Exam questions are given both in English and Japanese. Applicants may answer in either language.

8. Application Documents

Application Form, Curriculum Vitae (Form 1-1,1-2)	Fill in all required fields correctly on the application form provided by the Graduate School. Paste your photo in the designated place (4 cm × 3 cm, without a hat, taken within the past 3 months). (*In curriculum vitae, list all of your educational history for previous 16 years.)
Examination Admission Card, Verification Card (Form 2)	Fill in all required fields on the forms provided by the Graduate School. The photos attached to the Examination Admission Card and Verification Card must be identical with that attached to the Application Form.
Academic Transcript	Submit an academic transcript issued by the institution from which you last graduated.
Graduation (Expected Graduation) Certificate	Submit a certificate issued by the institution from which you last graduated.
★ TOEFL or TOEIC Score Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL-iBT: Official Score Report or Test Taker Score Report *Only Test Date scores will be considered (My Best scores are not accepted) • TOEIC Listening & Reading: Official Score Certificate/ Digital Official Score Certificate. <p>[NOTE] Either score must have been obtained within 2 years prior to the date of the examination. Submit a copy at the time of application and be sure to bring the original certificate (whose copy was submitted at the time of application) on the day of the examination. ※TOEFL-ITP and TOEIC-IP scores are not accepted.</p>
Japanese Language Proficiency Certificate	Submit a Japanese language proficiency certificate if you have one.
Return Envelope (for sending Exam Admission Card)	Enclose a self-addressed (name, address, and postal code) and envelope with 410yen stamp attached.
Address Label	Write your name, address, and postal code on the designated form.
Screening Fee	<p>Screening fee 30,000 JP yen https://e-shiharai.net/ecard/</p> <p>* Applicants are required to pay the screening fee with your credit card [VISA, Master or American Express] from July 10 (Fri), 2026 to July 23 (Thu), 2026. Please note that the applicant will be responsible for the transfer fee. For more information, please refer to the attached guidance in this booklet.</p>

- ★ If you are not able to enclose transcripts with your application documents, submit them on the day of examination. If you have any questions, contact the Student Affairs Section for the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University.

9. Application Procedures

Applicants must submit all required documents listed above to the Student Affairs Section for the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University.

10. Application for Preliminary Eligibility Screening

Applicants applying under (3) or (4) of 2. Eligibility Requirement in the previous section are required to submit the (1) Application form and other required documents (2) to (4) stated below to the student Affairs Section for the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences by June 24 (Wed), 2026.

- (1) Application Form for Eligibility Screening (Use the designated form.)
- (2) Graduation Certificate or Academic Transcript issued by the institution from which you last graduated
- (3) License(s), Qualification Certificate(s)
- (4) Research Paper(s), Certificate(s) of international activities or work experience

11. Announcement of Successful Applicants

August 26 (Wed), 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

The examinee numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the bulletin board in front of the main entrance of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Successful applicants will also receive Acceptance Letters.

12. Admission Procedures

- (1) Detailed information regarding admission procedures, including the admission procedure period, will be mailed to each successful applicant together with the acceptance letter.
- (2) Admission fee and tuition
Admission fee: 282,000 JP yen (for the present)
Tuition: 267,900 JP yen for one semester [annual tuition: 535,800 JP yen] for the present
Tuition shall be paid after enrollment.
[Note] The amounts indicated above are tentative and may be revised. If the above amounts are revised at or after the time of enrollment, the new amounts shall apply as of such revision.

13. Time of Admission

October 2026 or April 2027

14. Important Notes

- (1) Incomplete documents will not be accepted; due care must be exercised when preparing application documents.
- (2) If any false statements or forged documents are found in your application materials, your admission may be revoked retroactively, even after you have been accepted or enrolled.
- (3) Applicants with physical disabilities who require special arrangements for taking examinations or attending courses should contact the Student Affairs Office of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences by phone or other means, by June 24 (Wed), 2026
- (4) When mailing application documents, use registered mail and write “Application for Master’s Program enclosed” in red on the front of the envelope.
- (5) The contents of the submitted documents may not be changed under any circumstances. The paid screening fee will not be refunded, except in the following circumstances: (a) the applicant failed to submit his/her application documents, or (b) the applicant’s application was not accepted.
- (6) Inquiries and request for an application packet should be directed to the Student Affairs Section (contact information is provided below).

To receive by postal mail a copy of the Application Guidelines and an application packet, write to the Student Affairs Section, enclosing a self-addressed (name, address, and postal code) envelope with a 180yen stamp attached.

※Application forms are also available for download from the website.

15. Handling of Personal Information

- (1) Personal information written on your application form and documents will be used for the screening process. Also, names and addresses will be used for the enrollment procedures for successful applicants.
- (2) Personal information written on your application form and documents will be used for academic affairs, such as registration of successful applicants after screening.
- (3) Academic records and other personal information used in the screening process will be retained by the University and used for statistical purposes, in such a way that the individuals will not be identified.
- (4) Personal information written on your application documents will not be used for any other purposes or provided to any third party without your permission, except in cases stipulated in the Act on the Protection of Personal Information, etc.
- (5) Please refer to the following website for more details about handling of personal information in advance.
<https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/website/privacypolicy>

16. Contact Information

Student Affairs Section
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Kyushu University
3-1-1 Maidashi, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka 812-8582, Japan
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E-mail: ijgyakugaku@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp

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Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University
2026 Autumn Semester

Master's Program Application Form Special Selection for International Students

Date: year _____ month _____ day _____

To: Dean, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University

Name: _____

Date of Birth: year _____ month _____ day _____

I hereby apply for the master's program of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University.
I have attached all other required documents.

Name		<input type="checkbox"/> Male · <input type="checkbox"/> Female	* Examinee number	
Desired laboratories	1st choice:	Photo Paste your photo (bare-headed, full-faced, displaying upper body) taken within the past 3 months (4 cm × 3 cm)		
	2nd choice:			
	3rd choice:			
	*Be sure to obtain the informal consent of supervisor for all the laboratory you wish to pursue. <input type="checkbox"/> Have you received informal consent from all the supervisors?			
TOEFL/TOEIC score	Test taken on: year _____ month _____ day _____ TOEFL (_____ points) TOEIC (_____ points)			
Last school attended	University: _____ Faculty: _____ Laboratory: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Graduated/or <input type="checkbox"/> Will graduate on year _____ month _____			
Current address (contact information)	(Postal code : _____) Phone beginning at the country code : _____ E-mail: _____			
Nationality				
Emergency contact (other than the above)	Name			
	Current address	(Postal code : _____) Phone beginning at the country code : _____		
	Relationship to applicant			

Note 1. Leave field marked * blank.

Note 2. Applicants who are currently enrolled at Kyushu University should enter their Student Number in the brackets on the right.

[_____]

Curriculum Vitae			
Educational Background			
※Describe your complete educational background from elementary to your most recent educational level			
Year	Month	School Name	Officially Required Number of Years of Schooling
From			years
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I affirm the above to be true and correct in every particular.

Date: year _____ month _____ day _____

Signature _____

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 Kyushu University Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
 Master's Program Entrance Examination
 (Special Selection for International Students)

Verification Card

* Examinee Number		
Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female (Date of Birth: year _____ month _____ day _____)	Photo Bare-headed, full-faced photo displaying upper body, taken within the past 3 months (4 cm × 3 cm)
University from which you graduated	University : _____ Faculty: _____ Laboratory: _____	

Leave field marked * blank.

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Examination Admission Card

* Examinee Number		
Name	(Date of Birth: year _____ month _____ day _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

- (Notes) 1. Leave field marked * blank.
 2. Always carry this card with you on the day of examination; during the exam, this card should be placed on the desk so as to be easily visible to the proctor.

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How to make the Payment for the Application Fee by Credit Card, Union Pay.

24 hours a day, 365 days a year, you can pay anytime! Easy, Convenient and Simple!

You can pay the Application Fee by using Credit Card, Union Pay.



Access

<https://e-shiharai.net/ecard/>



Online Transaction

1. Top Page

Click "Examination Fee".

2. Terms of Use and Personal Information Management

Please read the Terms of use and Personal Information Management.
Click "Agree" button located in the lower part of this page if you agree with these terms.
Click "Not agree" button located in lower part of this page if you do not agree with these terms.

3. School Selection

Select "Kyushu University (Undergraduate Schools)" or "Kyushu University (Graduate Schools)."

4. School Information

Read the information carefully and click "Next".

5. Category Selection

Choose First to Fourth Selection and add to Basket.

6. Basket Contents

Check the contents and if it is OK, click "Next".

7. Basic Information

Input the applicant's basic information.
Choose your credit card and click "Next".

Paying at Credit Card

Input Credit Card Number (15 or 16-digits), Security Code and Expiration date.

All of your application information is displayed. Check and Click "Confirm".

Click "Print this page" button and print out "Result" page.

Paying at Union Pay

Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the card payment.

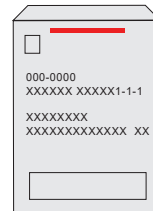
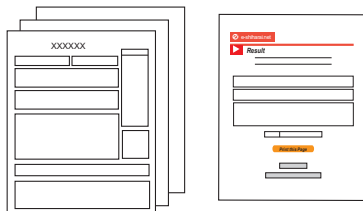
Please click the "Application Results" button in the upper part of this site (e-shiharai.net).

Please write down the "Receipt Number" given when you complete your application, and enter your "Payment Method", "Receipt Number" and "Birth Date". Please make sure your printer is ready.

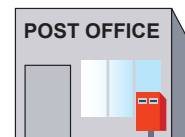
Please print out the "Payment Inquiry - Inquiry result" page.

Enclose the printed "Result" page in an application envelope with other necessary application documents.

Necessary application documents



Mail it via post



[NOTICE/FAQ]

- You can make a payment anytime, during the payment period mentioned in the application instructions.
Please refer to the application instructions and complete payment in time.
- Please complete payment by 11:00 pm Japan time, on the last date of the payment period.
- Please note that refund is not possible once you have made a payment of Application fee.

- A fee is added to Examination fee. For further info, please visit our website.
- It is possible to use a card which carries a name different from that of the applicant. However, please make sure that the information on the basic information page is that of the applicant him/herself.
- If you did not print out "Result" page, you can check it later on Application Result page. Please enter "Receipt Number" and "Birth Date" to redisplay.
- Please directly contact the credit card company if your card is not accepted.

For questions or problems not mentioned here, please contact:

E-Service Support Center Tel : +81-3-5952-9052 (24 hours everyday)

Application Form for Master's Degree Program Eligibility Screening

To: Dean, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University

I wish to enter the master's degree program of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University. I hereby apply for preliminary eligibility screening, and have attached all other required documents.

Date: year _____ month _____ day _____

Print name: _____ Signature: _____

Date of Birth: year _____ month _____ day _____ (_____ years old) Male / Female

Current Address		Phone beginning at the country code: e-mail:
Position	Company/ Organization	
	Job title	
	Address	Phone beginning at the country code:
Educational Background (International students should start from elementary school graduation.)		
year	month	Career
		Graduated from Elementary School
Employment History (Indicate duty positions, research projects, R&D experience, etc.)		
Academic societies and other notable activities		

Note: If additional space is needed, use the reverse side.

