

2027 Spring Semester Application Guidelines – Doctoral Program

Department of Medicinal Sciences Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Kyushu University

1. Admission Policy

The objectives of pharmaceutical sciences are to integrate and deepen sciences for materials and life, and systematically explore sciences related to the environment and the development and proper use of medicines for disease prevention and treatment in order 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. To achieve these objectives, the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences seeks to nurture capable human resources involved in research and education in the field of pharmaceutical sciences.

The Department of Medicinal Sciences aims to promote basic research in the fields of life science, biological information science and medicinal chemistry, as well as develop highly qualified researchers and educators in these fields.

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

- (1) Those who hold, or are expected to obtain by March 31, 2027, a master's degree or professional degree.
 - (2) Those who have been conferred, or are expected to be conferred by March 31, 2027, a master's degree or a degree equivalent to professional degree in a foreign country.
 - (3) Those who, by studying relevant subjects in Japan via a correspondence course provided by a school in a foreign country, have been conferred, or are expected to be conferred by March 31, 2027, a master's degree or a degree equivalent to professional degree.
 - (4) Those who have completed a graduate school program approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in an educational institution in Japan that provides graduate courses of a foreign university within the school education system of that country, and who have been conferred, or are expected to be conferred by March 31, 2026, a master's degree or a degree equivalent to professional degree.
 - (5) Those who have completed a course at the United Nations University, which was established pursuant to a resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 11, 1972, and is prescribed in Article 1, paragraph (2) of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the "Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University" (Act No. 72 of 1976) (hereinafter referred to as the "United Nations University"), and have been conferred, or are expected to be conferred by March 31, 2027, a degree equivalent to a master's degree;
 - (6) Those who have completed a course of foreign school, educational facility No.4 above or the United Nations University, have passed an examination or review corresponding to Article 16-2 of "Standards for the Establishment of Universities" (Act No.28 of 1974), and are recognized, or are expected to be recognized by March 31, 2027 to hold an equal or greater academic ability than a person who holds a master's degree.
 - (7) Those designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Notification No. 118, Ministry of Education, 1989).
[Those who, after having graduated from a university, were engaged for more than two years in research at a university or a research institute and who are recognized, based on their research accomplishments, by the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a master's degree holder]
 - (8) 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 master's or professional degree holder, and who have reached 24 years of age by April 1, 2027.
- (Notes)
1. Applicants who qualify under requirement (7) or (8) above must submit to a preliminary eligibility screening. The application procedures for preliminary eligibility screening are outlined in Section 9 below. Applicants will be notified of the screening results.
 2. Applicants should contact the desired laboratory head and supervisor prior to applying.

3. 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 (Bioorganic and Synthetic Chemistry)
	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) Laboratories marked with ☆ are not accepting new students this year.

(2) Individuals who apply to the laboratory marked with ○ should contact the Student Affairs Section in advance.

4. Enrollment Capacity

A few students

5. Selection Methods

Selection judgment will be comprehensively conducted based on academic performance tests, transcripts, master's thesis or research papers (English examination takers also include English examination results).

6. Entrance Examination

Examination except for English will be held on the schedule described below. See the Note (1) for English examination.

Date	Time	Examination Subjects		Place
August 6 (Thu)	9:00 – 10:00	Specialized subject	One designated subject for the research field of desired laboratory	School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University
	10:30 –	Thesis presentation	Presentation of graduation thesis, research paper, or research proposal, and Q&A on thesis and relevant topics Presentation and Q&A shall be conducted in English or Japanese. (Presentation: 10 min., Q&A: 10 min.)	
	13:30–14:30	Foreign language (English)	English examination *Only for applicants who do not have a TOEFL or TOEIC score taken within the past two years from the date of the examination, or who his/her score is below the reference points.	

※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.

Notes (1) Applicants must submit a valid report of the official score of TOEFL-iBT or TOEIC Listening & Reading taken within the past two years from the date of the examination, which is in lieu of the English examination.

Applicants are desired to have English ability equivalent to or higher than the scores shown below.

Note, however, that these scores are not an application requirement.

Reference point: TOEFL-iBT: 52, TOEIC Listening & Reading: 500

- (2) Individuals who have completed the master's program of Kyushu University Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and those who have withdrawn from the doctoral program of the Graduate School within the last five years are exempt from the academic and English examinations, and thesis presentation.

7. Application Period

July 7 (Tue), 2026 – July 13 (Mon), 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.

8. Application Documents

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form (Form 1-1, 1-2) • Verification card, Examination admission card (Form 2) 	Use the forms provided by the Graduate School. (2 photos; photos must be pasted in the designated areas)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation thesis or research paper (photocopy is acceptable) and its summary, or research proposal document 	3 copies each (Summary should be approx. 2,000 characters in Japanese, or 1,000 words in English.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcript and certificate of master's course completion (or expected completion) 	Academic transcript and certificate must be issued by a president or dean of the school.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Score card of TOEFL or TOEIC 	<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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return envelope (for sending Exam Admission Card) 	Enclose a self-addressed (name, address and postal code) and envelope with 410yen stamp attached.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address label 	Write your name, address and postal code on the designated form.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening fee 	Screening fee 30,000 JP yen https://e-shiharai.net/ecard/ * Applicants are required to pay the screening fee with your credit card [VISA, Master or American Express] from July 1 (Wed), 2026 to July 13 (Mon), 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of reason for application 	Only applicants who fall under item (2) of the Notes in Section 6 above are required to submit this item. This should include a brief description of the progress of your research to be made by the date of the entrance exam (one sheet of A-4 size paper).
* Applicants filing under requirement 2.(7) or 2.(8) above must submit the following documents.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research achievements report 	Outline your current research project (approx. 2,000 characters in Japanese, or 1,000 words in English). (Submit three copies of your research paper, if any.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research plan 	Describe your research plan after admission (approx. 2,000 characters in Japanese, or 1,000 words in English).

9. Application for Preliminary Eligibility Screening

Applicants applying under (7) or (8) of 2. Eligibility Requirement in the previous section are required to submit the required documents stated below to the Student Affairs Section for the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences by June 23 (Tue), 2026.

- Application Form for Eligibility Screening (designated form)
- List of research papers (including presentations at academic conferences)
- Academic transcript and graduation certificate issued by the school from which you last graduated

10. Application Procedures

Applicants must submit all required documents listed above to the Student Affairs Section for the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University. An Examination Admission Card will be sent to each applicant.

11. Announcement of Successful Applicants

August 26 (Wed), 2026, 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

Successful applicants who receive an acceptance letter must complete the required admission procedures within the specified period. Failure to complete the procedures by the prescribed deadline will result in denial of admission to the Doctoral Program.

Admission fee must be paid at the time of admission procedures.

* Admission fee: 282,000 JP yen (for the present)

Reference: Tuition: 267,900 JP yen for one semester [annual tuition: 535,800 JP yen] for the present)

Tuition shall be paid after enrollment via account transfer, in principle.

(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

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 23 (Tue), 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
Tel: +81-92-642-6541
E-mail: ijgyakugaku@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp

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Website: <https://www.phar.kyushu-u.ac.jp/eng/>

Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University
Department of Medicinal Sciences
Doctoral Program Application Form
General Selection (2027 Spring Semester)

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 doctoral 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 laboratory			Photo
TOEFL or TOEIC Score	The date of examination: year _____ month _____ day _____ TOEFL score : _____ TOEIC score : _____		Paste your photo (bare-headed, full-faced, displaying upper body) taken within the past 3 months. (4 cm × 3 cm)
Thesis title			
Last school attended	University: _____ Graduate School: _____ Division: _____ Master's Program <input type="checkbox"/> Completed or <input type="checkbox"/> Will complete on year _____ month _____ day _____		
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 in 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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Employment History

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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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Department of Medicinal Sciences
Doctoral Program Entrance Examination (General Selection)

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)
Graduate school from which you graduated	University: _____ Graduate School: _____ Division : _____ Master's Program	

Leave field marked * blank.

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Examination Admission Card

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

- (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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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.

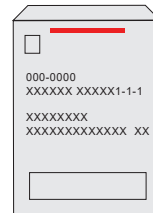
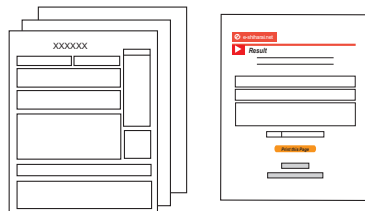
Please click the "Application Results" button in the upper part of this site (e-shiharai.net).

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.

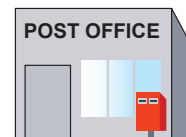
Please print out the "Payment Inquiry - Inquiry result" page.

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 Doctoral Program Eligibility Screening

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

I wish to enter the doctoral 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.

