2027 Spring Semester
Application Guidelines for General Selection – Doctoral Program

Department of Clinical Pharmacy
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 science technology and techniques would be contributing 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 Clinical Pharmacy aims to promote research on the proper use of medicines and basic research on drug efficacy and safety evaluation, as well as to nurture competent researchers and educators in these fields. Particularly in fields related to the proper use of medicines, we seek to develop highly qualified pharmacists with outstanding leadership capabilities.

2. Eligibility Requirements

(1) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 31, 2027, a course of Pharmaceutical Science (six-year-program), Medical Science, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine.

(2) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 31, 2027, 18 years of school education in foreign country.

(3) Those who, by studying relevant subject in Japan via a correspondence course provided by a school in a foreign country, have completed, or are expected to complete by March 31, 2027, 18 years of school education.

(4) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 31, 2027, 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 (It is limited to those who have completed, or are expected to complete 18 years of school program in the foreign country).

(5) Those who have received, or are expected to receive a bachelor's degree or a degree equivalent to the bachelor's by March 31, 2027 by completing a 5-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) .

(6) Those who are approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, such as those who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 31, 2027, a master's degree (No.39 in the Ministry of Education notification on April 8, 1955).

(7) Those who have entered a graduate school according to School Education Law Article 102 clause 2, and who are approved by the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences as having academic ability suitable for receiving the education in the School.

(8) Those who have recognized by the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, through its own individual entrance examination, as having academic ability equivalent or superior to those who have completed a course of Pharmaceutical Science (six-year-program), Medical Science, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine, and who reach 24 years of age by April 1, 2027.

(Notes) 1. Applicants applying under Eligibility Requirement (7) or (8) must undergo a preliminary eligibility screening. Please refer to Section 9, "Application for Preliminary Eligibility Screening." Applicants will be notified of the screening result.

2. **Before submitting an application, applicants must contact the head of the desired research field and prospective academic supervisor and discuss their research plans thoroughly.**

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
	Pathophysiology	Pharmaceutical Synthetic Chemistry
	Protein Drug Discovery	Green Pharmaceutical Chemistry
	○ Molecular Biology	Molecular Transformation Chemistry
	Molecular Life Sciences	Reaction-Driven Drug Discovery
	☆ Cellular Biochemistry	Clinical Pharmacology and Biopharmaceutics
	Pharmacognosy	☆ Drug Delivery System
	Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Care	☆ Translational Pharmaceutical Sciences
	☆ Global pharmacy	

(Notes) (1) Laboratories marked with ☆ are not accepting new students this year.

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

4. Enrollment Capacity

A few students

5. Selection Methods

Applicants are selected by means of comprehensive evaluation of the results of academic examinations and interview, as well as graduation thesis, research paper, or research proposal, and other submitted documents.

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
January 21 (Thu), 2027	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：January 22 (Fri), 2027

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 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 Procedures

(1) Application Period (Online Application System)

November 19 (Thu), 2026, 9:00 a.m. – November 26 (Thu), 2026, 5:00 p.m. (JST)

(2) Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted through the online application system, The Admissions Office (TAO), during the application period specified above.

The Admissions Office (TAO)

TAO Applicant Manual

Notes

- Applicants must click the "Complete Application" button within the application period to finalize their application. An application will not be accepted unless the application process has been completed.
- After completing the application, applicants should confirm receipt of the notification e-mail sent to the registered e-mail address.
- Applications that have not been completed by the application deadline will not be accepted.
- Applications containing incomplete or insufficient documentation will not be accepted.
- After the Graduate School has reviewed the application documents and accepted the application, an Examination Admission Card will be issued through TAO. Applicants will be notified by e-mail when the Examination Admission Card becomes available.
- Applicants should regularly check the registered e-mail account after submitting an application, as important notices regarding the entrance examination will be sent by e-mail.
- Applicants must download and print the Examination Admission Card from TAO and bring it to the examination venue on the examination day.

8. Application Documents

- Applicants must upload clear and legible documents to TAO.
- Designated forms may be downloaded from the Graduate School website.
- The maximum file size for each uploaded file is 20 MB.

Document	Description
Application Form / CV	Complete the required information in TAO.
Verification Form	Enter your name in TAO and upload a photograph. The photograph must have been taken within three months prior to application and must clearly identify the applicant. It should show a front view of the applicant from the chest up, without a hat and against a plain background (aspect ratio: 4:3). Acceptable file formats are .png, .jpeg, and .jpg.
Graduation Thesis (Research Paper), Summary of Graduation Presentation, or Research Plan	The Summary of Graduation Presentation and Research Plan should be prepared on A4 paper and be approximately 2,000 Japanese characters or 1,000 English words. If a thesis cannot be uploaded due to file-size limitations or because only a printed version is available, applicants should mail three copies of the thesis to the Student Affairs Section during the application period and indicate in TAO that the document has been mailed.
Academic Transcript	Upload a PDF copy of the transcript issued by the dean or equivalent authority of the institution attended. You must submit the original document during the enrollment procedures.
Certificate of Graduation or Certificate of Expected Graduation	Upload a PDF copy of the certificate. You must submit the original document during the enrollment procedures.

English Proficiency Test Score Certificate (Score card of TOEFL or TOEIC)	Upload a PDF copy of one of the following: ・TOEFL-iBT: Official Score Report or Test Taker Score Report. Only scores from a single test date are accepted; MyBest scores are not accepted. ・TOEIC Listening & Reading: Official Score Certificate or Digital Official Score Certificate. NOTE: Scores must have been obtained within two years prior to the examination date. TOEFL-ITP and TOEIC-IP scores are not accepted. Applicants must bring the original score certificate on the examination day.
Application Fee	30,000 JPY * Applicants advancing directly from the Master's Program or Professional Degree Program of Kyushu University are exempt from the screening fee. Applicants must pay the application fee through the e-payment system. https://e-shiharai.net/ecard/ For details, please refer to "Kyushu University: How to Pay the Application Fee" on the final page of these Application Guidelines. Payment Period: November 10 (Tue), 2026 – November 26 (Thu), 2026 Applicants are responsible for all transaction fees.
Copy of Residence Card or Passport	Required for foreign nationals only. Upload a PDF copy of both sides of your Residence Card or your passport.
Statement of Purpose	Required only for applicants eligible for exemption under Section 6 Note (2). 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.	
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.)
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 Eligibility Requirement (7) or (8) of Section 2 must submit the required documents listed below by mail to the Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, so that they arrive no later than November 5 (Thu), 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. Announcement of Results

February 3 (Wed), 2027, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

The examinee numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the notice board at the entrance of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Applicants will also be notified of the results through the online application system (TAO).

11. Admission Procedures

Detailed information regarding admission procedures will be provided to successful applicants together with the notification of acceptance. Failure to complete the procedures by the prescribed deadline will result in denial of admission to the Doctoral Program.

Expenses Required at Enrollment

Admission Fee: 282,000 JPY

Tuition: 267,900 JPY per semester (Annual tuition: 535,800 JPY)

Tuition is payable after enrollment via account transfer, in principle.

Note: The above amounts are subject to revision. If the admission fee or tuition is revised at the time of enrollment or during enrollment, the revised amount will apply from the date of revision.

12. Time of Admission

April 2027

13. Important Notes

(1) If any false statement or forged document is discovered in the application materials, admission may be revoked even after acceptance or enrollment.

(2) Applicants with disabilities who require special consideration in taking the examination or pursuing academic studies should contact the Student Affairs Section by November 5 (Thu), 2026.

(3) The screening fee will not be refunded after the application documents have been accepted. However, the screening fee will be refunded to applicants who paid the fee but did not submit an application, or whose application was not accepted.

14. Handling of Personal Information

(1) Personal information provided in the application documents will be used for entrance examination purposes and for providing admission-related information to successful applicants.

(2) Personal information provided in the application documents will also be used for academic administration purposes after enrollment.

(3) Examination results and other personal information may be used as reference materials for scholarship recommendations and for screening related to admission fee and tuition fee exemptions during the first year.

(4) Personal information collected through the entrance examination process may be used, in a form that does not identify individuals, for survey and research purposes related to entrance examinations at Kyushu University.

(5) Personal information will not be used for purposes other than those stated above or disclosed to third parties without the applicant's consent, except where required by applicable laws and regulations.

(6) 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

15. Contact Information

Student Affairs Section
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Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University
Website: https://www.phar.kyushu-u.ac.jp/eng/

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Access

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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.

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

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

Paying at Union Pay

Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the card payment.

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

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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.

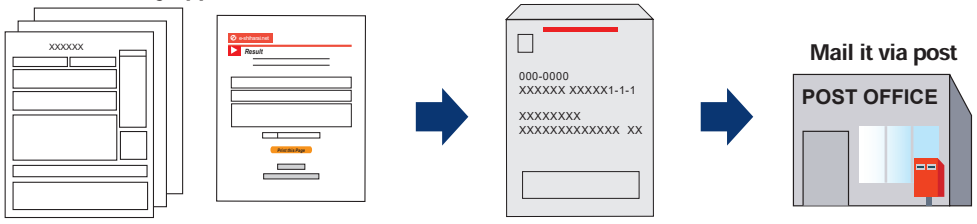
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Please print out the "Payment Inquiry - Inquiry result" page.

Application

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

Necessary application documents



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- 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/he-self.
- 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)