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Application Guidelines

for the

Special Entrance Examination for the International Undergraduate Program in Science

**including a Preliminary and Intensive Japanese Language Education Program
prior to undergraduate studies**

<April 2028 Enrollment>

The selection process and schedule may be changed depending on international circumstances. Please make sure to check the program website for the latest information on the application process.

<https://www.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/iups/>

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec 1, 2026 Application period opens
- Jan 6, 2027 Online registration for fee payment & application fee payment deadline
- Jan 8, 2027 Deadline for mailing application documents (must be received by)
- Feb-Apr 2027 Assessment period
- Apr 19, 2027 Announcement of assessment results
- Jun 2027 Enrollment Procedure for CJLC
- Oct 1, 2027 CJLC class starts
- Jan 2028 Enrollment Procedure for the School of Science
- Apr 1, 2028 Enrollment in the School of Science

1. Program Overview プログラムの概要

The mission of the University of Osaka is to nurture outstanding individuals who possess a high sense of ethics and wish to become global citizens and leaders in a variety of fields worldwide under the objective of “Live Locally, Grow Globally”.

For this reason, the Department of Mathematics, the Department of Physics, the Department of Chemistry, and the Department of Biological Sciences in the School of Science have established the International Undergraduate Program in Science (IUPS) for international students.

Students will be enrolled in the program for 4.5 years in total (half a year as a research student and 4 years as an undergraduate student), culminating in the award of a bachelor's degree.

This program is overseen by the International College and the School of Science of the University of Osaka.

The School of Science and the International College welcome applications from:

- Applicants who are curious, have a strong interest in natural science, and are enthusiastic about broadening their knowledge base.
- Applicants who aim to contribute to the development of science and technology and thus to the whole of society.
- Applicants who have a desire to participate in the creation of new academic disciplines.
- Applicants who wish to develop their ability to describe and present their ideas logically, and improve their communication skills along with their research capabilities in both English and Japanese.
- Applicants who are ethically grounded.

The program has the following features:

- Entrance examinations are conducted in English by each department (or in English and Japanese in the case of the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Biological Sciences).
- For six months prior to regular enrollment, students attend intensive Japanese language education classes and some preliminary science classes at the Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC). During this time, students will be enrolled as research students. The nature of the Japanese language education classes will depend on each student's individual Japanese language ability.
- Students will then be enrolled as undergraduate students. In the first year, students will take classes mainly in English, and study liberal arts and science major subjects.

- Further advanced Japanese language education will be offered until the end of the second year of the undergraduate program.
- Students will focus on specific subjects in their respective majors from the second year, and the classes will transition from mainly being taught in English to mainly being taught in Japanese.
- Students will be assigned to a specific laboratory to conduct research in their final year.

2. Duration of the Program プログラム期間

Preliminary and intensive Japanese language education (as a Research Student of the Center for Japanese Language and Culture):

From October 1, 2027, to March 31, 2028 (6 months)

Undergraduate School (as an Undergraduate Student of the School of Science):

From April 1, 2028, to March 31, 2032

3. Student Intake 募集人員

The number of students admitted each year will be small to allow for intensive supervision. Students can be admitted to one of the following four departments:

- Department of Mathematics, School of Science
- Department of Physics, School of Science
- Department of Chemistry, School of Science
- Department of Biological Sciences, School of Science

4. Eligibility for Application 出願資格

In order to apply to this program, applicants must meet certain requirements set by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). Accordingly, students meeting at least one of the following criteria by September 30, 2027 can apply.

- (1) International applicants (students from outside of Japan) who have completed a standard 12-year school education curriculum of a country other than Japan. Included here are applicants who have completed a standard 12-year school education curriculum in a country outside Japan in less than 12 years as a result of being promoted up a grade ahead of their peers.

- (2) International applicants who are at least 18 years of age and who have passed an examination in a country other than Japan that certifies that they have scholastic ability equivalent to a person who has completed a standard 12-year school education curriculum in the said country.
- (3) International applicants who have completed, in a country other than Japan, a standard school education curriculum consisting of less than 12 years that is recognized as equivalent to completion of senior high school (upper secondary) level education in the said country, and who have completed pre-university preparatory education required for admission to Japanese universities as designated by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (4) International applicants who have completed a curriculum in a school that is considered to be the equivalent of senior high school (upper secondary) level and have met the requirements stipulated by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. The applicants should have completed at least 11 years of education in a country outside Japan at institution(s) that meet standards laid down by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (5) Applicants who have completed a program of study in Japan at an educational institution offering a 12-year curriculum of a foreign country designated as equivalent to senior high school in that country by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (6) Applicants who have completed a program of study in Japan at an educational institution offering a curriculum of a foreign country consisting of less than 12 years and considered equivalent to senior high school in that country, and completed pre-university preparatory education required for admission to Japanese universities as designated by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (7) Applicants who have obtained the International Baccalaureate qualification awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organization in Switzerland.
- (8) Applicants who have obtained the Abitur issued by the Federal Republic of Germany for college entrance.
- (9) Applicants who have obtained the Baccalaureate Diploma issued by the French Republic for college entrance.
- (10) Applicants who have obtained the General Certificate of Advanced Level or the International General Certificate of Advanced Level accredited as a qualification for admission to a university in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- (11) An applicant who has obtained the European Baccalaureate Diploma issued by the European Union for college entrance.
- (12) Applicants who have completed the standard 12-year school curriculum in one of the special schools for foreigners in Japan that are certified by the international evaluating

organizations designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (WASC, ACSI, CIS, NEASC, Cognia and COBIS).

Notes:

- * Applicants who have completed their studies at a non-accredited international school in Japan, or are unsure whether they are eligible to apply, should contact the International College Office as early as possible before applying.
- * Applicants are encouraged to apply only if they plan to pursue their studies continuously and without interruption from enrollment to graduation. In particular, applicants from countries with compulsory-military-service requirements should ensure they do not have to fulfill their military-service requirements while enrolled in the program.
- * Applicants who do not arrive in Japan by the date designated by the University may have their admission cancelled, even if they would otherwise be able to begin the program on October 1, 2027.
- * Even after enrollment, applicants can be expelled for poor attendance or unsatisfactory grades.

5. Application Procedure 出願手続

- (1) First of all, applicants should visit the following Application Registration website to complete their registration: <https://e-apply.jp/n/osaka-u-inter>
- (2) After completing the registration, applicants should pay the application fee by pressing the “Continue to pay” button. For more details, please refer to section 7 “Application Registration and Application Fee Payment”.
- (3) After completing the payment of the application fee, applicants will receive an automated reply e-mail containing a URL for downloading the application form and a mailing address for the application documents.
- (4) Finally, applicants should fill out the application form and send it with the other required application documents to the mailing address provided in the automatic reply e-mail after completing the payment of the application fee. The application documents must be sent by a registered mailing service such as EMS, FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.

We are not responsible for loss or delay in the delivery of any application documents.

Please note that application documents must reach our mailing address within the following application periods(JST).

Registration Period:

December 1 (Tue.), 2026 – January 6 (Wed.), 2027

<https://e-apply.jp/n/osaka-u-inter>

Application Period:

December 1 (Tue.), 2026 – January 8 (Fri.), 2027

6. Application Documents 出願書類

- (1) Application Form
- (2) Documents Certifying Eligibility for Application
- (3) Letter(s) of Recommendation
- (4) Results of Standardized Test(s) for University Admission
- (5) Essay
- (6) Application Fee Payment Certificate
- (7) A Copy of the Applicant's Passport
- (8) Certification of English Language Proficiency
- (9) Certification of Japanese Language Proficiency
- (10) Other relevant materials

Notes:

All certificates and other application documents must have an English translation attached if they are not originally in English.

Application Documents-1

Application Form 入学願書

After completing registration at <https://e-apply.jp/n/osaka-u-inter> and completing the payment of the application fee, applicants should receive an automated reply e-mail containing a URL for the application form.

Application Documents-2

Documents Certifying Eligibility for Application 出願資格を証明する書類

See below for documents required for applicants under each of the application eligibility criteria (see 'eligibility for application' in section **4. Eligibility for Application**).

Criterion 1 Criterion 4	(1) Certificate of graduation from the last school attended or a corresponding certificate of scheduled graduation. In case the last school attended is of a higher education level (university or other tertiary institution), then the secondary level certificate of graduation (corresponding to high school in Japan) should also be included. (2) Academic transcript from the last school attended. In case the last school attended is of a tertiary education level (e.g., university), then the secondary-level academic transcript (corresponding to high school in Japan) should also be included.
Criterion 2	(1) Certificate stating that the applicant has passed the relevant examination. (2) Score report of the relevant examination.
Criterion 3 Criterion 6	(1) Academic transcript and certificate of graduation from a school corresponding to Japanese senior high school (applicants who have passed the certification exams should present their certificate of passing and score report). (2) Certificate of completion of pre-university preparatory education or certificate of scheduled completion.
Criterion 5	Academic transcript and certificate of graduation from a school corresponding to Japanese senior high school level.
Criterion 7	(1) Copy of the International Baccalaureate Diploma. (2) Certificated results from the International Baccalaureate (six subjects final exams).
Criterion 8	Copy of the General Qualification Form for University Entrance (Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife).
Criterion 9	(1) Copy of the French Baccalauréat Diploma. (2) Certificated results from the French Baccalauréat Examination.
Criterion 10	(1) Copy of the General Certificate of Advanced Level or the International General Certificate of Advanced Level. (2) High school transcript.
Criterion 11	(1) Copy of the European Baccalaureate Diploma. (2) Certificated results from the European Baccalaureate.
Criterion 12	(1) Certificate of graduation or certificate of scheduled graduation. (2) Academic transcript from a school certified by an international evaluating organization.

Important notes when preparing the application documents:

- * Applicants who have not yet graduated from high school at the time of application may submit a certificate of expected graduation and predicted scores for the academic transcript.

Finalized graduation certificates and academic transcripts must be sent once they become available.

- * If subjects and score details on the academic transcript are written in codes or abbreviations, the appropriate description in English should be attached.
- * All certificates and other documents need to be certified copies as issued by the school principal or the corresponding highest-level administrator.

Application Documents-3

Letter(s) of Recommendation 推薦書

Applicants must have at least one letter of recommendation submitted from the principal and/or a senior science teacher of the last secondary school they attended. A science teacher who knows the applicant well is preferable. The letter(s) must include an evaluation of the applicant's academic ability and learning competencies. Where relevant, at least one such letter should address qualities such as motivation, persistence, self-regulation, time management, collaboration and teamwork, research skills, creativity, capacity for reflection, media literacy, and the responsible and ethical use of sources and AI tools.

The letter(s) must also briefly describe the high school's policies and practices concerning the use of AI in teaching, learning, and assessment. If the high school has no formal policy on the use of AI, the recommender should briefly describe its usual practices or state that no formal policy has been adopted.

The letter(s) must be on official letterhead, signed by the principal/teacher, and submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the recommender's signature across the seal (unsealed letters will not be accepted).

Application Documents-4

Results of Standardized Test(s) for University Admission 大学入学資格試験等の結果

For the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Biological Sciences

(1) International Baccalaureate (IB)

Applicants who studied under the International Baccalaureate Educational System (IB) should submit a copy of their International Baccalaureate Diploma and their IB final examination performance evaluation certificate for

- a) Either HL Mathematics: analysis and approaches or HL Mathematics: applications and interpretation.

- b) **For the Department of Mathematics**, two results out of HL Physics, HL Chemistry and HL Biology. **For the Department of Biological Sciences**, only HL Physics and HL Chemistry are accepted.

The institution code of the University of Osaka for IB is **036164**.

(2) General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A-Level)

Applicants who studied under the GCE Advanced Level System should submit:

- a) Either GCE Advanced Level Mathematics or Further Mathematics results,
- b) **For the Department of Mathematics**, two GCE Advanced Level results out of three from Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. **For the Department of Biological Sciences**, only Physics and Chemistry are accepted.

For the Department of Mathematics, students are highly recommended to submit results for Further Mathematics instead of Mathematics. **The Department of Biological Sciences** accepts either Mathematics or Further Mathematics.

(3) Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)

Applicants not belonging to the above two categories should submit official scores of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU). In this case, the required EJU Subjects, either in English or Japanese, are

- a) Mathematics Course 2,
- b) **For the Department of Mathematics**, two results out of Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. **For the Department of Biological Sciences**, only Physics and Chemistry are accepted.

(Note that we accept EJU scores also from candidates that have studied in the IB or GCE systems, if they wish to send us EJU scores in addition to IB or GCE results.)

(4) Please note the following:

- a) If the documents to be submitted are written in a language other than English, a verified translation into English needs also to be sent. Verification of a translation (consistency between the translations and the originals) may be obtained at an embassy, at the high school of the applicant, or at other organizations.
- b) For applicants submitting standardized test results that are not automatically delivered to the IUPS by the organization providing the standardized test and that require the applicant's authorization for results to be verified by third parties (such as the IUPS), applicants will be asked at a later time to complete the appropriate authorization

document allowing this authorization. The IUPS will reject applications for which the requested authorization will not be provided by the applicant.

For the Department of Physics and the Department of Chemistry

(1) International Baccalaureate (IB)

Applicants who studied under the International Baccalaureate Educational System (IB) should submit a copy of their International Baccalaureate Diploma and their IB final examination performance evaluation certificate. The institution code of the University of Osaka for IB is **036164**. Preferred subjects are:

- **For the Department of Physics:** HL Mathematics (either “analysis and approaches” or “applications and interpretation”), HL Physics, and either HL Chemistry or HL Biology
- **For the Department of Chemistry:** HL Mathematics (either “analysis and approaches” or “applications and interpretation”), HL Chemistry, and either HL Physics or HL Biology

(2) General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A-Level)

Applicants who studied under the GCE Advanced Level System should submit one of the following:

- a) Their results of three GCE Advanced Level subjects.
- b) Their results of a total of four subjects: two GCE Advanced Level and two GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level.

Preferred subjects for both a) and b) are Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.

Please note that the authorization procedure described at (4) below will be required for many providers of A-level examinations.

(3) Others

Applicants not belonging to the above two categories should submit, if possible, official scores of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU). In this case, the required EJU Subjects, either in English or Japanese, are as follows.

- **For the Department of Physics:** Mathematics Course 2, Physics, and either Chemistry or Biology
- **For the Department of Chemistry:** Mathematics Course 2, Chemistry, and either Physics or Biology.

Note that we accept EJU scores also from candidates who have studied in the IB or GCE systems, if they wish to send us EJU scores in addition to IB or GCE results.

Otherwise, applicants should submit official scores of any other standardized academic tests for university entrance that they have taken. Note, however, that we do not accept SAT scores. For tests in which it is possible for the candidate to choose examination subjects, subjects relevant to the IUPS (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology) should be included. Examples of specific standardized test scores that may be submitted are in the following table. Note that these are given only as examples.

Examples of specific standardized test scores:

	Test name
China	• The National College Entrance Exam (GAOKAO) • General Senior Secondary Graduation Examination (Huikao) • Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE)
France	Baccalaureate
Germany	Abitur
India	Class XII Examinations (CBSE/CISCE or state examination boards)
Korea	College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT)
Malaysia	• Peperiksaan Semester Program Matrikulasi (PSPM) • Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)
Nepal	School Leaving Certificate (SLC)
New Zealand	• National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3. • Record of New Zealand Scholarship
Taiwan	General Scholastic Ability Test (GSAT)
U.S.A.	• ACT (Institution Code of IUPS for ACT is 7042) • AP (Institution Code of IUPS for AP is 7895) The required AP Subjects are as follows. - For the Department of Physics: Calculus AB, Physics (at least one of any of the AP physics courses), and either Chemistry or Biology OR Calculus AB, Physics (at least two of any of the AP physics courses) - For the Department of Chemistry: Calculus AB, Chemistry, and either Physics (at least one of any of the AP physics courses) or Biology.
Vietnam	National High School Graduation Exams (NHSGE)

In cases where the test result is either pass or fail, applicants need to have passed the test. We will accept predicted scores for those who have not graduated yet. Finalized graduation certificates, academic transcripts, and test scores must be submitted as soon as they become

available. Applicants may submit their scores or results, or their school may send them directly to the University of Osaka.

(4) Please note the following:

- If the documents to be submitted are written in a language other than English, a verified translation into English also needs to be sent. Verification of a translation (consistency between the translations and the originals) may be obtained at an embassy, at the high school of the applicant, or at other organizations.
- For applicants submitting standardized test results that are not automatically delivered to the IUPS by the organization providing the standardized test and that require the applicant's authorization for results to be verified by third parties (such as the IUPS), applicants will be asked at a later time to complete the appropriate authorization document allowing this authorization. The IUPS will reject applications for which the requested authorization will not be provided by the applicant.

Application Documents-5

Essay 志望理由書

Applicants should submit an essay on the following topic:

“Why you wish to study in the International Undergraduate Program in Science”.

The essay should be approximately 500-1000 words and written in English. Essays of less than 500 words or handwritten instead of typed may be rejected in the screening.

Application Documents-6

Application Fee Payment Certificate 検定料収納証明書

Applicants should submit a transaction confirmation or a remittance receipt.

An application fee of 26,800 JPY (Japanese yen) will be required for all applicants applying for admission to the International Undergraduate Program in Science.

The application fee must be paid before submitting the application documents.

Application Documents-7

Copy of the Applicant's Passport パスポートのコピー

Applicants should submit a photocopy of the page of (at least one of) their passport(s) showing the photo, name and passport number. Applicants who do not currently have a valid passport should submit a photocopy of another official certificate issued by their country, such as a birth certificate or koseki-shouhon.

Application Documents-8

Certification of English Language Proficiency 英語能力を証明する書類

Applicants whose native language is English, or who have graduated/are expecting to graduate from a high school in which English is the language of instruction, should fill out and submit the Language Background Declaration Form in lieu of certificates or score reports.

Other applicants need to take one of the English proficiency examinations listed below and send their official score reports, which need to be no more than two years old at the time of submission.

(1) TOEFL iBT, TOEFL iBT Home Edition, TOEFL ITP Plus for China

A minimum score of 4.5 (or 85 if you took the test on or before January 20, 2026) is required. If submitting a TOEFL score, applicants need to send one of the below reports.

- a) Official score report (sent directly from the Educational Testing Services (ETS) to the University of Osaka)
- b) A copy of the examinee's score record (the document sent to the examinee)

Note: When submitting scores, the points below should be noted:

- * It may take some time for the official score report to reach the University of Osaka after making a request to the ETS. Applicants should take the exam well ahead of time to ensure that the score reaches our office by the deadline.
- * The Institution Code of IUPS for TOEFL is **7895**.
- * Neither My Best TM scores nor scores from TOEFL ITP (Institutional Testing Program) are treated as a valid TOEFL score by the IUPS.
- * For more information, see the Educational Testing Service (ETS) website for an overview of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). <https://www.ets.org/>

(2) IELTS Academic Module

A minimum score of 6.5 is required. If submitting an IELTS score, applicants need to send one of the following reports.

- a) Test Report Form (sent directly from IELTS to the International College Office, the University of Osaka)
- b) A copy of the examinee's test score report (the document sent to the examinee)

Note: When submitting scores, the following points should be noted:

- * The General Training module does not qualify for screening.
- * For more information, see the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) website for an overview of IELTS. <https://www.ielts.org/>

* Mailing address for scores:

International College, the University of Osaka
 #511 Toyonaka Co-Creation Building A,
 1-2, Machikaneyama, Toyonaka, Osaka
 560-0043, JAPAN

- (3) International Baccalaureate with English as a Studies in language and literature subject at either standard or higher level with the final grade of 4 or above.
- (4) Cambridge C1 Advanced (formerly CAE) or C2 Proficiency (formerly CPE) with a grade of C or better.

Application Documents-9

Certification of Japanese Language Proficiency 日本語能力を証明する書類

Unless the applicants are native Japanese speakers, they must send one of the documents below. Applicants whose native language is Japanese should fill out and submit 母語等申告書 in lieu of certificates or score reports.

- (1) A copy of their certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Level N3 (N2 in case of the Department of Biological Sciences) or higher, which must be no more than two years old at the time of submission.
- (2) A document certifying that the applicant has a Japanese language ability equivalent to or higher than JLPT level N3 (N2 for the Department of Biological Sciences); the document should be prepared by the principal or a Japanese Language teacher of an educational institution.

Application Documents-10

Other relevant materials その他

Applicants are welcome to submit additional materials that support their application, such as published articles, certifications of achievement, or participation in internships, summer schools, competitions, etc.

Certifications must be submitted for any achievements mentioned in the essay (see Application Documents-5). If certifications of achievements mentioned in the essay are not submitted, the application may be rejected.

7. Application Registration and Application Fee Payment 出願登録 及び検定料支払い

Preparation

Prepare a computer and a printer connected to the Internet. The Receipt of the Application Fee must be printed out for submission.

Application Registration and Application Fee Payment

- i. Applicants should visit the following website for application registration.
<https://e-apply.jp/n/osaka-u-inter>
- ii. Applicants should then input their basic information and the information about their application. Please select the following.

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Once the application is completed by clicking the “Apply button”, make sure to write down the receipt number (12 digits). This number is required to confirm and print your application later.

- iii. You can proceed to application fee payment by clicking the “Continue to pay” button. If you would like to pay the application fee later, it is possible to pay it by clicking on the URL for application fee payment included in the confirmation email that will be sent to you after completing the application registration. In that case, please make sure to complete the payment by the deadline mentioned in the confirmation email.

Please note that you may not receive the confirmation email if you restrict email reception. If you have restrictions on email reception, please change the email settings so that you receive emails from the domain (@e-apply.jp). Furthermore, note that at times the email may end up in the junk-mail folder.

Application Fee:

26,800 JPY

Payment Period:

December 1 (Tue.), 2026 – January 6 (Wed.), 2027

Please note that the application deadline is January 8, 2027, while the payment deadline is January 6, 2027 (all indicated times are Japan time).

There are four payment methods that the 'Application Fee Payment System' can accept:

- a) Credit Card
- b) ATM of Post Offices or Banks
- c) Internet Banking
- d) Convenience Store

*Applicants residing outside Japan can make payments only by a) credit card or through c) applicable internet banking services. Payment through ATMs or convenience stores outside Japan is not available.

- a) Credit Card (VISA, Master, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, MUFG, DC, UFJ, or NICOS)

The payment can be completed during the online application.

The card number should be input into the Payment System.

The account holder's name does not need to match the applicant's name.

- b) ATM of Post offices or Banks with Pay-easy option (only available in Japan)

Write down the number displayed after your online application is registered, and pay at any one of the ATMs with Pay-easy option as instructed on the screen.

- c) Internet Banking

Internet banking payments can be made only from Japanese bank accounts registered for internet banking. When you select your bank on the payment screen, you will be redirected to the website of the relevant bank/financial institution. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the payment.

- d) Convenience Store (only available in Japan)

The fee can be paid at one of the following convenience stores: Seven Eleven, LAWSON, Family Mart, Daily Yamazaki, Yamazaki Daily Store, MINISTOP, or Seicomart.

Printing of the Receipt of 'Application Fee Payment'

After the payment is completed, print the documents downloadable on A4 size paper, and send the Receipt of Application Fee Payment with other documents within the application period.

After completing the payment of the application fee, applicants will receive another automated reply e-mail containing a URL for downloading the application form and the mailing address for the application documents.

Notes :

Application fees are not refundable except in the following cases.

- a) The applicant did not submit the application documents.
- b) The application documents were not accepted.
- c) The applicant made a duplicate payment by mistake.

Applicants who meet at least one of the above conditions are eligible to request a refund. The Refund Request Form must be duly completed and submitted by email to the International College Office (internationalcollege@office.osaka-u.ac.jp) no later than March 31, 2027. The form will be available for download from the URL included in the acknowledgement email automatically sent upon confirmation of the application fee payment.

If you have any questions regarding the payment of the application fee, please contact the International College Office: internationalcollege@office.osaka-u.ac.jp

The office will not answer any questions regarding whether the application documents have reached us or not. Please confirm the delivery status by yourself by checking the website of the mail service company, etc.

Inquiries about the payment website and its operation should be directed to the Technical Assistance Center of the operating company (Career-tasu,Inc.): cvs-web@career-tasu.co.jp

- * Telephone support (0120-202-079) is also available but only in Japanese.
- * Questions regarding the entrance exam and the university should not be made here.

8. Important Notes for Applicants 出願者への注意事項

- (1) If misinformation is found in the application documents, the application will not be accepted. Moreover, changes to the application documents after submission are not allowed.
- (2) Submitted documents will not be returned.
- (3) Applicants who have provided false information in their application documents will not be allowed to enroll and will be expelled if they have already been accepted.
- (4) All communications from the University, including the screening results, will be sent to the e-mail address provided in the application form. If applicants change their e-mail address, they must inform us of their new address immediately.
- (5) Applicants with any disability that requires special consideration in the selection process should notify the International College Office as early as possible. The office will request the applicant to submit the prescribed form with medical certificates or other documents certifying the applicant's condition before November 1, 2026.

9. Applicant Selection 選抜方法

Applicants will be selected through the screening of application documents. An in-person or online assessment may also be held. If such an assessment is conducted, successful applicants will be selected based on the results of both the initial screening of the application documents and the in-person or online assessment.

In-person or online Assessment

If the University of Osaka considers that an in-person or online assessment is required for an applicant, an assessment will be held for the applicant as follows:

Assessment Period	During February to April, 2027
Location	The Department of Mathematics assessment will be conducted in a location (Osaka, Bangkok, Berkeley, Groningen) designated by the University of Osaka. The Department of Physics and the Department of Chemistry assessments will be conducted similarly, or online, depending on international circumstances. The Department of Biological Sciences assessment will be conducted only at the University of Osaka in Osaka. *Travel expenses will not be reimbursed. Assessments may be held outside the applicant's place of residence. *Applicants will be informed directly about the details for their in-person or online assessment by the end of February 2027.
Content	Assessments will be held on a day specified by the University of Osaka within the aforementioned assessment period. *A basic scientific knowledge assessment and a basic Japanese language assessment will be carried out as part of the assessment. *The languages to be used in the scientific assessment and the subjects of the assessment will be as follows. Department of Mathematics Assessment language: English and Japanese Main assessment subject: Mathematics Department of Physics Assessment language: English Main assessment subjects: Physics and Mathematics Department of Chemistry Assessment language: English Main assessment subjects: Chemistry and Mathematics

	Department of Biological Sciences Assessment language: English and Japanese Main assessment subjects: Biology and Mathematics
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10. Announcement of Successful Applicants 合格発表

Applicants will be informed of the results by email on April 19, 2027, at 15:00 onwards.

Successful applicants will also receive an official letter by post in early May 2027.

Successful applicants who have academic qualifications in progress (e.g., IB and A-level) and received a conditional letter of acceptance must submit their examination results as soon as they are available. Failure to meet any of the requirements may affect your admission status.

11. The Preliminary and Intensive Japanese Language Education Program 日本語研修・予備教育

- (1) Procedure for the enrollment in the Preliminary and Intensive Japanese Language Education Program:

Successful applicants will be notified individually of the details of the procedure of enrollment when receiving the letter of acceptance.

- (2) Enrollment and Tuition fees for the Preliminary and Intensive Japanese Language Education Program

Enrollment fee: 84,600 JPY (as of 2026)

Tuition fees: 173,400 JPY for 6 months (as of 2026)

These fees might be subject to change.

- (3) Preliminary and Intensive Japanese Language Education

From October 1, 2027 to March, 2028

The Preliminary and Intensive Japanese Language Education Program will be provided at the Center for Japanese Language and Culture, the University of Osaka to successful applicants who have completed the relevant enrollment procedures. Those who are enrolled in these courses will be registered with the University of Osaka as research students during this time.

12. The Undergraduate Education Program 学部教育

- (1) Procedure for the enrollment in the Undergraduate Program in the School of Science:

Students will be notified individually of the details of the enrollment procedures in January 2028.

(2) Enrollment in the Undergraduate School

April 2028

(3) Enrollment and tuition fees for the Undergraduate School

Enrollment fee: 282,000 JPY (as of 2026)

Tuition fees: 267,900 JPY per 6 months (535,800 JPY per year) (as of 2026)

These fees might be subject to change.

13. Handling of Personal Information 個人情報取り扱い

- (1) We will use personal information, such as names and addresses, provided in the application form and submitted documents only for the selection process, announcement of results, and smooth implementation of Japanese Language Education at the Center for Japanese Language and Culture of the University of Osaka. For successful applicants, such information may be used for academic affairs, student services, and tuition-collection-related operations.
- (2) Personal information such as examination scores and other assessment results used for screening will be used to tabulation and analysis of admissions results, research and study of screening methods, and student support services.
- (3) In addition to the purposes stated above, the personal information obtained may also be used for improving screening methods and university education, and for university administration and management (various surveys/analyses, program and project planning, etc.). However, no outcomes will be published in a manner that identifies individual persons.
- (4) We may outsource some of the above-mentioned tasks to a third party. In this instance, we will conclude an agreement with the third party to ensure that it will manage the personal data appropriately, and we may provide the third party with all or part of personal information submitted, solely to extent required for outsourced tasks.

14. Visa/Status of Residence ビザ/在留資格

International students who have decided to study at the University of Osaka must obtain a student visa at a Japanese Embassy or Consulate General of Japan before coming to Japan.

When you apply for a visa, you must submit a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE). The Support Office for International Students and Scholars, the University of Osaka applies for the CoE to the Immigration Bureau in Japan, and once the certificate is issued, the Support Office will send it to the applicant.

Details will be provided when sending the letter of Enrollment Authorization.

Please note that if your status of residence is different from "Student", you will not be entitled to any privileges as a foreign student, such as certain scholarship applications.

15. Economic Support 経済援助

- (1) There are various scholarships that IUPS students can apply for after enrollment, such as:
 - Scholarships from the School of Science, the University of Osaka
 - Scholarships from local governments or international associations
 - Scholarships from private foundations
- (2) All students of the University of Osaka are eligible to apply for tuition fee exemption. See also the webpage of the University of Osaka.

16. Accommodation Support 住居サポート

Students enrolled in this program will be preferentially assigned to an on-campus dormitory (the International House, Toyonaka) for their first year (i.e., six months as a research student and six months as an undergraduate student). Students are responsible for paying their own dormitory fees (19,700 JPY per month as of 2026; subject to change).

17. Useful Links 参照先

Admission Policy of the School of Science

https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/admissions/faculty/admission_policy

International Undergraduate Program in Science (IUPS)

<https://www.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/iups/>

Center for Japanese Language and Culture, the University of Osaka

<http://www.cjlc.osaka-u.ac.jp/>

Department of Mathematics, School of Science

<http://www.math.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp/eng/index.html>

Department of Physics, School of Science

<https://www.phys.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp/index-en.html>

Department of Chemistry, School of Science

<https://www.chem.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp/chem/chem/en/index.html>

Department of Biological Sciences, School of Science

<https://www.bio.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/>

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