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2027 Application Guide: Doctoral Program School of Health Sciences and Nursing Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo

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Purpose of Education for Research

The purpose of research training in the Graduate School of Medicine is to promote advanced research that will contribute to breakthroughs in the understanding of the mechanisms of life, to improve health, to contribute to the struggle against disease, and to foster international leaders in all fields of medicine who are outstanding scholars and highly creative researchers.

Admission Policy

1. Consistent with the aims described above, for its PhD programs in the Graduate School of Medicine, the University of Tokyo seeks students who have the potential to become international leaders in all fields of medicine through outstanding scholarship and advanced and highly creative research. We seek those who will, as described above, contribute to the understanding of the mechanisms of life, to preventing, curing, and recovering from disease, and to promoting and supporting healthy human development.
2. Successful applicants will meet the following criteria.
 - Successful applicants will, having a strong foundation of basic knowledge in medicine, nursing, and health sciences, be able to do creative research aimed at solving problems in health sciences and nursing for the purposes of advancing our understanding of the mechanisms of life; preventing, curing, and recovering from disease; and promoting and supporting healthy human development.
 - Successful applicants will be able to clear a path into the future of medicine, nursing, and health sciences through clear, logical analysis and original thinking, unfettered by conventional concepts.
 - Successful applicants will be able and motivated to become active international leaders in their chosen field, on the basis of advanced knowledge and research skills acquired in graduate school.
 - Successful applicants will have basic knowledge in medicine and health sciences and related fields, and the ability to communicate in English as needed in lectures and seminars.

Each program in the Graduate School of Medicine seeks applicants who have the background needed for that purpose to be fulfilled.

1. Application Qualifications

- (1) Persons who have obtained or are expected or complete a master's or professional degree at the Graduate School of Japanese University by 31 March 2027 (Note 1).
- (2) Persons who have been awarded or are expected to be awarded by 31 March 2027 a master's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD).
- (3) Persons who have been awarded or are expected to be awarded by 31 March 2027 an academic degree in a foreign country which is equivalent to a master's or professional degree (Note 2).
- (4) Persons who have been awarded or are expected to award an academic degree equivalent to a

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master's or professional degree after completing a foreign country's postgraduate course at an educational institution in Japan which is designated in the said foreign country's education system and specifically designated in Japan by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, by 31 March 2027 (Note 4).

- (5) Persons who have completed a program and received or are expected to receive a degree equivalent to a master's degree by March 31, 2027, from the United Nations University.
- (6) Persons who have completed a course of study at a school overseas, an educational institution designated above in Part (4) of the requirements for eligibility or the United Nations University, and have passed or will have by March 31, 2027 examinations and screenings equivalent to those specified in Article 16-2 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools (1974 Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Ordinance No. 28), shall be recognized by this graduate school as having abilities at least equivalent to those who have a Master's degree. (Note 3)
- (7) Persons who have graduated from a Japanese university or have completed at least 16 years of academic education overseas, and have undertaken or are expected to have undertaken by 31 March 2027 two or more years of research at a university or research institute in Japan or overseas, and who are deemed by the Graduate School of Medicine based on the results of the said research to have academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a person with a master's or professional degree. (Note 1) (Note 2) (Note 3)
- (8) Persons who have been deemed by the Graduate School of Medicine on the basis of an individual eligibility review as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a person with a master's or professional degree, and who are aged 24 years or older on 31 March 2027 (Note 4).

Note 1: Japanese universities mentioned in Eligibilities (1) and (7) above are universities within the boundaries of Japan and as prescribed in Article 83 of the School Education Law.

Note 2: Eligibilities (3) and (7) above includes the case of having completed a correspondence program provided by a foreign school of said country while residing in Japan.

Note 3: Persons who intend to apply for admission under eligibility criteria (6) or (7) above must first undergo an eligibility review, and must therefore contact the Graduate School of Medicine's Admission Office (refer to 6(3) below) and submit designated documents required for the review by Monday, 9 November, 2026. Eligibility review result will be notified by Email around Monday, 16 November, 2026.

Note 4: ① Eligibility criterion (8) above is intended for those who do not fall under eligibility criteria (1) - (7) but who have been deemed by the Graduate School of Medicine on the basis of an individual eligibility review to have academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a person who has obtained a master's or professional degree.
② Persons who intend to apply for admission under eligibility criterion (8) above must first undergo an individual eligibility review, and must therefore contact the Graduate School of Medicine's Administration Office (see 6(3) below) and submit the following documents required for the review by Monday, 9 November, 2026. Eligibility review result will be notified by Email around Monday, 16 November, 2026.
③ Persons who are deemed by the Graduate School of Medicine on the basis of an eligibility review to have academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a person who has completed a master's or professional degree program shall be permitted to take the entrance exam upon application.

2. Admission criteria

- (1) Admission shall be determined based on the results of a primary exam and a secondary exam.
- (2) The primary exam is conducted by foreign-language assessment based on the submission of a TOEFL and document screening.
- (3) The secondary exam is only taken by applicants who pass the primary exam, and shall be determined based on a comprehensive judgment of a review of the applicant's master's degree thesis or a suitable alternative, the academic performance of the school they came from, the results of other

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documents screening and oral exam and so on.

- (4) Applicants who have obtained or expect to complete a master's or professional degree at the Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2027 (NOTE) are exempted from Foreign-Language assessment of the primary exam.

3. Exam subjects and quotas

Major	Research Fields		Primary Exam		Secondary Exam	Quota			
			Foreign Language Assessment	Document Screening					
Health Sciences and Nursing	Health Sciences Course (Public Health program)	Epidemiology and Preventive Health Sciences	English (assessment based on TOEFL Official Score Report or IELTS Test Report Form)	No written exam will be held. Exam will be replaced by document screening.	An oral exam will be given to those who pass the primary exam	10			
		Health and Social Behavior							
		Biostatistics							
		Biomedical Ethics							
		Social and Preventive Epidemiology							
		Health Informatics							
		Health Communication							
		Public Mental Health Policy							
		Health Sociology and Health Education							
		Mental Health							
	Nutritional Epidemiology and Behavioural Nutrition								
	Nursing Course	Advanced Clinical Nursing				See the Entrance Examination Guideline for details.	See the Entrance Examination Guideline for details.	See the Entrance Examination Guideline for details.	15
		Nursing Administration							
		Gerontological, Home Care, and Long-term Care Nursing (GHLN)							
		Palliative Care Nursing							
		Family Nursing							
		Community Health Nursing / Public Health Nursing							
		Psychiatric Nursing							
		Gerontological Nursing							
		Midwifery and Women's Health							
		Public Health Nursing							
		Wound Care Management							
		Nursing Data Science							
		Next Generation Wound Care Development							
Radiation Health Sciences									

Notes:

- (1) Depending on the exam results, the number of admitted students may be less than the quota.
- (2) Applicants seeking admission to each major should refer to the description of notice of 'Foreign Language Requirement for Doctoral Program in Health Sciences and Nursing' in 'Entrance Examination Guideline' for details on how to submit the TOEFL/IELTS Official Score Report.

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4. Exam dates & venues

Major	Primary Exam	Announcement of Primary Exam	Secondary Exam
Health Sciences and Nursing	Foreign Language Assessment, Documentation Screening	12:00 p.m. Fri, 15 Jan, 2027	Mon, 25 Jan, 2027 *Back up day : Tue, 26 Jan, 2027 • Held online

Notes:

- (1) Details of the exam schedules and venues will be given in the 'Notes on the Examination' which will be sent by Email around the middle of January, 2027.
- (2) Secondary exam may be held Tuesday, 26 January 2027. For details, see the 'Examinee Guideline'.
- (3) A list of successful primary applicants will be posted on the website (<http://www.m.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index.html>).

5. Announcement of successful applicants & admission procedures

- (1) Announcement of successful applicants

A list of successful applicants will be posted on the website (<http://www.m.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index.html>) on 12:00 p.m. Fri, 5 Feb 2027.

- (2) Those who pass the examinations will receive an admission certificate via the Web Application System in early February 2027. Instructions on how to receive the certificate will be announced on the Graduate School's website, so please be sure to check it. Admission Certificate recipients are required to complete the necessary admission procedures (i.e., payment of admission fees and submission of admission forms) in accordance with the Admission Procedure Guide which will be sent to the Email address indicated in the application form as follows.

- applicants for April 2027 entry: within designated period on early-March, 2027

Failure to complete the admission procedures shall be regarded as refusal of admission.

- (3) Estimated costs of admission in 2027

(International students with a Japanese Government [Monbukagakusho] Scholarship are exempt from these fees)

① Admission fee: ¥282,000 (estimated)

② Tuition fee: ¥260,400 (annual tuition fee of ¥520,800; estimated)

Note: The amounts indicated above are tentative. If amounts are amended at the time of admission or while the individual is registered as a student, the new amounts shall apply from the time of the amendment in question.

6. Application procedure

- (1) Applicants must contact faculty member before applying.

Applications must be submitted online. For details, please refer to the Graduate School's website. (URL: <https://www.m.u-tokyo.ac.jp/daigakuin/apply/appguidemain.html>)

- (2) Application period

From Thursday, December 17, 2026, until 11:59 PM on Monday, December 21, 2026 (JST)

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(3) Contact Information

Graduate Student Section, Graduate School of Medicine, the University of Tokyo
7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan 113-0033
in.m@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp

(4) Application documents

Document	Who should	Description
a. Application Form	All applicants	Follow the instructions of the Web Application System and enter all required information accurately. Since communications regarding entrance examinations will be sent via email, please ensure that you provide an email address where you can be reached at all times.
b. Digital ID photo	All applicants	Follow the instructions of the Web Application System to upload your digital ID photo data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File Format: Only JPG (JPEG) format is accepted. • Photo Requirements: The photo must be clear, showing the applicant's upper body and face looking forward. The applicant must be shown alone without any headwear (except for religious or medical reasons) against a plain background. The photo must be taken within three months prior to application. • Important Notes on Photo Quality: The photo data will be used for your Examination Admission Card and to verify your identity during the examination. Do not process or edit the image. Please note that if your identity cannot be confirmed, you may not be allowed to continue with the examination. • Use of Photo After Admission: The photo data will also be used for your Student ID card upon successful admission.
c. Exam fee (¥30,000)	All applicants except the following: ① Persons expected to complete a master's or professional degree course at the University of Tokyo in March 2027. ② International students on a Monbukagakusho Scholarship ※Students	Upload the file(s) in accordance with the instructions provided by the Web Application System. The exam fee must be paid at a bank branch or convenience store, or by credit card. The applicant is responsible for any fees or charges associated with the payment. <i>Bank transfer:</i> Fill out the designated Transfer Request Form and submit it together with the exam fee at your nearest bank branch. The payment cannot be made at a Japan Post Bank (<i>Yucho Ginko</i>), post office, ATM, or via the internet. The bank will give you the Transfer Receipt (' <i>Furikomikin Uketorisho</i> '; Form B) which you should retain for your own records, and the Certificate of Transfer Receipt (' <i>Furikomikin Uketsuke Shomeisho</i> '; Form C) which you should submit. <i>Convenience store & credit card payments:</i> Refer to the attachment ' <i>How to Pay the Graduate School of Medicine Exam Fee at a Convenience Store or by Credit</i>

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	currently enrolled at a different university must submit their official scholarship certificate	<i>Card'</i> for details on how to make the payment.
d. Certificate of Monbukagakusho Scholarship Student	Monbukagakusho Scholarship Student [Excluding those currently enrolled in this Graduate School (including Research Students)]	Upload the file(s) in accordance with the instructions provided by the Web Application System. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The certificate must include the scholarship period.
e. Academic transcripts	All applicants	Upload the following documents via the Web Application System in accordance with the instructions below. 1) Upload a scanned copy (PDF) of the original document. Upon admission, the original paper document (the physical certificate that was scanned and uploaded at the time of application) must be submitted during the admission procedures. 2) Upload the following academic transcripts issued by your university (bearing the official university seal). If you have multiple transcripts, please combine them into a single PDF file. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must certify master's course and bachelor's results (including liberal arts courses); In the case of students graduating from universities outside Japan, please submit transcripts in English. If documents cannot be submitted in English, you must submit English translation of transcripts provided by official agencies. If the applicant has changed the applicant's university or participated in exchange programs and if the applicant's home university does not report grades earned, name of courses and dates of attendance, he/she must include official transcripts from all the former universities or colleges.
f. (Anticipated) Certificate of graduation	All applicants [NOT required for those expect to complete a master's degree or a professional degree in Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Tokyo in March 2027]	Upload the following documents via the Web Application System in accordance with the instructions below. 1) Upload a scanned copy (PDF) of the original document. Upon admission, the original paper document (the physical certificate that was scanned and uploaded at the time of application) must be submitted during the admission procedures. 2) Upload the following (Anticipated) Certificate of graduation issued by your university (bearing the official university seal). If you have multiple transcripts, please combine them into a single PDF file. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the case of students graduating from universities outside Japan, please submit certificate in English. If documents cannot be submitted in English, you must submit English translation of transcripts provided by official agencies. The degree acquired must be indicated. If the name and the date

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		<p>of the degree awarded are contained in the Official Transcript, applicants do not have to submit the Official Proof of Graduation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit a certificate of the degree conferred, created by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation if you have been awarded a degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation.
g. Research Plan	All applicants	<p>Upload the following documents via the Web Application System in accordance with the instructions below. Summarize your intended research plan in two A4 one side pages, and write 'Research Plan' along with your name and page number at the top left of each page. See the Entrance Examination Guideline for details.</p>
h. Master's thesis	All applicants [NOT required for those expected to complete the Health Sciences and Nursing major at the Graduate School of Medicine in March 2027]	<p>Upload the following documents via the Web Application System in accordance with the instructions below. Submit a summary of your master's thesis or suitable alternative outlining your research in eight to ten or less A4-sized one side pages as per the attached 'Master's Thesis Guidelines and Oral Exam Details for Applicants to the Doctoral Program'. You may attach any additional relevant research papers to the application besides above documents . Attach a Japanese or English translation for documents in other languages. See the Entrance Examination Guideline for details.</p>
i. Essay	All applicants [NOT required for those expect to complete a master's degree or a professional degree in Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Tokyo in March 2027]	<p>Upload the following documents via the Web Application System in accordance with the instructions below. Use the provided format. Maximum length 700 words in English or 1,600 letters in Japanese. About one A4 page. See the Entrance Examination Guideline for details.</p>
j. Declaration of authenticity	All applicants [NOT required for those expect to complete a master's degree or a professional degree in Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Tokyo in March 2027]	<p>Upload the following documents via the Web Application System in accordance with the instructions below. Please sign and submit the provided format. See the Entrance Examination Guideline for details.</p>
k. Score report of TOEFL or IELTS	All applicants [NOT required for those who are exempted from the foreign language exam]	<p>For details such as submission methods and those exempt from submission, please refer to the Web Application System and the attached "Foreign Language (English) Requirement for Doctoral Program in Health Sciences and Nursing"</p>

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	(see 2(4)).]	
l. Certificate of Japanese language ability	Non-Japanese applicants only [NOT required for those who have graduated or are expected to graduate from a Japanese university]	Upload the following documents via the Web Application System in accordance with the instructions below. The certificate must be issued by a Japanese instructor or equivalent person who is able to objectively assess your Japanese language ability. Alternatively, a certificate issued by a Japanese language school is also acceptable. A photocopy of a certificate of successful completion of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test or similar is acceptable
m. Proof of change in name	if applicable	Upload the following documents via the Web Application System in accordance with the instructions below. If any certificate to be submitted is issued under a former surname or name, you must upload a document verifying the name change (e.g. Certificate of Individual Records, Certificate of Acceptance of Marriage Report). .

7. Other important points

- (1) The examination card will be issued in late December 2026 via your My Page on the Web Application System; please print it out and bring it with you on the day of the examination. The “Notes for Examinees” will be sent separately to the email address provided in your application. If you are unable to confirm these at least four days before the examination, please contact the administrative office of this Graduate School (Section 6. Application Procedures (3) Contact Information) for instructions. Following the submission of application documents, changes to the documents or the refund of exam fees will not be allowed under any circumstances. Once application documents are received, they are not returnable.
- (2) Those who wish to maintain their employment at a government office, school, hospital, or private company during enrollment are required to submit a consent form (format optional) from their employer when completing the admission procedures(see 5(3)) above, to the effect that they will enter our school maintaining the employment.
- (3) International students are required to obtain the appropriate visa according to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Cabinet Order No. 319 of 1951) prior to undertaking the admission procedures.
- (4) Admission fees shall not be refunded under any circumstances following the completion of admission procedures.
- (5) The University of Tokyo provides reasonable accommodations to ensure that individuals with disabilities are not disadvantaged during entrance examinations and studies after enrollment, and provides consultations for this purpose. Those who wish to request accommodations for entrance examinations should contact the administrative office indicated in section 6.(3) by 9 November, 2026. Although requests made after the above deadline will still be considered, it is recommended that applicants send their requests well in advance as it may not be possible to provide certain accommodations without sufficient preparation time. (Please refer to the following website for more details: <https://www.m.u-tokyo.ac.jp/daigakuin/apply/appguidemain.html>)

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- (6) Names, addresses, or other personal information obtained from applications will only be used for: ① screening of applicants (application processing & screening); ② the announcement of successful applicants; and ③ tasks related to admission procedures. This personal information will also be used for: ① academic affairs (enrollment records, learning etc.); ② student support (health management, employment assistance, applications for scholarships and exemption from tuition fees, use of libraries, etc.); and ③ collection of tuition fees.
- (7) If any false statement or forgery in the application documents, or if there is clear evidence that there was any fraudulent activity during the examination, that student's admittance may be canceled even after enrolling in or going on to a graduate school.
- (8) The examination results used in the selection of entrants may be used in future studies for the improvement of both the entrance examination and the education at the University of Tokyo.
- (9) The University of Tokyo has established the "The University of Tokyo Security Export Control Regulations" in accordance with Japan's "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act", and rigorously implements security export control for potential students before and after their enrollment on the basis of these regulations. In particular, pre-enrollment screenings are mandatory for all international students and also for Japanese students in certain circumstances. Please be aware that applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in the Act may not receive permission to enroll at the university or may have their research activities restricted after their enrollment even if they have passed the entrance examinations.

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