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## 2027 Application Guide: Doctoral Program School of International Health 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.

The aim of the Doctoral program in the School of International Health / Global Health Sciences is to train international leaders who will pursue advanced research contributing to the understanding of the mechanisms of life, the prevention and cure of disease, and the promotion of health through outstanding scholarship and advanced creative research in all areas of medical science.

## 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) (Note 5).
- (2) Persons who have been awarded or are expected to be awarded by 31 March 2027 (Note 5) a master's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher

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Education (NIAD) in Japan.

- (3) Persons who have been awarded or are expected to be awarded by 31 March 2027 (Note 5) 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 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 31 March, 2027 (Note 5), 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 31 March, 2027 (Note 5) 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 (Note 5) 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 apply to the Graduate School of Medicine's Admission Office (refer to 6(4) below) and submit designated documents required for the review by the below-mentioned dates.

October 2026 entry	Monday, 18 May, 2026
April 2027 entry	Monday, 9 November, 2026

Eligibility review result (October 2026entry) will be notified by Email around Thursday, 21 May, 2026, while the result (April 2027 entry) 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 apply to the Graduate School of Medicine's Administration Office (see 6(4) below) and submit the following documents required for the review by the below-mentioned dates.

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- 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.

Note 5: Those who wish for October 2026 entry, consider "September 30, 2026" instead of "March 31, 2027."

## 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 Official Score Report or an IELTS Test Report Form) (Note 1).
- (3) The secondary exam is only taken by applicants who pass the primary exam, and involves a review of the applicant's master's degree thesis or a suitable alternative, an assessment of the academic transcript, and an oral exam.
- (4) Applicants who have obtained or expected 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 are exempted from the primary exam (Note 2).

Note 1: As for School of International Health, applicants who graduated (or are expected to graduate before entrance) from universities located in countries where English is used as official language can be exempted from submission of TOEFL Official Score Report or IELTS Test Report Form. Those who wish to be exempted from submitting scores should contact administrative staff (email: [in.m@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:in.m@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)) and submit the required documents for individual eligibility review by following date.

【Enrollment for October, 2026】 Monday, May 18, 2026

【Enrollment for April, 2027】 Monday, November 9, 2026

For details, see the ' Foreign Language Requirement for Doctoral Program in International Health' in attached documents..

Note2: Those who wish for October 2026 entry, consider "1 October, 2023 and 30 September, 2026" instead of "1 April, 2024 and 31 March 2027."

## 3. Exam subjects and quotas

Major	Research Fields	Primary Exam	Secondary Exam	Quota
International Health	Global Health Policy	Foreign language assessment	Oral Exam *held online	9*
	Community and Global Health			
	Human Genetics			
	Developmental Medical Sciences	English (assessment based on TOEFL Official Score Report or IELTS Test Report Form)		
	Human Ecology			
	Biomedical Chemistry			
	Global Environmental Health			
International Cooperation for Medical Education				

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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 'Foreign Language Requirement for Doctoral Program in International Health' in attached documents for details on how to submit the TOEFL/IELTS Official Score Report.
- (3) \*Combined quota for students enrolled in October 2026 and April 2027.

#### 4. Exam dates & venues

Category	Primary Exam	Announcement of Primary Exam Results	Secondary Exam
October 2026 entry	Foreign language assessment based on TOEFL Official Score Report or IELTS Test Report Form submitted (by postal mail) upon application	Mid July, 2026 A notification will be Emailed	Tue, 21 July, 2026
April 2027 entry		Late January, 2027 A notification will be Emailed	Mon, 25 Jan, 2027

Notes:

- (1) Applicants will be notified of the foreign language assessment results by Email in mid July, 2026 (October 2026 entry) or in late January, 2027 (April 2027 entry). Successful primary test applicants will also receive an Exam Card and a Notes on the Entrance Examination.
- (2) Applicants seeking admission to the each major should refer to the attachment entitled 'Foreign Language Requirement for Doctoral Program in International Health' for details on how to submit the TOEFL/IELTS Official Score Report.

#### 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 the below-mentioned dates.

October 2026 entry	12:00 p.m. Friday, 4 September, 2026
April 2027 entry	12:00 p.m. Friday, 5 February, 2027

- (2) Those who pass the examinations will receive an admission certificate via the Web Application System in early September 2026 for those enrolling in October 2026, and in late February 2027 for those enrolling in April 2027. Instructions on how to receive the certificate will be announced on the Graduate School's website, so please be sure to check it.
- (3) 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 that will be sent to the Email address indicated in the application form as follows.

October 2026 entry	between within designated period on late September, 2026
April 2027 entry	between within designated period on early March 2027

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

- (4) Estimated costs of admission in 2027

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

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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) Submission period

application for October 2026 entry	between Friday, 5 June and Wednesday, 17 June, 2026
application for April 2027 entry	between Tuesday, 5 January and Thursday, 7 January, 2027

(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](mailto:in.m@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

(4) Application documents

Document	Who should submit	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"><li>• File Format: Only JPG (JPEG) format is accepted.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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</li></ul>

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		<p>to continue with the examination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of Photo After Admission: The photo data will also be used for your Student ID card upon successful admission.</li> </ul>
c. Exam fee (¥30,000)	<p>All applicants except the following:</p> <p>① Persons expected to complete a master's or professional degree course at the University of Tokyo in March 2027.</p> <p>② International students on a Monbukagakusho Scholarship</p> <p>※Students currently enrolled at a different university must submit their official scholarship certificate</p>	<p>Upload the file(s) in accordance with the instructions provided by the Web Application System.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><i>Convenience store &amp; 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 Card</i>' for details on how to make the payment.</p>
d. Certificate of Monbukagakusho Scholarship Student	<p>Monbukagakusho Scholarship Student [Excluding those currently enrolled in this Graduate School (including Research Students)]</p>	<p>Upload the file(s) in accordance with the instructions provided by the Web Application System.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The certificate must include the scholarship period.</li> </ul>
e. Academic transcripts	<p>All applicants</p>	<p>Upload the following documents via the Web Application System in accordance with the instructions below.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must certify master's course and bachelor's results (including liberal arts courses);</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• If the applicant has changed the applicant's university</li> </ul>

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		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]	<p>Upload the following documents via the Web Application System in accordance with the instructions below.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>The degree acquired must be indicated. If the name and the date 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"> <li>• Submit a certificate of the degree conferred, created by the National Institution for Academic Degrees or the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation.</li> </ul>
g. Motivation Letter	All applicants	<p>Upload the following documents via the Web Application System in accordance with the instructions below.</p> <p>Summarize your motivation for applying to the Doctor's Program in the Department of International Health in A4 sized paper by 400-500 words. Write "Motivation Letter", your name and page number on the top left.</p>
h. Research Plan	All applicants	<p>Upload the following documents via the Web Application System in accordance with the instructions below.</p> <p>Summarize your intended research plan in two-page A4, and write 'Research Plan' along with your name and page number at the top left of each page.</p>
i. Master's thesis & abstract  Attach a Japanese or English translation for documents in languages other than English.	All applicants [NOT required for those expected to complete the International Health 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.</p> <p>① Submit your master's thesis or an appropriate alternative (journal offprint is also acceptable, which can be replaced by submitted draft of the paper You must add a proof or acceptance of the paper by a journal if it is before publication).</p> <p>② Submit an abstract of ① on a single A4 page.</p> <p>③ You may attach any additional relevant research papers to the application documents besides ① and ②.</p>

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j. TOEFL Official Score Report or IELTS Test Report Form	All applicants [NOT required for those who are exempt from the primary exam (see 2(4)).]	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 International Health'
k. 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). Photocopy cannot be acceptable.

## 7. Other important points

- (1) The examination card will be issued via your My Page on the Web Application System in mid-July 2026 for applicants for October 2026 admission, and in mid-January 2027 for applicants for April 2027 admission; 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Admission fees shall not be refunded under any circumstances following the completion of admission procedures.
- (6) 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.(4) by 9 November, 2026(April 2027 entry) /18 May, 2026(October 2026 entry). 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> )
- (7) 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

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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.

- (8) 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.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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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