

"Program in English",
for Overseas Master Students in the Graduate School of Health Sciences,
Tokushima University

Application Guidelines (2026) for Privately Funded Students

This brochure provides guidelines to overseas students who wish to study at their own expenses as international students in the Graduate School of Health Sciences, Tokushima University, Japan for the year 2026.

1. FIELDS OF STUDY AND NUMBER OF GRANTEES

- (1) The Graduate School offer courses for a Master degree in the fields of Health Sciences.
- (2) Master of Science (Nursing) or Master of Science (Health Science) degree are available.
- (3) Number of students to be accepted: A few students.

※The capacity of the Master of Science course is a maximum of 27 students; if the number of students enrolled in April reaches the capacity limit, the October entrance exam with may not be conducted.

2. QUALIFICATIONS

(1) Academic Background:

- 1) Those who have graduated or expect to graduate from a university by September 30, 2026*³.
- 2) Those who have completed or expect to complete 16 years of education in universities/institutions abroad by September 30, 2026*³.
- 3) Those who completed or expect to complete 16 years of education by September 30, 2026*³ by studying the relevant subject in Japan through a correspondence course provided by a school abroad.
- 4) Those who have or will have a degree equivalent to that of a bachelor's having completed or expecting to complete by September 30, 2026*³ courses with a term of study for three years or more (which includes the completion of an equivalent degree taken through a correspondence course in Japan provided by a foreign university, and also includes the completion of an equivalent degree issued by an educational institute which is designated as equivalent to those in Japan based on the conditions stated above and is acknowledged as a part of the formal education in the applicant's home country) at a foreign university or another overseas educational institute (limited to those appropriately rated by an accreditation agent of the government of the applicant's home country or by another officially approved accreditation institute, or specifically and independently designated as equivalent by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology).
- 5) The holders of an academic degree higher than a Bachelor's Degree conferred by the

Graduate School of Health Sciences through the individual screening of qualifications, and who will be 22 years of age or older on September 30, 2026*³. *⁴

- 6) Those who enroll for more than three years in a university which is recognized by the prescription of Paragraph 1, Article 83 of the School Education Law by September 30, 2026 *³ (including those who completed more than 15 years of education abroad), AND who are expected to graduate from the Graduate School of Health Sciences with excellent grades.*⁵
- 7) Those who completed a course at a technical school (limited to those whose course term is over four years and who meet other criteria established by MEXT) recognized by MEXT after the date regulated by MEXT.

(2) Health: Applicants must be in good health.

(3) Language Ability: Applicants must have sufficient knowledge and skills in English.

Applicants are required to submit Certificate of English Proficiency, in principle.

(4) Registration: Accepted students must complete all the enrollment procedures within the period set by each graduate school.

*1 Military personnel and military civilian employees are not eligible for admission if they remain on active duty registered on the active list.

*2 Admission will be cancelled if the applicant fails to graduate from his/her undergraduate course by September 30, 2026 *³.

*3 For students planning to enroll in April, 2026, the dates above should be replaced with March 31, 2026.

*4 5) above represents applicants who graduated (or completed) from a junior college (two-year college), technical college or special technical school, or other educational institutions. In addition, before the admission process, these applicants are to undergo individual applicant qualification screening.

*5 Applicants who wish to apply under 6) are required to undergo the individual applicant qualification screening procedure before admission.

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All the following documents must be submitted to the Section of Academic Affairs, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tokushima University through the applicant's supervisor to meet the deadline date set by each graduate school.

(1) Completed application form for admission to Tokushima University: one (original)

(2) Certificates of graduation (or expected graduation) from the undergraduate course attended: one (original)

(3) Official academic transcripts from university attended: one (original)

(4) Certificate of family register or citizenship in the applicant's home country (if applicable)
: one (original) (Applicants from abroad)

- (5) Certificate of Residence (Applicants in Japan): one (original)
- (6) Face photo was ast 6 months (JPEG/JPG format, upper frontal view without hats and caps)
- (7) Application Fee: JPY30, 000.-
- (8) Others
 - 1) Applicants must continuously contact their prospective supervisor to discuss their research program.
 - 2) All the documents should be typed in English on paper of the same size (A4size, preferably).
 - 3) Documents (1) above should be prepared on the prescribed forms by Tokushima University.
 - 4) In Document (1), recommendation letter to the president of Tokushima University must be made by the Dean of the applicant's undergraduate/graduate school or the Head of the applicant's department/institution.
 - 5) No application will be accepted unless all the documents mentioned above are fully and accurately completed. Any application arriving after the deadline will not be accepted.
 - 6) The documents once submitted will not be returned to applicants for any reason.
 - (Note 1) Application fee must be paid at the time of application.
 - (Note 2) Application fee, once paid, will not be refundable for any reasons.

4. SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

- (1) Admission will be based on the results of an online personal interview, application documents, in principle.
- (2) Acceptance will be announced to successful applicants in advance to the admission procedure.

5. ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

- (1) Enrollment procedures must be completed within the period set by the graduate school.
 - If the enrollment procedures are not completed in the period, the admission will be cancelled.
- (2) School Fee and documents required for admission
 - 1) Enrollment Fee: JPY282, 000.-
 - 2) Tuition Fee: JPY267, 900 - for six months (JPY535, 800 - per year)
 - 3) It is necessary to submit all completed documents required by Tokushima University for enrollment.

Note: The above-mentioned Enrollment Fee and Tuition Fee are valid for the academic year 2025 and subject to change. IF these fees are revised at the time of entrance or during enrollment, the newly revised fees are to be applied from the date of revision.

6. DATE OF ADMISSION: April 1, 2026 and October 1, 2026.

7. NOTES

- (1) Admitted students are advised to have some general knowledge on Japanese climate, customs

and manners, and university education and conditions before coming to Japan. Studying and research are conducted in English, but admitted students are strongly advised to study the Japanese language for daily life.

(2) About Security Export Control

Tokushima University has established the ‘Tokushima University Security Export Control Regulations’ based on the ‘Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act’ and rigorously determines the acceptance of students by considering the goods exported, the technology provided, and the exchanges in human resources that will take place. If your activities fall within the ambit of any of these regulations, your desired research activities may be restricted, or you may not be able to take certain coursework. Hence, please be careful when you are applying and take any necessary precautions such as consulting with your prospective academic advisor before submitting your application.

For details, please refer to the Center for Research Administration & Collaboration website below:

<https://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/ccr/active/ip/yusyutsukanri/yusyutsu.html>

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