2027

Graduate School of Oral Sciences
Tokushima University

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

1. Admission Policy

The Graduate School of Oral Sciences, Doctor Course of Oral Sciences Program aims to foster human resources who study academic theories and applications about oral science and other relevant areas, have wide range of scientific basis, and can play a leading role in the education, research, clinic, and dental administration. For this purpose, we seek the following candidates.

●Ideal candidates

(Knowledge, technique, interest and motivation)

Those who have interests in and passion about oral science, and have outstanding knowledge and technique about oral science and clinical practice required in a 6-year dentistry course, have the ability to leading by polishing up their knowledge and technique, and have a motivation to make progress for oral science and solve social problems.

(Ability to think, judge, and express oneself)

Those who respect bioethics and try to develop and practice oral care based on logical thinking and scientific basis.

(Attitude to work with self-direction and learn together with various people)

Those who are independent and work through social and regional problem, accept others' opinion to solve the problem, and try to work together to develop an international society and community.

2. Necessary Qualifications for Applicants

Prior to admission, the applicant is desirable to be able to communicate in Japanese and must be qualified according to one of the following categories:

1) The applicant must have completed a total of 18 years of formal schooling. The final school course must have been in dentistry, medicine, pharmacy or veterinary medicine.
2) The applicant must have completed or will have completed at least 18 years of formal school education of a foreign country by studying the relevant subject in Japan via correspondence course provided by a school of the country by March 31, 2027. The final school course must have been in dentistry, medicine, pharmacy or veterinary medicine.
3) The applicant must have completed a total of 16 years of formal schooling in dentistry, medicine, pharmacy or veterinary medicine, and be judged by Tokushima University, Graduate School of Oral Sciences to have superior scholastic ability.

4) The applicant must be judged by Tokushima University, Graduate School of Oral Sciences to have equivalent scholastic ability to that of Japanese university graduates.
5) The applicant must have already successfully completed, or expect to complete on or before March 31, 2027, a course of study abroad (the graduate of which must have completed an 18-year course in the educational system and completed dentistry, medicine, pharmacy or veterinary medicine as his/her final school course) that has been assessed in Japan to have university-level courses in that education system comparable to those in Japan and specifically designated as such by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
6) The applicant has already had or expects to have a degree corresponding to that of a bachelor's or professional's through the completion of courses with a term of study for five years or more by March 31, 2027 (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).

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3. Application Procedures

1) Application Period
July 1 (Wednesday) - July 14 (Tuesday), 2026.
※In cases of 3) and 4) of above categories, the applicant should fill in "Pre-Judgment Form," prepare "Official Transcript" and "Certificate of Graduation," and then send them the Student Affairs Office by June 23 (Tuesday), 2026.
2) Applications should be mailed or brought in person at the following times:
9:00-17:00 (From Monday to Friday)
to the following address:
Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
Graduate School of Oral Sciences
Tokushima University
3-18-15 Kuramoto, Tokushima 770-8504
Japan

4. Necessary Documents for Application

Note: You must obtain prior approval from the professor of your desired department before applying.
1) Completed APPLICATION FORM and APPLICANT'S CARD
2) Official Transcript
A transcript sealed by the appropriate authority of the university from which the applicant

has graduated or will be graduating.

3) Certificate of Graduation

A Certificate of Graduation from the last school attended or an official letter stating the expected date of graduation from the university which the applicant is attending.

4) Examination fee of 30,000 yen

If you are an applicant residing in Japan, please make payment by postal account transfer and receive "Certificate of Payment (for application): *kentei-ryo harai-komi shomeisho* (*syutsugan-you*)". Applicants must put it on "Certificate of Payment of Entrance Examination Fee" (the form attached on these guidelines) and submit the form along with the other application materials. Examination fee is non-refundable.

If you are an applicant residing outside Japan, payment by credit card is available by making an online application through "International Students Portal" of the University's website.

https://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/isc/admission/

Foreign students supported by a scholarship from the Japanese Government and the applicants who are presently in the Master's program in this university are exempted from the examination fee.

5) Photograph

Affix one photograph each to the Application Form and Application Card in the places indicated.

This photograph should be

1) Taken within 3 months before application.
2) Front view of the head, with no hat, and body to the waist.
3) 5.0 cm x 4.0 cm (length x width), with no margin.

6) Certificate of Residence

Foreign students who are residing in Japan must submit a Certificate of Residence issued by their municipality.

5. Date and Place of Examination

1) English Examination

Date and Time: August 18 (Tuesday), 2026, 10:00-12:00

Note: In the English Examination, use of one hard copy dictionary is permitted. However, use of either the technical dictionary such as medical dictionaries or the electronic dictionary is prohibited.

2) Examination in subjects

As subjects of examination, applicants must choose 1 subject (Applicants' main Department) from 20 subjects in item 10

Examination questions are given in both Japanese and English. Applicants are allowed to answer in either Japanese or English.

Date and Time: August 18 (Tuesday), 2026, 13:00-14:00

3) Interviews

Interviews will be held in both Japanese and English about a research and study project

of choice.

Date and Time: August 18 (Tuesday), 2026, 14:30-

4) Place of Examination

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Japan

6. Announcement of Examination Results

1) Date: September 18 (Friday), 2026, 10:00 am
2) Place:

The results will be mailed to the applicants and also uploaded to the portal site of "Faculty of Dentistry in Tokushima University."
URL: https://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/dent/

Note: The university will not accept any telephone or telegram inquiries about the results of the admission examination.

7. Payment for the First Year

1) Admission fee and Tuition (2026 basis)
(a) Admission fee: 282,000 yen
Foreign students supported by a scholarship from the Japanese Government and the applicants who are presently in the Master's program in this university are exempted from the admission fee.
(b) Tuition : 267,900 yen for the first semester (Annually 535,800 yen)
Foreign students supported by a scholarship from the Japanese Government are exempted from the tuition.
2) Casualty and accident insurance for students' education and research : 3,370 yen (covers four years)
3) Tokushima University student affairs fund: 11,000 yen (covers four years)
Note: In case of increase in the tuition during the period of study, students are required to pay the additional fee.

8. Tokushima University International Office

For international applicants, on the following website, we provide information regarding each faculty, graduate school, teachers/researchers, admission procedures, scholarships, dormitories, and employment assistance after completion of the academic course.

Visit the "Tokushima University International Office" site to understand more about Tokushima University.

URL: https://www.isc.tokushima-u.ac.jp/english/

9. 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:

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

Contact information for inquiries:
Intellectual Property and Legal Division
Center for Research Administration & Collaboration
Tel：+81-88-656-9773
E-mail：iag-safety@tokushima-u.ac.jp

10. Information Specific to Each Department

You can see each research department on the homepage of the Faculty of Dentistry, Tokushima University. Please “Directory of research department”, and then you can see “Basic Departments” and “Clinical Departments”. Please get the information there.

URL: https://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/dent/english/research/index.html