2027
Graduate School of Oral Sciences
Tokushima University (Master's Course)

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

1. Admission Policy

In Oral Health Science, we cultivate human resources who can play an active role in the oral health and longevity and welfare science. We aim to develop a researcher who has a special knowledge/technieque, inquisitive mind, high regard for humanity and a sense of ethics and can lead the best education for future dental hygienist or a specialist who can contribute for a realization of a society of health and longevity. We also seek applicants who can deal with a problem actively and work in harmony.

●Ideal candidates (Master's Course)

(Knowledge, technique, interest and motivation)

Those who have basic knowledge about general and specialized subjects in undergraduate school, excellent communication skills, deep interest in oral health science and can play an active role in the education or research area.

(Ability to think, judge, and express oneself)

Those who have acquired critical thinking and judgment to be a specialist in the area of health and welfare, respect the sanctity of life, and try to develop a rich sense of humanity.

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

Those who can work together with colleagues in related areas, contribute as a specialist and can have a leading role in the area of health and welfare service.

2. Field of study and number of position/s available

Major	Duration	Degree	Number of Position/s Available
Master's Course of Oral Health Science	2 years	Master of Oral Health Science	A few

3. Qualifications for Application

General Entrance Examination Applicants must satisfy **one** of the following requirements

(1) Those who have graduated or expect to graduate from a university which is regulated by Paragraph 1, Article 83 of the School Education Law by March 31, 2027.

(2) Those who have received or expect to receive (by March 31, 2027) a bachelor's degree regulated by the prescription of Paragraph 7, Article 104 of the School Education Law.
(3) Those who have completed or will complete sixteen-years of verifiable school education in a foreign country by March 31, 2027.
(4) Those who have completed or expect to complete 16 years of education by March 31, 2027 by studying the relevant subject/s in Japan through a correspondence course provided by the school abroad.
(5) Those who have completed a 16-year course at an overseas educational institution as required by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (hereinafter referred to as "MEXT") , or be expected to do so by the end of March 31, 2027.
(6) Those who have already had or expect to have a degree corresponding to that of a bachelor's through the completion of courses with a term of study for three 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 MEXT).
(7) Those who have completed or are expected to complete the specialized course at a technical school (limited to those whose course term is over 4 years and who meet other criteria established by MEXT) recognized by MEXT after the date designated by MEXT.
(8) Those who are recognized by MEXT in accordance with 1953 Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Notification No. 5.
(9) Those who studied at a university for 3 years or longer and who are recognized as acquiring the units required by the graduate school with appropriate grades.
(10) Those who are qualified by the Graduate School of Oral Sciences as having academic standards equivalent to those of university or college graduates in Japan and who have reached 22 years old.

4. Screening of Individual Applicant Qualification

Applicants who apply through (9) or (10) of the **General Entrance Examination Applicants** requirements stated above, must undergo the individual applicant qualification screening process in advance.

(1) Application Outlines

①Application Period:

June 23 (Tuesday), 2026 (expect weekends and holidays)

(No later than the date)

②Application Procedure

- Applicants must send to Educational Affairs unit the required documents by post (via registered mail or registered express mail to reach the office by the deadline) or bring to Educational Affairs unit by yourself.

(Please refer to page 9 for information about the address on where to submit the documents.)

③Announcement of Results

- The results of the application screening will be sent by post to applicants by July 3 (Friday), 2026.
- Successful applicants must proceed with the application during the prescribed period.

(2) Screening Method

① Screening of individual applicant qualification is based on the submitted documents.

② The screening for applicants who meet the requirements (10) will be conducted according to the following:

- More than 3 years of practical working experience.
- Professional/academic performance (publication of academic papers, presentation at scientific meetings, etc.)

(3) Documents to be submitted

Applicants who apply by fulfilling qualification (10) must submit the documents stipulated below.

Documents	Summary
① Application Form for Applicant's Qualification	Page 4 of the designated forms.
② Official Transcript from previous institution	A transcript issued by your last educational institution in a sealed envelope.
③ Certification of Graduation	It must be prepared and sealed by an official of the institution.
④ Resume	Page 2 of the application form.

⑤ List of Achievements	Submissions must be typed on A4 paper. - Describe your dissertations in each of the categories: all authors' name, title, name of journal, page numbers, and the date of presentation on the document where the academic paper's information is referred. - Describe your conference presentations in each of the categories: all presenters' name, title, name, and the date of the conference on the document referring to the information on academic conferences ※ Please submit a copy of dissertation or abstract at the same time.
⑥ Graduation requirements of previous institution	Attach a written document indicating the requirements for graduation.
⑦ Certificate of Job Tenure	A certificate signed by the manager of your previous and/or current workplace depicting your job tenure and position (free format)
⑧ Return-mail envelope for notification of results (Only those who are living in Japan.)	A 120 mm x 235 mm *(nagagata san-gou)* envelope with applicant's home address, name, postal code, and 410 yen stamp.

For the evaluation procedure of applicant qualification (9), please ask the personnel in charge (refer to page 9) for details to evaluate according to another regulation.

5. Necessary Documents for Application

(1) Application Procedure

Please submit the following documents by the deadline to Educational Affairs unit in the Faculty of Dentistry.

Note: You must obtain prior approval from the professor of your desired department before applying.

List of Application Documents

Documents	Summary
① APPLICATION FORM	The Application Form is attached to these guidelines. Complete both pages.
② APPLICANT'S CARD	Affix one photograph to the Application Form and Applicant's Card in the spaces indicated. This photograph should be: 1) Taken within 3 months before application.

	2) Full-face and upper half of body. Do not wear a hat. 3) 5.0 cm x 4.0 cm (length x width) with no margin.
③ Official Transcript	A transcript in a sealed envelope issued by your last educational institution where you have graduated or will be graduating.
④ Certificate of Graduation	The certificate must be issued by your last educational institution. In case you dropped out of school before completing the course, please submit either a “Certificate of Withdrawal” or a “Certificate of Enrollment Period.”
⑤ Degree Certificate by NIAD-UE Dissertation	Only for those who received a degree issued by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation.
⑥ Research Proposal	Complete the form attached to these-guidelines.
⑦ Copy of Dental Hygienist License	For those who have a Dental Hygienist License.
⑧ Certificate of Residence or a copy of passport	Submit “Certificate of Residence” issued by your municipality of residence or a copy of your passport.
⑨ Examination fee	If the applicant is residing in Japan, please make payment by bank transfer and receive “Certificate of Payment” or “*Kentei-ryo harai-komi shomeisho”* for this application. Applicants must paste it on the attached form to these guidelines, “Certificate of Payment of Entrance Examination Fee” and submit the form with the other application materials. Examination fee is nonrefundable. If the applicant is residing outside Japan, paying by credit card (ex: VISA, MasterCard, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS et al.) or China Union Pay is available through our online application system, “International Students Portal: （https://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/isc/admission/） .”
⑩ Return-mail Envelope to send the Admission Ticket (Only those who are living in Japan.)	Write your postal code, address, and name on the env elope. Paste 410 yen stamp for express mail. （A 120 mm x 235 mm (*nagagata san-gou*)）

*1. If the relevant documents for ③ and ④ were accredited during the screening process, applicants do not need to submit them again.

*2. If your current name is different from the name on your certificates, please attach an official document (e.g., a family register extract) that clarifies the relationship between your old and new names.

(2) Application Period

July 1 (Wednesday), 2026 ~July 14 (Tuesday), 2026 (except weekends and holidays)
Office hours are from 9:00 to 17:00.
Application documents must be brought or delivered by 17:00 on July 14 (Tuesday), 2026.

(3) How to Submit

Use the relevant forms and send by registered express mail or bring applications to the address referred to on page 9.

(4) Important Reminders for Applicants

- Incomplete application forms or other documents to be submitted will not be accepted.
- Use a black ballpoint pen and complete the application correctly.
- Changes on applications after submission are not acceptable. However, in case there is a change of your name, address, or telephone number, please contact Educational Affairs unit, Faculty of Dentistry.
- No refunds will be issued once your application or entrance examination fees have been received.
- An APPLICANT'S CARD will be sent to each applicant after receiving applicants' documents. Please contact Educational Affairs unit in the Faculty of Dentistry if the APPLICANT'S CARD has not been delivered within three days before the examination date.
- Your admission may be cancelled if Educational Affairs unit finds out that your application contains misleading information.

6. Prior Consultation

- Prior to application, please contact the supervisor whom you intend to get instruction and consult him/her about your research plan or any other matters.
- The contact information for arranging prior consultation is in the following website.

https://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/dent/

- For any other inquiries, please contact the personnel in charge (refer to page 9 for details).

7. Admission Process

(1) Admission Process

- The university will comprehensively screen and select successful applicants based on the Entrance Examination (Specialized Subject and English), interview, and application documents including your Research Proposal.
- Interviews will be given individually.

(2) Entrance Examination

- "Specialized subjects" will be based on basic questions including the following:
  - ・Structure and function of human body and oral cavity
  - ・Social oral health care and prevention
  - ・Clinical dentistry
  - ・Dental preventive treatment
  - ・Dental health guidance

  These examinations are given in both Japanese and English. Applicants are allowed to answer in either Japanese or English.
- "English" will be based on documents in English about general oral health and welfare.
- You may bring one hard copy dictionary to the examination, but electronic and technical dictionaries are not allowed.
- "Interview" will be evaluated based on applicant's attitude, power of expressions, understanding, and cooperativeness including knowledge of specialized subjects.

8. Date and Place of Examination

Date	Time	Subject
August 18 (Tuesday), 2026	10:00-12:00	English (You may bring one hard copy dictionary to the examination, but electronic and technical dictionaries are not allowed.)
	13:00-14:00	Specialized Subject
	14:30-	Interview

9. Announcement of Successful Applicants

September 18 (Friday),2026 10:00am

- The examination number of successful applicants will be uploaded to the portal site .

URL: https://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/dent/

In addition, successful applicants will receive a letter of acceptance by post.

- Results will not be available by telephone.

10. Enrollment Procedure

An outline of the enrollment procedure is provided below. Successful applicants will be contacted with more detailed information.

(1) The period of enrollment procedure will be announced around March 2027.

(2) How to go through the admission procedure

- Successful applicants need to send the necessary documents for the enrollment procedure by registered mail or registered express letter, or bring them to the address on page 9.

  If this enrollment procedure is not completed within the specified period, your admission will be cancelled.

(3) Expenses Required upon Entrance

・Entrance fee: 282,000 yen (planned)

・Other fees:

"Casualty and accident insurance for students' education and research," and "Tokushima University student affairs fund": Around 9000 yen.

These fees may change, so details will be sent to applicants.

*1. The entrance fee will not be refundable for any reasons.

*2. The tuition fee: 267,900 yen /semester (535,800 yen/ year, planned)

If fees are revised before entrance or while enrolled in the Graduate School, the revised tuition fees will be applied.

*3. A request can be made to pay the second semester tuition at the same time that payment is made for the first semester.

11. Prior Consultation regarding Applicants with Disabilities

Applicants with a disability who need special assistance during the examination and enrollment period should consult the university before June 23 (Tuesday), 2026 through the contact information listed on page 9.

12. 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/

13. 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
Mail：iag-safety@tokushima-u.ac.jp

How to get the application guideline

Please download from the following address.
https://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/dent/admission/info/in_yoko/

<For Inquiries regarding the required documents for application, qualifications, screening, and admission>
Section of Graduate School, Educational Affairs unit
Graduate School of Oral Sciences
Tokushima University
3-18-15 Kuramoto-cho, Tokushima 770-8504
TEL: +81-88-633-7310
FAX: +81-88-631-4215
Mail: isygakumu2k@tokushima-u.ac.jp

Detailed Description of Research Field (Master's Course)

Department	Laboratory Chief	Major Research Fields
Oral Health Care Management	Professor FUJIWARA Natsumi	・Relationship with oral cancer and *Fusobacterium nucleatum* ・Effects of LAB(Lactic acid bacteria) for preventing oral infection ・Effects of organic fluorinated compounds in an oral cavity ・Effects of the clinical training for dental hygiene students used qualitative research
Hygiene and Oral Health Science	Professor HINODE Daisuke	・Clinical study of halitosis based on the bacteriological aspects ・Intervention study related QOL by the professional oral health care ・Development of oral health promotion at school ・The study of oral health during pregnacy ・The epidemiological study of oral health related to the enviornmental factor
Oral Health Care Promotion	Professor OZAKI Kazumi	・Study on the relationship between periodontal disease and systemic disease ・Study on antibacterial and antibiofilm effects of novel compounds to oral bacteria ・ Construction of test design for practical evaluation using OSCE method in the dental hygienist education ・ Effect of ICT support services on oral care for the elderly both at home and in nursing-care facilities ・ Development of ICT devices that contribute to prevention of decline in cognitive and oral functions

Oral Health Care and Rehabilitation	Professor MATSUYAMA Miwa	・Development of a percutaneous electrical stimulation device to improve age-related dry mouth ・Development of a screening test device for assessing swallowing function using respiratory function assessment ・Establishment of a new method for evaluating swallowing function using ultrasonography ・Image analysis to verify the effectiveness of dysphagia rehabilitation
Oral Health Science and Social Welfare	Professor KATAOKA Kosuke	・Development of a nasal vaccine adjuvant with anti-immune aging effects and clarification of its mechanisms ・Establishment and implementation of a new periodontal disease prevention method based on peptides derived from human salivary proteins ・Elucidation of the mechanism of salivary antigen-specific secretory IgA antibody production ・Development of a new adjuvant to enhance salivary antigen-specific secretory IgA antibody production for infection prevention ・Exploration of new functions of saliva secretory-IgA antibodies ・Elucidation of the functions of a novel mucosal adjuvant aimed at the development of an atherosclerosis prevention vaccine ・Effects of a rare sugar on Candida growth and hyphal germination ・Promotion activities for the application of fluoride in school dental health for caries prevention ・Research on the relationship between oral health literacy and social frailty ・Regional disparities in oral frailty and oral health literacy

Community Medical and Welfare	Professor GOTO Takaharu	・Effects of IKIGAI on health ・Development of social support systems for subjects with higher brain dysfunction ・Research on brain function and sensory perception ・Research on the community-based integrated care system ・Research on frailty ・Establishing approaches for the subject with unknown health conditions ・Research on the ideal form of a community coexistence society

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