"Integrated Interdisciplinary Health Care Graduate Program in English", for Overseas Ph.D. Students in the Graduate Schools of Tokushima University

Application Guidelines（2027）for Privately Funded Students 【Graduate School of Oral Sciences】

This brochure provides guidelines to overseas students who wish to study at their own expenses as international students in the Graduate Schools of Tokushima University, Japan for the year 2027.

1. FIELDS OF STUDY AND NUMBER OF GRANTEES

(1) The Graduate Schools offer courses for a Ph.D. degree in the fields of Oral Sciences , Oral Health Sciences.

(2) Number of students to be accepted: a few

2. QUALIFICATIONS

(1) Academic Background:

①Graduate School of Oral Sciences（Ph.D. degree in the fields of Oral Health Sciences）

1) Those who have received or are expected to receive, by September 30, 2027 *[1], a Master's degree or a professional degree from a Japanese university.

2) Those who have received or are expected to receive, by September 30, 2027 *[1], a degree, equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree of a Japanese university, from a university abroad.

3) Those who have received or are expected to receive, by September 30, 2027 *[1], a degree, equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree, by studying the relevant subjects in Japan via correspondence course provided by a school of a foreign country.

4) Those who have completed and earned or are expected to complete and earn, by September 30, 2027 *[1], a Master's degree or a degree that corresponds to a professional degree at an educational institution abroad which is assessed in Japan to have graduate school courses abroad in the school education system and specifically designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

5) Those who have completed the United Nations University and have received a degree equivalent to a Master's degree.

6) Those who have completed a course of a foreign school, an educational institution designated in item 4) above or the United Nations University; passed an examination or a screening which corresponds to those prescribed in Article 16, paragraph 2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools; and are qualified to have academic standard equivalent

to or higher than those who hold a Master's degree.

7) Those who are specially designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

8) Those who are qualified, through individual Entrance Qualification Examination, by the Admission Committee for the Interdisciplinary Health Care Graduate Program in English, the University of Tokushima, to have academic standard equivalent to or higher than those who are prescribed in item 1) above, and those who have reached 24 years of age by September 30, 2027. *[1]

②Graduate School of Oral Sciences（Ph.D. degree in the fields of Oral Sciences）

1) Those who have received or are expected to receive, by September 30, 2027 *[1], a Bachelor's degree (Medicine, Dentistry, a 6-year Pharmacy or a 6-year Veterinary Medicine) from a Japanese university.

2) Those who have received or are expected to receive, by September 30, 2027 *[1], a Bachelor's degree (Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine) from National Institute for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation of Japan.

3) Those who have completed or are expected to complete, by September 30, 2027 *[1], 18-year schooling (current major should be either Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine) outside of Japan.

4) Those who have completed or are expected to complete, by September 30, 2027 *[1], 18-year schooling (current major should be Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine) by studying the relevant subjects in Japan via correspondence course provided by a school of a foreign country.

5) Those who have completed, by September 30, 2027 *[1], 18-year schooling (current major should be Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine) at an educational institution abroad which is assessed in Japan to have equivalent school courses in the school education system and specifically designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

6) Those who have a degree equivalent to that of a bachelor's through the completion of courses with a term of study for five 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).

7) Those who are specially designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science

and Technology.

8) Those who are recognized to have achieved enough academic outcomes by the Admission Committee for the Interdisciplinary Health Care Graduate Program in English and have studied under the faculty of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine of a university for more than four years or have completed 16-year schooling (including a course for Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine) in a foreign country.

9) Those who are qualified, through individual Entrance Qualification Examination, by the Admission Committee for the Interdisciplinary Health Care Graduate Program in English of Tokushima University, to have academic standard equivalent to or higher than those who are prescribed in item 1) above, and those who have reached 24 years of age by September 30, 2027*[1].

(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.
Score certificates must be valid at the deadline and must have been issued for tests taken within the past two years.

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

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

(Note 2) Admission will be cancelled if the applicant fails to graduate from his/her undergraduate or master course by September 30, 2027 *[1].

*1 For students planning to enroll in April, 2027, the dates above should be replaced with March 31, 2027.

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All the following documents must be submitted to the Section of Academic Affairs, Faculty of Dentistry, Tokushima University through the applicant's supervisor.

Applicant planning to enroll in April 2027 : November 13, 2026

Applicant planning to enroll in October 2027 : June 4, 2027

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

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

(3) Official academic transcripts from university and/or graduate school attended: one（original）

(4) Thesis by which the applicant earned his/her master's degree or its equivalent（in English）
: one（copy）

If the applicant attended a master's program which does not require a master's thesis, please state so and submit its equivalent. A graduate of a medical or dental school needs not submit a bachelor's thesis.

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

(6) Certificate of Residence (Applicants in Japan): one (original)

(7) ID photo taken within the last six months (JPEG/JPG format, front-view portrait without hat or cap). Apart from basic adjustments to brightness or color, any digital alteration that changes facial features (e.g., enlarging the eyes, slimming the jawline, reshaping facial contours) is not permitted.)

(8) Application Fee: JPY30,000.-

(9) 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 in cash 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) Each graduate school at Tokushima University will select applicants according to the criteria based on the admission policy.
Selection of applicants from abroad will be conduced by the screening of 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 each 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 2026 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, 2027 and October 1, 2027

7. FEATURES OF GRADUATE COURSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

(1) The scope of the courses covers all aspects of medicine, nutrition, health sciences, dentistry and pharmaceutical sciences relevant to biomedical sciences.

(2) Students will engage in studying and research using English and are expected to acquire enough capacity to work for international organizations such as World Health Organization (WHO), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), academic or research institutions as well as governmental agencies .The courses are also intended to make Japanese students able to discuss scientific matters in English.

(3) Students must submit a dissertation on their research work to the Graduate Schools at Tokushima University. If the Graduate Schools accept the dissertation as adequate for a doctor's degree, grantees will be awarded Ph.D. degree.

8. 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

Contact information for inquiries:

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9. CORRESPONDENCE

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