

**Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine (Doctoral Course)**  
**Application Guide to April 2018 Admission**

This information is intended for prospective students to the Graduate School of Medicine (general guidance only).

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**1. Quota and Research Field**

Quota for April 2018 admission (Application in autumn): 100

Research Field:

Please visit the following website.

**<http://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/research/field/index.html>**

**For more details, please contact Graduate Student Affairs Section at [kobegsm@med.kobe-u.ac.jp](mailto:kobegsm@med.kobe-u.ac.jp).**

- (Note1) Please indicate on the application form the division you wish to apply to.
- (Note2) Before making application, please contact a professor of the division you wish to apply to, check availability and discuss your research theme.
- (Note3) Quota includes international students.

**2. Eligibility**

Applicants must meet one of the following entry requirements:

- (1) Those who have completed, or are scheduled to complete by the time of admission, 18 years of school education (ending with a course in medicine, dentistry, a six-year course in pharmacy or a six-year course in veterinary medicine).
- (2) Those who, after completing 16 years of school education (not excluding the courses of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and veterinary medicine ), have engaged in more than 2 years of research at universities or equivalent research organizations.
- (3) Those who have reached 24 years old and are recognized by Graduate School of Medicine to have the same or even higher academic competence than medical school graduates.

\* For more information about your eligibility please contact the Graduate Student Affairs Section.

(Note) Prescreening of eligibility for application

Those who have completed a bachelor's degree course or master's degree course in a country other than Japan, or those received a bachelor's degree or master's degree from a university located abroad are required to go through prescreening of eligibility before submitting their application. If this is the case, please report to a professor of the division you wish to apply to by the date shown below. Then, submit the documents required for prescreening during the prescreening application period. Only after you pass the prescreening, you will be able to submit your application.

Report to the professor by: **August 10 (Thu), 2017**

Prescreening application period:

**August 21 (Mon), 2017–August 25 (Fri), 2017**

Office hours: 9:00am to 4:00pm (Mon-Fri)

Download the prescreening application format at:

<http://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/GRADN/nyuushi/jizensinsa/jizensinsa.html>

### 3. When/Where to apply

Application period for April 2018 admission (Application in autumn):

**September 20 (Wed) - 27 (Wed), 2017**, 9:00am to 16:00pm (Mon-Fri)

If you submit your application by postal mail, send it by registered mail and write in red ink on the front of the envelope, "Application for Graduate School of Medicine is enclosed."

Submit completed applications and all required documents to:

Graduate Student Affairs Section  
Kobe University School of Medicine  
7-5-1 Kusunoki-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe  
650-0017, Japan

### 4. How to apply

Prepare and submit the following documents during the abovementioned period.

(1) Application form

Fill in the form and attach a photo to it.

(2) Academic transcripts

This should bear official signature/seal of President or Dean of the university you have attended.

(3) Certificate of graduation or estimated graduation

(4) Examination slip

Fill in the form and attach a photo to it.

(5) Recommendation letter

Recommendation letter must be addressed to President of Kobe University and signed by President, Dean or Research Advisor/Professor of the school applicants are attending, last attended or graduated from. If the letter is

written in other languages than Japanese or English, please attach its Japanese or English translation. (6) Application fee: 30,000 YEN: Please refer to "How to Pay Application Fees in Foreign Countries", which is attached to the application form.

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(7) Address slip

Fill in the form. This will be used to send your application result.

(8) Certificate of completion or estimated completion

Only those who have completed or are expected to complete a Master's Course are required to submit.

(9) Written consent of your employer

Applicants who have a job and will continue to work after being enrolled in the school must submit this consent form signed by the head of the organization they work for.

(10) Certificate of residence or a copy of residence card

Non-Japanese applicants residing in Japan at the time of application must submit this.

(11) Self-addressed envelope

This will be used to send your examination slip if your application is sent by postal mail. Enclose a self-addressed (332mm×240mm) envelope with the necessary amount of postage.

(12) Official test score of TOEFL (Examinee's Score Record), TOEIC (Official Score Certificate) or IELTS (Test Report Form)

The test score must be in a sealed envelope and will be considered valid only if the test was taken within 2 years of your application date.

## 5. Selection

Selection will be made by comprehensively evaluating the result of examinations and the documents submitted by applicants.

### 5-1. Subjects of examinations, scoring and evaluation

(1) Foreign language (paper-based examination)

Examinees are allowed to use one paper dictionary; Electronic dictionaries are not permitted.

Foreign language: English

Allotment of marks: 100 points

Evaluation criteria: General command of English will be assessed.

Even if you have submitted the score record of 4-(12), you are required to take the foreign language (English) examination.

We will use your highest score for selection.

(2) Oral examination:

Allotment of marks: 100 points

Evaluation criteria: Comprehensively evaluate the applicant's interest in the fields of his/her choice, aptitude, motivation and logicity.

(3) Total allotment of marks: 200 points

## **5-2. Date and place of the examination**

Examination Date for April 2018 admission (Application in autumn):

**October 21 (Sat), 2017**

Place: Campus of School of Medicine, Kobe University

Time and Subject:

9:00-10:30 Foreign language (English)

11:30- Oral examination

## **6. Announcement of successful applicants**

A list of successful applicants will be posted at the west entrance of Administrative Building of the School on the day specified below. In addition, a letter of acceptance will be sent to the successful applicants through the division they applied to. We do not respond to any inquiries about the selection results by phone.

Date and Time of Announcement:

**Nov. 24 (Fri), 2017** at 2 pm

## **7. Entrance Procedures**

Accepted applicants are required to complete the entrance procedures on **December 12 (Tue), 2017** (for April 2017 admission).

## **8. Admission fee and tuition**

Admission fee: 282,000 Yen (tentative)

Tuition fee: 535,800 Yen per year (tentative)

(Note) If the amount of tuition changes during your period of study at the School, the new fee will immediately apply.

## **9. Miscellaneous**

- (1) Once you have submitted your application, you will not be able to make any changes to your application. Furthermore, neither the application fee nor the application form will be returned.
- (2) If your address (contact address) should change after submitting your application please notify us immediately of your new address.

## Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases

- (1) Regarding submission of a certificate demonstrating inoculation and an antibody test against measles and rubella:

Kobe University has implemented the *Measles and Rubella Registration Policy*, and all newly enrolled Kobe University students must submit one of the following three certificates (①, ②, or ③) to prevent a possible outbreak of measles and rubella on campus.

Please note that students admitted into the following schools should submit either ① or ③: School of Medicine (Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Health Sciences), the Graduate School of Medicine, or the Graduate School of Health Sciences.

- ① A vaccination certificate to prove that you were inoculated against measles and rubella (twice each) .
  - ② A vaccination certificate to prove that you were inoculated with measles and rubella vaccines each within the last five years .
  - ③ An antibody certificate verifying that you have sufficient antibody titer in your blood (refer to the chart next page) to prevent the development of measles and rubella, based on the results of an antibody test performed within the last five years.
- \* For ① and ②, it can be a combined vaccine of measles and rubella vaccines (e.g., MR vaccine).
  - \* For ① and ②, the certificate must be issued by an accredited medical institution and state the type of vaccine and the date of inoculation.
  - \* For ③, the certificate must specify the measuring method and the measured values of antibody titer in your blood (refer to the next page), and it must satisfy the judging standard listed in the chart. A blood test report sheet itself can be accepted for submission. If the antibody titer in your blood is insufficient, you must receive the necessary vaccination, and submit either ① or ②.
  - \* You may submit a combination of ①, ②, and ③ (e.g., ① for measles, and ③ for rubella).
  - \* If the antibody titer level is below requirements, yet you cannot be inoculated with vaccines for some reason (e.g., illness or body composition), please submit an official document (for example, a certificate issued by the doctor) explaining why.

### <Submission Period and Place of Submission>

- All successful undergraduate and graduate applicants enrolling in April (except the Graduate School of Medicine, the Graduate School of Health Sciences, and the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences):  
Submit the certificate when you register at the Medical Center for Student Health (Rokkodai) during your routine medical check-up scheduled for early April.
  - All successful graduate applicants enrolling in April (the Graduate School of Medicine, the Graduate School of Health Sciences, and the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences):  
Submit the certificate by mid April to the following: Students of the Graduate School of Medicine should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health, Kusunoki Branch. Students of the Graduate School of Health Sciences should submit directly to the Physical and Mental Health consultation Office (Myodani Campus). Students of the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health, Fukae Branch.  
Please note that medical check-ups for students enrolling in the following schools in April take place on different dates on their own campuses than the aforementioned routine medical check-up schedule. The schools are the Graduate School of Medicine, Graduate School of Health Sciences, and the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences.
  - Successful applicants enrolling in October:  
Submit the certificate when you register at the Medical Center for Student Health (Rokkodai) during the routine medical check-up scheduled for mid-late October.
- (2) Submission of a certificate demonstrating inoculation and an antibody test against epidemic parotiditis and chickenpox (Only for successful applicants enrolling in the School of Medicine including both the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences; the Graduate School of Medicine; and the Graduate School of Health Sciences):
- In addition to the measles and rubella certificate, successful applicants enrolling in the School of Medicine (the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences), the Graduate School of Medicine, and the Graduate School of Health Sciences, are also required to submit a certificate regarding epidemic parotiditis and chickenpox. A designated form for the certificate is available at the Academic Affairs Section.
- The certificate must state that either you were inoculated against epidemic parotiditis and chickenpox (twice each after one year of age) or verify that you have sufficient antibody titer

in your blood to prevent development of epidemic parotiditis and chickenpox based on an antibody test performed within the last five years .

If the antibody titer in your blood is insufficient, you must receive a necessary vaccination (twice each after one year of age), by the due date for the certificate submission.

If the antibody titer level is below requirements, yet you cannot be inoculated with vaccines for some reason (e.g., illness or body composition), please submit an official document (for example, a certificate issued by a doctor) explaining why.

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- Successful undergraduate and graduate applicants enrolling in April (Only for the School of Medicine including the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences; the Graduate School of Medicine, and the Graduate School of Health Sciences):

By end of July of your first year, submit the certificate to the following:

Students of the School of Medicine (both the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences) should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health (Rokkodai).

Students of the Graduate School of Medicine should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health, Kusunoki Branch. Students of the Graduate School of Health Sciences should submit directly to the Physical and Mental Health Consultation Office (Myodani Campus).

Attention: For those who are enrolled in the School of Medicine but miss the submission deadline, you may not be able to participate in the initial on-site clinical training program etc.

- Successful graduate applicants enrolling in October (Only for the Graduate School of Medicine and the Graduate School of Health Sciences):

Submit the certificate by end of December of your first year to the following:

Students of the Graduate School of Medicine should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health, Kusunoki Branch. Students of the Graduate School of Health Sciences should submit directly to the Physical and Mental Health Consultation Office (Myodani Campus).

**Measuring Methods and Judging Standards for Protective Antibodies in Blood**

	Measuring Method	Judging Standard	Remarks
Measles	IgG – EIA method PA method NT method	$8.0 \leq$ positive ( $16.0 \leq$ ) * $128x \leq$ positive ( $256x \leq$ ) * $4.0x \leq$ positive ( $8x \leq$ ) *	Positive result by one of these three methods. * For the School of Medicine (both the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences), the Graduate School of Medicine, and the Graduate School of Health Sciences: Positive result by one of these three methods, and must achieve values shown in brackets.
Rubella	HI method IgG – EIA method	$32x \leq$ positive $8.0 \leq$ positive	Positive result by one of these two methods. (HI method is recommended)
Epidemic Parotiditis (Mumps)	IgG – EIA method	$4.0 \leq$ positive	Only for the following schools: School of Medicine (Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences), Graduate School of Medicine, and Graduate School of Health Sciences
Chickenpox	IgG – EIA method IAHA method NT method Antigen skin test	$4.0 \leq$ positive $4\text{-fold} \leq$ positive $4\text{-fold} \leq$ positive $5 \text{ mm} \leq$ positive	Only for the following schools: School of Medicine (Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences), Graduate School of Medicine, Graduate School of Health Sciences Positive result by one of these four methods (IgG – EIA method is recommended)

Make sure the above methods are followed when the antibody titer is measured in your blood. The protective antibody value differs according to the measuring method used. Please note that

**the judging standards are higher than the usual standards used at medical institutions.**

Students who wish to enter the School of Medicine (the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences), the Graduate School of Medicine, and the Graduate School of Health Sciences should be aware that they are required to have an even higher level of protective antibody values listed in brackets against measles.

When you visit a doctor at a medical institution, make sure you present this guidebook so your doctor can issue the necessary certificate(s). (Please make sure you confirm with your doctor the measuring methods and judging standards when measuring the antibody titer in your blood.)

\* Points to Consider when Submitting a Certificate:

- ① Please submit the original certificate and one set of copies (A4 size).
- ② If the certificate is written in a language other than Japanese or English, please attach a document that shows either a Japanese or English translation.

(3) Database Registration and Issuance of Registration Card

All students who submit one of the three certificates listed above will be registered in the Kobe University Measles and Rubella Database and will be issued a Registration Card (card size).

(4) Students with the Registration Card

Students who have this Registration Card may come on campus and attend classes even if there is a threat of a measles or rubella outbreak or its spreading on or in the vicinity of Kobe University which leads to suspension of classes (including warnings to stay off campus). This card also entitles students to participate in activities outside the curriculum including practical training and athletic events even during the outbreak of measles or rubella.

For further information, please refer to:

Medical Center for Student Health, Kobe University    Tel: 078-803-5245  
Student Support Division, Student Affairs Department, Kobe University Tel: 078-803-5219

**(5) Prevention of other Infectious Disease**

• Tuberculosis

The number of tuberculosis cases has decreased today in Japan. However if it is not detected in time, there is a great risk that family and others around the patient may be infected. Left untreated, it can be fatal. It is important to have a checkup once a year. The Medical Center for Student Health provides an annual medical checkup. Students are required to undergo the checkup when they are notified by the Medical Center for Student Health.

• Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Sexually Transmitted Diseases affect not only the infected person but also his or her family and descendants. Local public health centers and medical institutions provide services for early detection of such diseases. Free, anonymous, confidential telephone counseling and testing for HIV infection and disease are available at the local public health centers.

〈HIV Telephone consultation〉

The consultation is in Japanese. If you do not understand Japanese, you should engage an interpreter or contact the Hyogo International Association Information.  
(Tel 078-382-2052).

Consultation Time:                    2<sup>nd</sup> Thu.13:00 -17:00

Place:                                      Hyogo Prefecture Consultation Center

Telephone Number:                    078-360-4946

〈HIV test〉

The public health centers in Hyogo Prefecture give free and anonymous HIV testing. People who are uncertain if they may be infected with HIV (or have reason to believe they are) should undergo an examination.

• Vaccination

If you wish to get vaccinations including diphtheria, pertussis, measles, and Japanese encephalitis, please consult with a medical institution which provides vaccinations.

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