

**Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine (Master's Course)**  
**Application Guide to October 2025 Admission**

**Admission Policy of the Graduate School of Medicine (Division of Biomedical Sciences)**

**Master's Program (Biomedical Sciences)**

As a graduate school program located in Kobe, a city which aspires to be an international medical industry hub, our Biomedical Sciences Master's Program aims to be a leader of international cutting-edge research and education in life sciences and medicine. Therefore, we welcome applications from motivated and cooperative students, as detailed below:

●Applicants with the following qualities and abilities are sought:

(1) Those who intend to play an active role internationally in life science or medical research

[Required competences: knowledge and skills; interest and motivation]

(2) Those who are eager to extend and apply specialist knowledge from other fields to the domains of life science and medicine

[Required competences: knowledge and skills; critical thinking, judgement, and expressive power; initiative and cooperativeness; interest and motivation]

(3) Those who are eager to acquire cutting-edge knowledge and skills in life science and medicine

[Required competences: knowledge and skills; critical thinking, judgement, and expressive power; interest and motivation]

(4) Those who are eager to play an active role in industries related to bioscience, medicine, and healthcare

[Required competences: knowledge and skills; interest and motivation]

●Basic Policy for the Selection of Students:

To select students meeting the above criteria, in line with Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Master's Program, the various competences are assessed through the selection procedure below:

In General entrance examination, knowledge and skills, critical thinking, judgement, and expressive power, initiative and cooperativeness, and interest and motivation are assessed.

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 October 2025 admission : a few

Research Field:

Please visit the following website.

**<https://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/about/research/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, you must contact a professor of the division you wish to apply to, check availability and discuss your research theme. If you haven't contacted a professor beforehand, we cannot accept your application.

(Note3) Quota includes international students.

(Note4) The school may make an announcement of secondary recruitment application if the number of successful applicants falls below the admission quota.

## **2. Eligibility**

Applicants must meet one of the following entry requirements:

- (1) The individual has completed an undergraduate program or will have completed an undergraduate program by September 30, 2025.
- (2) The individual has completed sixteen years of academic curricula outside of Japan or will have completed the curricula by September 30, 2025.
- (3) The individual has completed the aforementioned sixteen years of academic curricula offered by institutions outside Japan as correspondence programs while living in Japan or will have completed the curricula by September 30, 2025.
- (4) Applicants who have received a bachelor's degree by completing a three-year or longer program at a foreign university accredited by the respective foreign government, or designated by the Minister of MEXT (this includes applicants

who have completed an appropriate program offered by the respective foreign educational facility through distance learning while residing in Japan, and applicants who have completed an appropriate foreign educational program at an educational facility in Japan as specified in the previous category).

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

### 3. Prescreening of eligibility for application

Those who have completed a bachelor's degree course in a country other than Japan, or those received a bachelor'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. In addition, fill in the prescreening application format and submit it with other required documents to the Graduate Student Affairs Section during the prescreening application period. Only after you pass the prescreening, you will be able to submit your application.

For prescreening, please report to the Graduate Student Affairs Section  
Office hours: 9:00 to 16:00 (Mon-Fri)

Admission	Deadline
October 2025 Admission	May 7 (Wed), 2025 【Must arrive by 16:00 JST】

Download the prescreening application format at:

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

### 4. When/Where to apply

#### Application period

October 2025 Admission	May 22 (Thu), 2025 ~ May 29 (Thu), 2025 【Must arrive by 16:00 JST】
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We only accept 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." Application documents must reach by the deadline, late arrival would not be considered for admission.

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

## **5. Application documents**

Prepare and submit the following documents during the abovementioned period.

(1) Application form 【FORM-1】

Fill in the form and attach a photo to it.

(2) Applicant's Statement

(3) Academic transcripts

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

(4) Certificate of graduation or expected graduation

(5) Examination slip 1&2 【FORM-2】 【FORM-3】

Fill in the form and attach a photo to it.

(6) Application fee: 30,000 YEN

Please refer to "Application Fee payment method."

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

International applicants residing in Japan at the time of application must submit this.

(8) Self-addressed envelope

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

\* Applicable to residents of Japan only.

\* If the applicants are not the residents of Japan, we will email and send the documents as attachments.

(9) Please submit one of the score sheets from either the TOEFL iBT or the TOEIC Listening & Reading Test. (The test must have been taken within 2 years prior to the application deadline.) You must submit the TOEFL "Examinee's Score Record" or "Test Taker Score Report" sent directly to you, or the TOEIC "Official Score Certificate" in its sealed form. If you wish to submit the score after reviewing it, you may also submit a reissued "Examinee's Score Record," "Test Taker Score Report," "Official Score Certificate," or "Test Report Form." However, score sheets from TOEFL Essentials, the institutional TOEFL test program (TOEFL-ITP), TOEFL iBT Home Edition, TOEFL Essentials, the TOEIC Institutional Testing Program (IP), or IELTS and other tests are not accepted.

## **6. Selection**

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

### **6-1. English examinations, scoring and evaluation**

(1) English proficiency external tests

Allotment of marks: 100 points

Please submit one score sheet from either the TOEFL iBT or the TOEIC Listening & Reading Test along with your application documents. (The test must have been taken within 2 years prior to the application deadline.)

The score sheet must be submitted unopened along with the other application documents.

(\*Refer to the explanation provided in the section “5. Application documents (9)” for more details.)

※ The scores on the score sheet will be converted to a score based on the university's criteria.

• Evaluation Criteria: The assessment will focus on general English proficiency.

(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

## 6-2. Date and place of the examination

Admission	Date	Place	Subject	Time
October 2025 Admission	July 2 (Wed) 2025	Campus of School of Medicine Kobe University	Oral examination	13:00~

## 6-3. Admission Criteria

The admission decision will be made based on the results of the English proficiency external test, the oral examination, and the application documents. However, if the combined score of the converted English proficiency test score and the oral examination score is less than 121 points, the applicant will not be admitted.

## 7. Announcement of successful applicants

Selection results will be posted on the following website.

<https://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/education/bs/exam/index.html>

In addition, a letter of acceptance will be sent to the successful applicants.

We do not respond to any inquiries about the selection results by phone.

### Date and Time of Announcement

October 2025 Admission	July 25 (Fri), 2025 【14:00 JST】
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## 8. Entrance procedures

Accepted applicants are required to complete the entrance procedures before the deadline:

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## 9. Admission fee and tuition

Admission fee: 282,000 Yen

Tuition fee: 535,800 Yen per year

(Note) If the amount of tuition changes during your period of study at the

School, the new fee will be applied immediately.

## 10. Important notes

- (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) is changed after submitting your application, please notify us of your new address right away.
- (3) Disabled applicants who need special care and support when taking the entrance examination and during their studies after being admitted to the University are requested to consult Graduate Student Affairs Section before the deadline:

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- (4) If there are any changes, the information will be posted on the following website.

<https://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/education/bs/exam/index.html>

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

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Email: [kobegsm@med.kobe-u.ac.jp](mailto:kobegsm@med.kobe-u.ac.jp)

## Preventive measures against measles, rubella, epidemic parotiditis, and chickenpox

### (1) 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 to the following schools are required to submit either ① or ③:

School of Medicine (Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Health Sciences),  
the Graduate School of Medicine.

- ① A vaccination certificate to prove that you have received two doses each of the measles and rubella vaccine after turning one year old (recommended)
- ② A vaccination certificate to prove that you were inoculated with measles and rubella vaccines each within the last five years (students enrolled AY2025 October, documents with results since October 2020 ).
- ③ An antibody certificate to prove 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 (students enrolled AY2025 October, documents with results since October 2020)
- \* For ① and ②, a combined vaccine against measles and rubella (e.g., MR vaccine) is permissible.
- \* 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.
- \* If you have a history of measles or rubella, please submit ③ or receive a vaccination and submit ① or ②.
- \* 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 your antibody titer level is below the threshold, yet you are unable to receive the vaccinations due to certain circumstances (such as illness or specific body conditions), please provide an official document (like a medical certificate) that explains the reason.

- Successful applicants enrolling in October:

Please submit the form at the time of the medical check-up for students entering in 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 the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Medical Medical Device Engineering and the Faculty of Health Sciences; the Graduate School of Medicine):

In addition to the measles and rubella certificate, successful applicants enrolling in the School of Medicine and the Graduate School of Medicine 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 the development of epidemic parotiditis and chickenpox based on an antibody test performed within the

last five years (students enrolled AY2025 October, documents with results since October)

If the antibody titer in your blood is insufficient, you must receive the necessary vaccination (twice each), by the due date for the certificate submission. (The two vaccinations must be given at least 4 weeks apart.)

- \* If your antibody titer level is below the threshold, yet you are unable to receive the vaccinations due to certain circumstances (such as illness or specific body conditions), please provide an official document (like a medical certificate) that explains the reason.

<Procedure, deadline, and location for submission>

- Successful graduate applicants enrolling in October  
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 Medicine should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health, Myodani Branch .

**Measuring methods and judging standards for blood antibody titers**

	Measuring Method	Judging Standard	Remarks
Measles	IgG — EIA method	$16.0 \leq \text{positive}$ *	Positive result by one of these three methods. For the School of Medicine the Graduate School of Medicine: Positive result by one of these three methods, and must achieve values shown in brackets.
	PA method	$256x \leq \text{positive}$ *	
	NT method	$8x \leq \text{positive}$ *	
Rubella	HI method IgG—EIA method	$32x \leq \text{positive}$ $8.0 \leq \text{positive}$	Positive result by one of these two methods. (HI method is recommended)
Epidemic parotiditis (mumps)	IgG—EIA method	$4.0 \leq \text{positive}$	Only for the following schools: School of Medicine, Graduate School of Medicine
Chickenpox	IgG—EIA method IAHA method NT method	$4.0 \leq \text{positive}$ $4\text{-fold} \leq \text{positive}$ $4\text{-fold} \leq \text{positive}$	Only for the following schools: School of Medicine Graduate School of Medicine Positive result by one of these three methods (IgG—EIA method is recommended)

- \* Antibody testing is not required if the vaccination history meets the requirements or if additional vaccinations are given.
  - \* 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 and the Graduate School of Medicine should

note that they are required to have a higher level of protective antibodies against measles, as indicated in brackets.

\* Before visiting a medical institution, please confirm in advance whether you can receive the necessary antibody tests and/or the vaccinations.

When you visit a doctor at a medical institution, make sure to present this document to obtain the necessary certificate(s). (In particular, when taking an antibody test, please ensure the measurement methods meet the above criteria.)

\* Points to consider when submitting a certificate:

- ① Please bring the original certificate along with one copy (A4 size).
- ② If the certificate is written in a language other than Japanese or English, please attach a document showing the Japanese or English translation.

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