

Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine (Master's Course)
Application Guide to October 2024 Admission/ April 2025

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 April 2025 admission : 25
- Quota for October 2024 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

(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 March 31, 2025.
- (2) The individual has completed sixteen years of academic curricula outside of Japan or will have completed the curricula by March 31, 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 March 31, 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).

- * Applicants for admission in October 2024 shall replace "March 2025" in the above application qualifications with "September 2024".
- * 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 2024 Admission April 2025 Admission (1 st)	May 7 (Tue), 2024 【Must arrive by 16:00 JST】
April 2025 Admission (2 nd)	October 17 (Thu), 2024 【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 2024 Admission April 2025 Admission (1 st)	May 23 (Thu), 2024 ~ May 30 (Thu), 2024 【Must arrive by 16:00 JST】
April 2025 Admission (2 nd)	November 21 (Thu), 2024 ~ November 28 (Thu), 2024 【Must arrive by 16:00 JST】

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) Official test score of TOEFL (Examinee's Score Record or Test Taker Score Report), TOEIC (Official Score Certificate) or IELTS (Test Report Form) ※
Optional. 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.
TOEFL Essentials, TOEFL-IPT and TOEIC-IP are not acceptable.

6. Selection

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

6-1. Subjects of examinations, scoring and evaluation

- (1) Written examination (English)
You are NOT allowed to bring a dictionary into the examination room.
Allotment of marks: 100 points
Evaluation criteria: General command of English will be assessed.
Even if you have submitted the score record of 5-(9), you are required to take the foreign language (English) examination.
We will use your highest score for selection.
The articles in the exam are written in English. The questions are written

in English and Japanese. You can answer in either English or Japanese.

(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

Please note that applicants who fail to achieve the qualifying score (50 points in written examination or 121 points in total) are not considered for admission.

6-2. Date and place of the examination

Admission	Date	Place	Subject	Time
October 2024 Admission April 2025 Admission (1 st)	July 3 (Wed) 2024	Campus of School of Medicine Kobe University	Written examination (English)	10:00-12:00
			Oral examination	13:00~
April 2025 Admission (2 nd)	January 21 (Tue) 2025		Written examination (English)	10:00-12:00
			Oral examination	13:00~

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 2024 Admission April 2025 Admission (1 st)	July 26 (Fri), 2024 【14:00 JST】
April 2025 Admission (2 nd)	February 21 (Fri), 2025 【14:00 JST】

8. Entrance procedures

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

October 2024 Admission	September 2 (Mon), 2024 【Must arrive by 16:00 JST】
April 2025 Admission (1 st) April 2025 Admission (2 nd)	March 7 (Fri), 2025 【Must arrive by 16:00 JST】

9. 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 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:

October 2024 Admission April 2025 Admission (1 st)	May 7 (Tue), 2024
April 2025 Admission (2 nd)	Oct 24 (Thu), 2024

- (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>

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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, or the Graduate School of Health Sciences.

- 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 April, documents with results since April 2020 / students enrolled AY2024 October, documents with results since October 2019).
 - 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 April, documents with results since April 2020 / students enrolled AY2024 October, documents with results since October 2019).
- * 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.

Procedure, deadline, and location for 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):
Please submit at the time of the medical checkup for new students scheduled in 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 to the following institution by the designated date:
 - Students of the Graduate School of Medicine should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health, Kusunoki Branch, by April 21.
 - Students of the Graduate School of Health Sciences should submit directly to the Physical and Mental Health Consultation Office (Myodani Campus), by April 21.
 - Students of the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences should submit the form at the medical examination site on the day of the medical check-up for maritime sciences students.

- 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 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 the development of epidemic parotiditis and chickenpox based on an antibody test performed within the last five years (students enrolled AY2025 April, documents with results since April 2020 / students enrolled AY2024 October, documents with results since October 2019).

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 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 the end of June 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 blood antibody titers

	Measuring Method	Judging Standard	Remarks
Measles	IgG – EIA method	8.0 \leq positive (16.0 \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.
	PA method	256x \leq positive (256x \leq) *	
	NT method	4.0x \leq positive (8x \leq) *	
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	4.0 \leq positive 4-fold \leq positive 4-fold \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 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 (the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences), the Graduate School of Medicine, and the Graduate School of Health Sciences 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