

Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine (Master's Course)
Area of Biomedical Sciences
Application Guide to October 2026 Admission

Master's Program (Department of Frontier Life Science and Medicine)

The Department of Frontier Life Science and Medicine offers education and research in the four areas of biomedical sciences, medical device engineering, health sciences, and future social medicine, with the aim of fostering human resources who respect the sanctity of life, possess a broad range of knowledge, have the ability to solve problems by utilizing both specialized and convergence knowledge, and are capable of providing creative solutions to various issues related to health care. We will conduct education and research to foster human resources who are capable of providing creative solutions to a variety of issues related to health and medical care.

To this end, we are seeking the following students

●The Graduate School of Medicine Master's Course seeks the following students

1. Students who have a strong desire to solve social issues and create new values in healthcare by deepening and expanding their own expertise and abilities (specialized knowledge) and combining them with expertise in other fields.

[Required elements: knowledge and skills, ability to think, judge and express, initiative and collaboration, interest and motivation]

2. Students with diverse backgrounds and basic knowledge of research, development, and practice in the field of health and medical care.

[Required elements: knowledge and skills; ability to think, judge, and express; initiative and collaboration]

3. Students with the ability to think outside the box and proactively engage in creative discovery and exploration of issues.

[Required elements: ability to think, judge, and express; initiative and collaboration]

●Basic Policy for Selection of Students

In order to select students as described above, based on the Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School of Medicine, various factors will be measured in the following selection procedures.

In the General Entrance Examination, Entrance Examination with Recommendation, Health Nurse Course, Midwife Course, Special Entrance Examination for Adults, and Special Entrance Examination for Foreigners measure "knowledge and skills," "ability to think, judge and express," "initiative and collaboration," and "interest and motivation."

The concept of “Convergence Knowledge” at Kobe University's Graduate School of Medicine

The Graduate School of Medicine at Kobe University has established a curriculum based on the concept of “Convergence Knowledge.” We believe that “Convergence Knowledge” refers to “the ability to generate ‘knowledge vitality’ that brings together a variety of specialized knowledge to solve social issues related to healthcare and create new value in a powerful and agile manner.”

The term “health and medical care” is used here in a broad sense that includes maintenance and promotion of health, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases, devices, drugs and systems supporting these, and regional, national and international activities.

The term “resolution of social issues and creation of new value in healthcare” is not limited to clinical practice or practical research at a stage close to society, but also includes academic research that explores the fundamental truths of the life sciences and medicine, so-called “basic research,” and that will lead to innovation solutions to issues in healthcare in the future. It also includes academic research that will lead to innovative solutions to issues related to health and medical care in the future.

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 2026 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 Academic Affairs Section (Area of Biomedical Sciences) at kobegsm@med.kobe-u.ac.jp

- (Note 1) Applicants are required to enter the name of the Head of the Division of the “Department and Educational/Research Field” they wish to apply to in the “Preferred Faculty Member / Academic Supervisor” field when entering their application information on the online application system.
- (Note 2) Before making your application, you must contact a professor of the division you wish to apply to, check their availability and discuss your research theme.
If you haven’t contacted a professor beforehand, we cannot accept your application.
- (Note 3) Quota includes international students.

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, 2026.
- (2) The individual has completed sixteen years of academic curricula outside of Japan or will have completed the curricula by September 30, 2026.
- (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, 2026.
- (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 Academic Affairs Section (Area of Biomedical Sciences).

3. Prescreening of eligibility for application

Those who have completed a bachelor’s degree course in a country other than Japan, or those who 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 Academic Affairs Section (Area of Biomedical Sciences) 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 Academic Affairs Section (Area of Biomedical Sciences). Office hours: 9:00 to 16:00 (Mon-Fri)

Admission	Period
October 2026 Admission	May 8 (Fri), 2026 【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. Application period and application procedures

Both procedures (1) and (2) below are required.

(1) Online Application Registration and Payment of the Application Fee

Online Application Website:

<https://e-apply.jp/ds/kobe-u/>

Application Registration and Payment Period:

From 0:00 on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 to 16:59 on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 (JST)

Please complete the online application registration and payment of the application fee before submitting the required application documents in accordance with the attached document, "Online Application Procedure."

The application fee is JPY 30,000 (any handling charges must be borne by the applicant).

Follow the instructions on the online application website to register your application information and upload the documents marked with a circle (○) under "Online Application System" in the [List of Application Documents] below.

If you experience any technical difficulties accessing the online application website, please contact the Academic Affairs Section (Area of Biomedical Sciences), Graduate Student Affairs Office, Graduate School of Medicine, Kobe University at: kobegsm@med.kobe-u.ac.jp

(2) Submission of Application Documents by Mail

Among the documents listed in the [List of Application Documents] below, those marked with a circle (○) under "Submission in Hard Copy" must be sent by postal mail and must arrive by the deadline.

Submission Period:

From Thursday, May 14, to Thursday, May 21, 2026 (documents must arrive no later than this date)

Mailing Address:

Academic Affairs Section (Area of Biomedical Sciences)
Graduate Student Affairs Section
Graduate School of Medicine, Kobe University
7-5-1 Kusunoki-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe 650-0017
Japan

After completing the online application registration and payment of the application fee, please print in color the third page of the "Application Form" (Address Label for Submission), which is displayed on your "My Page" in the online application system. Attach it to a standard Japanese size (Kaku-2) envelope, enclose the required hard-copy documents listed in the [List of Application Documents], and send them by registered express mail within the application period.

Examination Admission Ticket:

After your application documents have been received and processed, please download your examination admission ticket from your "My Page" on the online application website. A notification email will be sent to the email address you registered once the download becomes available.

If you do not receive the notification email by Tuesday, June 2, 2026, please contact the Graduate Student Affairs Office of the graduate school.

5. Application documents

List of Application Documents

No. / Document / Online Application System / Hard Copy Submission / Details

① Application Form

Online: / Hard Copy: -

Enter the required information in accordance with the instructions on the online application system.

② Certificate of (Expected) Graduation and Official Academic Transcript

Online: / Hard Copy:

Must be issued by the President or Dean of your current or former university (faculty).

Applicants who are expected to complete an Advanced Course at a College of Technology (KOSEN) must also submit a Certificate of Acceptance of Degree Conferment Application in hard copy.

Graduates of Kobe University must request certificates through the university website below:

Certificate Issuance System:

https://certificate.srv.kobe-u.ac.jp/fc/kobe_u/certificate/

Upload a PDF file to the online application system.

③ **Statement of Purpose**

Online: / Hard Copy: -

Complete the designated form available at the URL below and upload the PDF to "File Upload 1" in the online application system.

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

④ **TOEFL / TOEIC Score Report**

Online: / Hard Copy:

Applicants must submit one score report from either TOEFL iBT or TOEIC Listening & Reading Test (taken within two years prior to the application deadline).

Applicants who took TOEFL iBT (inside or outside Japan) must also submit the original paper score report unopened.

Applicants who took the TOEIC L&R Public Test outside Japan must submit the original "Official Score Certificate" unopened.

[TOEIC Listening & Reading Test]

Applicants who took the TOEIC L&R Public Test in Japan:

Upload the "Digital Official Score Certificate (PDF)" to "File Upload 2" in the online application system.

In addition, submit your score online via the TOEIC Score Confirmation Service by entering the application code 00010410 for the Graduate School of Medicine, Kobe University.

Scores from TOEFL Essentials, TOEFL ITP, TOEFL iBT Home Edition, TOEIC IP, IELTS, and other institutional tests are not accepted.

Scores may be submitted beginning 17 days after the test date.

TOEIC application site:

<https://ms.toEIC.or.jp/Usr/Pages/Entry/Login.aspx>

Applicants who took the TOEIC L&R Public Test outside Japan:

Since the Score Confirmation Service is not available, submit the original "Official Score Certificate" unopened.

[TOEFL iBT]

Upload the "Test Taker Score Report (PDF)" downloaded from your ETS account (MY TOEFL Home) to "File Upload 2."

In addition, submit the original "Examinee's Score Record" or "Test Taker Score Report" unopened.

⑤ Certificate of Residence (For International Applicants Only)

Online: / Hard Copy:

Submit a certificate issued by the municipal office indicating your residence status and period of stay (issued within 30 days prior to submission).

(Not required for applicants who do not reside in Japan at the time of application.)

Upload the PDF to "File Upload 3."

⑥ Permission Letter to Take the Examination

Online: / Hard Copy:

Applicants currently employed by a government office or company who wish to enroll must submit a letter of permission from their supervisor or representative (designated form of this Graduate School).

Only successful applicants to the "Training Course for Next-Generation Radiation Oncology Medical Physicists" and the "Training Course for Next-Generation Cancer Rehabilitation Specialists" may enroll without taking leave from their employer.

Complete the designated form available at the URL below and upload the PDF to "File Upload 4."

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

⑦ Certificate of Eligibility for Application

Online: - / Hard Copy:

Submit only if you have undergone preliminary individual screening and have been officially recognized as eligible to apply.

Note :

If your name differs among submitted documents due to a change of name, please submit official documentation (e.g., driver's license, family register excerpt, etc.) verifying both your former and current names.

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 ④" 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 2026 Admission	June 26 (Fri) 2026	Campus of School of Medicine Kobe University	Oral examination	14:00~

6-3. Admission Criteria

The admission decision will be made based on the results of 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 2026 Admission	July 24 (Fri), 2026 【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 (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 2026 Admission	May 7 (Thu), 2026
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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>

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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.

- 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 (since October 2021).
- 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 (since October 2021)
 - * 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 graduate applicants enrolling in April (the Graduate School of Medicine):
 - Submit the certificate to the following institution by the designated date:
 - Students of the Graduate School of Medicine (Department of Medicine, Area of Biomedical Sciences) should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health, Kusunoki Branch, by April 20
- 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 (since October 2021)

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

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

- Students of the School of Medicine should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health (Rokkodai).
- Students of the Graduate School of Medicine (Department of Medicine, Area of Biomedical Sciences) should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health, Kusunoki Branch.

☆ 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

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

- Students of the Graduate School of Medicine (Department of Medicine, Area of Biomedical Sciences) should submit directly to the Medical Center for Student Health, Kusunoki Branch.

Measuring methods and judging standards for blood antibody titers

	Measuring Method	Judging Standard	Remarks
Measles	IgG — EIA method	16.0 \leq 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 positive *	
	NT method	8x \leq positive *	
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, Graduate School of Medicine
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 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