

Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine (Master's Course)
Application Guide to April 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 April 2026 admission : 25

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, 2026.
- (2) The individual has completed sixteen years of academic curricula outside of Japan or will have completed the curricula by March 31, 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 March 31, 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 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	Period
April 2026 Admission (1 st)	August 1 (Fri), 2025 ~ August 8 (Fri), 2025 【Must arrive by 16:00 JST】
April 2026 Admission (2 nd)	November 5 (Wed), 2025 ~ November 11 (Tue), 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

April 2026 Admission (1 st)	August 22 (Fri), 2025 ~ August 29 (Fri), 2025 【Must arrive by 16:00 JST】
April 2026 Admission (2 nd)	November 27 (Thu), 2025 ~ December 4 (Thu), 2025 【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) 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.

[For those who took the TOEIC L&R Public Test in Japan]

By the application deadline, please log in to the TOEIC application site, enter the application code for the Graduate School of Medicine, Kobe University (00010410), select the TOEIC L&R public test score you wish to submit (from tests taken within two years prior to the application deadline), and submit it.

You can submit your score starting 17 days after the test date.

In addition, please submit the "Official Score Certificate" in its sealed/unopened form.

● TOEIC Application Site URL

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

[For those who took the TOEIC L&R Public Test outside Japan]

If you took the TOEIC L&R public test outside Japan, you cannot use the "Public Test Score Submission Service."

Therefore, please submit the "Official Score Certificate" in its sealed/unopened form.

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
April 2026 Admission (1 st)	September 27 (Sat) 2025	Campus of School of Medicine Kobe University	Oral examination	13:00~
April 2026 Admission (2 nd)	January 27 (Tue) 2026		Oral examination	13:00~

Note: A second entrance examination (additional recruitment) will be conducted only if vacancies arise as a result of the first entrance examination.

If a second examination is to be conducted, an announcement will be posted on the Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine's website

(<https://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/education/gsm.html>) after the results of the first examination have been released.

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

April 2026 Admission (1 st)	Oct 24(Fri), 2025 【14:00 JST】
April 2026 Admission (2 nd)	February 27 (Fri), 2026 【14:00 JST】

8. Entrance procedures

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

April 2026 Admission (1 st)	November 7(Fri), 2025 【Must arrive by 16:00 JST】
April 2026 Admission (2 nd)	March 9(Mon), 2026 【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:

April 2026 Admission (1 st)	August 15(Fri), 2025
April 2026 Admission (2 nd)	November 20(Tue), 2025

- (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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