

**Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine (Doctoral Program)**  
**Application Guide to April 2024 Admission**

**Admission Policy of the Graduate School of Medicine**

**Doctoral Program (Medical Science)**

As a graduate school program located in Kobe, a city which aspires to be an international medical industry hub, our Medical Science Doctoral 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 are sought with the following qualities and abilities:

1 Those who intend to become internationally involved in life science or medical research

[Required competences: initiative and cooperativeness; interest and motivation]

2 Those who intend to become clinicians with advanced specialist knowledge and skills

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

3 Those who eager to play an active role in industries related to bioscience, medicine, and healthcare

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

4 Those who eager to learn cutting-edge knowledge and skills in life science and medicine

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

5 Those who intend to carry out research to obtain their doctorate while affiliated with a company, hospital, or public institution

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

●Basic Policy for the Selection of Students:

To select students who meet the above criteria, in line with Diploma Policy and Curriculum Policy of the Graduate School of Medical Science Doctoral Program, the various competences are assessed through the selection procedures below. In General entrance examination, Special entrance examination for working adults, and Special entrance examination for international students, 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 2024 admission (Application in autumn): 100

Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine has applied to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology for approval to change the admission capacity as follows.

This change is subject to review by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and is not yet finalized at this time.

The results of the review will be announced on the Graduate School of Medicine website

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

Admission quota of Department of Medical Sciences,  
Graduate School of Medicine  
100 → 120

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, please contact a professor of the division you wish to apply to, check availability and discuss your research theme.
- (Note3) Quota includes international students.
- (Note4) Quota includes successful applicants to Special Program for Early Medical Research (Special Program for Medical Scientist).
- (Note5) The school may make an announcement of secondary recruitment application if the number of successful applicants falls below the admission quota.

## 2. Eligibility

Only applicants who are not of Japanese nationality and obtain an appropriate visa for enrollment may apply to this program and satisfy one of the following conditions:

- (1) Those who have graduated from a school of medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, or veterinary medicine (including those who are expected to graduate by March 31,2024).
- (2) Those who have completed 18 years course of school education (the last course must be one in medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, or veterinary medicine) in a foreign country (including those who are expected to complete such education before March 31,2024).
- (3) Those who have completed 18 years course of school education (the last course must be one in medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, or veterinary medicine) (in a foreign country through correspondence courses provided in Japan by a foreign school of said country or who are expected to complete said courses by March 31,2024).
- (4) Those who have completed or are expected to complete by March 31,2024 a program in an educational facility in Japan designated separately by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology that provides courses from a foreign university within the school system of a foreign country (This applies solely to those who have completed 18 years of education (the last course must be one in medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, or veterinary medicine) in said foreign country)
- (5) Students who have been conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree upon completion of a curriculum that has a course term of five years or longer at a university or other school (limited to schools whose overall educational and research activities have been evaluated by the relevant country's government or a government-approved individual, or are designated separately as having met this requirement by the Minister of Education) in a foreign country (including cases in which the student completed the curriculum by taking subjects conducted by said school via distance learning while the student resided in Japan, and cases in which the student has completed a curriculum at an educational facility that is positioned within that country's educational system as per the previous item) (including those who are expected to acquire a Bachelor degree by March 31, 2024)
- (6) Those who are specified by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, No. 39 of March 8, 1955), such as those who have obtained or are expected to obtain by March 31,2024 a degree equivalent to a master's degree, first-stage doctoral degree (2-year program), or professional degree after completing the necessary coursework, and are recognized to have academic abilities equivalent to persons who have graduated from an undergraduate school of medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, or veterinary medicine by this graduate school, or who will obtain such recognition by March 31,2024.
- (7) Those who entered another graduate school (school of medicine, dentistry,

pharmacology, or veterinary medicine) in compliance with the provisions of Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the Law and who are recognized by this graduate school as having academic ability appropriate for receiving postgraduate education.

- (8) Those who have been enrolled in a university's medical, dental, pharmaceutical, or veterinary medicine course for more than four years, those who have completed 16 years of formal education (limited to those that included a medical, dental, pharmaceutical, or veterinary science course; hereafter, the same shall apply in this item), those who have completed 16 years of education in a foreign country through correspondence courses provided in Japan by a foreign school of said country, or those who have completed a program in an educational facility in Japan designated separately by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology that provides courses from a foreign university within the school education system of a foreign country (this applies solely to those who have completed 16 years of education in said foreign country) and who have been recognized by this graduate school as having acquired the specified credits with outstanding performance by March.
- (9) Those over 24 years old by March 31, 2024 whom this graduate school has authorized, through individual screening of entrance qualifications, as having abilities that are at least equivalent to those who have graduated from a university.

\* 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 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. In addition, fill in the prescreening application format and submit it with other required documents to the professor during the prescreening application period. Only after you pass the prescreening, you will be able to submit your application.

Report to Graduate Student Affairs Section by: **August 4 (Fri), 2023**  
Prescreening application period:  
**August 14 (Mon), 2023 - August 18 (Fri), 2023**  
Office hours: 9:00am to 4:00pm (Mon-Fri)

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 for April 2024 admission (Application in autumn):

**September 13 (Wed), 2023 - September 21 (Thu), 2023**

We only accept application by postal mail. The application must be delivered to Graduate Student Affairs Section by 4:00 pm on September 21 (Thu), 2023.

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.

We will mail your examination slip. If you do not receive it up to 10 days before the examination date, you tell it us.

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) Academic transcripts (Undergraduate and Graduate if applicable)  
This should bear official signature/seal of President or Dean of the university you have attended.
- (3) Certificate of graduation or expected graduation (Undergraduate and Graduate if applicable)
- (4) Examination slip 1&2 **【FORM-2】 【FORM-3】**  
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 "Application fee payment method".
- (7) 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.
- (8) Certificate of residence or a copy of residence card  
International applicants residing in Japan at the time of application must submit this.
- (9) 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.
- (10) Official test score of TOEFL (Examinee's Score Record), 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-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) 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 5-(10), 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

Please note that applicants who fail to achieve the qualifying score (150 points in total) are not considered for admission.

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

#### (1) Foreign language (English) (Written examination)

**Date: October 14 (Sat), 2023**

Place: Campus of School of Medicine, Kobe University

Time and Subject: 10:00-11:30

#### (2) Oral examination

**Date: October 15 (Sun), 2023**

Place: Will be informed after Foreign language examination is ended.

Time: Morning or Afternoon. Your time will be informed after the Foreign language examination is ended.

## 7. Announcement of successful applicants

Selection results will be posted on the following website.

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

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: **November 24(Fri), 2023** at 2 pm (Japan Time)

## 8. Entrance procedures

Accepted applicants are required to complete the entrance procedures before the deadline: **December 8 (Fri), 2023** (for April 2024 admission).

All the documents required for entrance procedures must be sent by postal mail, these must arrive at Graduate Student Affairs Section by **December 8 (Fri), 2023** at 4 pm (Japan Time).

## 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 immediately apply.

## 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) should change after submitting your application please notify us immediately of your new address.
- (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 by August 4 (Fri), 2023.
- (4) Application and selection procedures may be subject to change due to the spread of COVID-19. If there are any changes, the information will be posted on the following website.

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

## 11. Additional admission and application

- (1) If and when there is a vacancy after the entrance procedures day (December 8, 2023), additional applicants may be admitted to enroll or the school may call for an additional application. The information on the additional admission or application will be posted, after the entrance procedures day, to the school's website at:  
<https://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/education/gs/exam/index.html>
- (2) If you are accepted to fill the vacancy, Graduate Student Affairs Section will contact you by phone at the number written on your application. For this purpose, we ask you to specify your contact information so that we can reach you immediately.

(Please make yourself available during the following period because the accepted applicants must reply in person to our inquiry.)

Notification period for additional admission	From 4 pm, Monday, December 11, 2023 to 5 pm, Tuesday, December 12, 2023 (except Saturday, Sunday and holidays)
Entrance procedures for additional admission	A letter of acceptance and information on entrance procedures will be sent by postal mail to the additionally accepted applicants.

※The above notification finishes as soon as the vacancy is filled.

- (3) If those who have received a letter of acceptance fail to complete the entrance procedures by the designated date, they will be considered to decline our offer of admission.

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