

October 2021 Enrollment

Application Procedures for International student
Doctoral course
Graduate School of Dentistry, Osaka University



Graduate School of Dentistry
OSAKA UNIVERSITY

The Graduate School of Dentistry at Osaka University seeks independent, self-motivated students who strive to acquire specialized expertise, and who seek to obtain the ability to make sound decisions as members of society, imaginative design skills that are applicable to collaborative work, and respect for other cultures as global citizens.

Admission Policy

In order to develop human resource as outlined in the Education Objectives, Osaka University admits students who acquired sufficient academic skills, clearly demonstrate basic academic knowledge, as well as sufficient specialty knowledge, demonstrate an independent desire to learn and strong motivation to identify problems and seek solutions on their own.

To identify such students, various selection methods are used.

Following the admission policy of Osaka University, the Graduate School of Dentistry accepts those with inquisitive minds regarding the advanced sciences in the oral and maxillofacial fields, ranging from fundamental life science research to the development of cutting-edge diagnostic and treatment techniques, who are eager to become the next-generation leaders in dental research and clinical dentistry, and who possess the following qualities.

1. Love dentistry and life science, and maintain a serious attitude and sense of mission towards clinical dentistry
2. Possess the acumen and perseverance necessary to acquire the latest knowledge and learn cutting-edge techniques
3. Are filled with motivation and curiosity, and have an expansive imagination
4. Are highly independent with a strong sense of purpose and desire for self-improvement
5. Actively seek to communicate on a global level
6. Explore career paths to shape their own future

Admission of general students, working individuals, and international students is offered several times a year so that the graduate school can accept people with different backgrounds from around the world. Applicants will be evaluated for the above qualities by written and oral examinations.

Curriculum Policy

Based on the curriculum policy of the Osaka University, the Graduate School of Dentistry offers research-oriented educational program that fosters expertise and enhances critical thinking in students by developing comprehensive and multiple points of view; cherishes international diversity; and promotes for students' career paths.

Organization of our educational system

We are currently running *the PhD compulsory curriculum on biodentistry* and *specially organized graduate lectures*, for providing advanced courses in broad dentistry literature. To foster students' designing and problem-solving skills, we offer *the disorder-related PBL dental education course* and at the same time, for a deeper learning students will complete certain hours of research credits. And, for students to be able to work globally, we have *elective modules*. To acquire international understanding and communication ability, we run these compulsory courses, elective courses/modules and some of the lectures in English. We also strongly encourage our students to enroll in some courses offered by other departments at the university, including the cross-boundary graduate education (CO design, global-collaboration course etc.), or to obtain a secondary or minor degree in addition to the degree in dentistry.

Courses and course types

- Students will enroll in *the PhD compulsory curriculum on biodentistry* that covers the basics of dental science. The courses are taught in English; thereby, they also address the international aspect of education.
- Students will enroll in *the specially organized graduate lectures* that address various research themes by invited renowned scholars from Japan and from overseas.
- Students will enroll in *the disorder-related PBL dental education course* that teaches problem-solving and 'cross-boundary' skills on various topics in dental science.
- Students will enroll in *the research specialization*, the laboratory-base work on their thesis research project in each department.
- Students may enroll in specially-designed *elective modules* that aim to improve students' scientific presentation skills in English.

Course Grades and evaluation

- A course grade will be assigned through evaluating class attendance/ participation, submitted reports, written tests or oral presentations in class, to achieve the learning outcomes specified in the syllabus of each lecture-based course.
- An end of course grade will be assigned on learning outcomes of the *disorder-related PBL dental education course* by evaluating class attendance/ participation, submitted reports, written tests or oral presentation in class, specified in the syllabus.
- For the tutorial-based courses, practicum and laboratory-work courses, each course grade will be assigned based on evaluating the achievement of learning outcomes stated in the syllabus for which reflect class attendance/ participation, reports, and written tests.

The graduate program is designed for the students to accumulate the capability to tackle challenges in life science by approaching in a new way that includes dental science. We assure high-quality learning experiences in broad subjects affiliated with life science; the ones that promise acquisition of the latest knowledge and that elicit students' innovative capabilities at the international standards.

Diploma Policy

Based on the Diploma Policy of the Osaka University, the Graduate School of Dentistry confers a doctorate degree —Doctor of Philosophy in Dentistry— to students who complete all the designated courses by the school and other related life science courses, and who also competently demonstrate the following:

- The understanding in the present-day literature in the academic field on which students defend their final thesis
 - The ability to problem-solve; and the latest technical and science knowledge in the field of dental medicine and clinical dentistry.
 - The ability to pursue research extensively in a broader field than a mere dentistry.
- Academic activism
 - The ability to analyze any challenges from multiple aspects through a broad vision as an academician.
- International activism
 - The ability to raise awareness on international matters in the dental medicine and dental practice, and to find a solution.
 - The ability to work on a global scale with eloquence and excellent sense of internationalism.
- Innovation
 - The ability to attend to a task by using their expertise and by integrating different academic fields on an international basis.
- Own learning goals
 - The ability to collaborate with people from inside and outside ones' own field, and at the same time to raise awareness and contribute to the advancement of life science built upon dental science.

We confer a Doctor of Philosophy to students who would be able to challenge attending to the issues that require more than just a traditional life science solution—but require new dental science perspectives, by taking advantage of the expertise, academism, and innovative skills acquired here at the Osaka University.

1. Course, Research Area and Number of Admission

Course

Course for Oral Science

Research Area (Department)

Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (Department of Oral Pathology)

Pharmacotherapeutics (Department of Pharmacology)

Surgery for Oral and Maxillofacial Diseases (Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 1)

Oral and Maxillofacial Oncology (Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 2)

Biomaterials Science (Department of Biomaterials Science)

Fixed Prosthodontics (Department of Fixed Prosthodontics)

Removable Prosthodontics, Implantology and Gerodontology (Department of Prosthodontics, Gerodontology and Oral Rehabilitation)

Morphological Oral and Brain Science (Department of Oral Anatomy and Neurobiology)

Neuroscience and Oral Physiology (Department of Oral Physiology)

Dental Anesthesiology (Department of Dental Anesthesiology)

Oral-Facial Disorders and Therapeutics (Department of Oral-Facial Disorders)

Molecular and Cellular Microbiology (Department of Oral and Molecular Microbiology)

Restorative Dentistry and Endodontology (Department of Restorative Dentistry and Endodontology)

Pediatric Dentistry (Department of Pediatric Dentistry)

Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry (Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry)

Preventive Dentistry (Department of Preventive Dentistry)

Periodontology (Department of Periodontology)

Oral Anatomy and Developmental Biology (Department of Oral Anatomy and Developmental Biology)

Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics (Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics)

Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology)

Frontier Biology (Department of Oral Frontier Biology)

Interdisciplinary Dentistry (Division for Interdisciplinary Dentistry)

Special Needs Dentistry (Division of Special Care Dentistry - Nursing Dentistry)

Genetics for Craniofacial Development (Osaka Women's and Children's Hospital)

The number of students to be admitted

A few students per admission.

Please note:

For detailed information on the research carried out in each department, please visit the "Facilities of Graduate School of Dentistry" page on the Osaka University Graduate School of Dentistry website.

https://www.dent.osaka-u.ac.jp/english/g_school/facilities/index.html

2. Application Eligibility

Individuals who do not hold Japanese citizenship and would hold a College Student resident status at the time of enrollment, and whose educational background matches one of the following.

- (1) Individuals who expect to complete 18 years of schooling in a country other than Japan (The final courses should be either of medicine, dentistry, veterinary sciences, or pharmaceutical sciences [limited to course terms of six years, as will apply hereinafter]) September 30th of 2021. However, if the final six years are in medicine, dentistry, veterinary sciences, or pharmaceutical sciences, less than 18 years is acceptable.
- (2) Individuals who have completed, or expect to complete by September 30th of 2021, 18 years of schooling in a country other than Japan through distance learning programs while residing in Japan.
- (3) Individuals who have completed a Master's Degree or an equivalent degree (including long-distance education degrees, offered by foreign institutes, which have been completed in Japan), or who expect to complete their degree by September 30th, 2021 with a 5-year study term (The final course should be either of medicine, dentistry, veterinary sciences, or pharmaceutical sciences) at a university or educational institute in a country other than Japan (limited to institutes at which all of the educational research activities are approved by the institutes' respective governments or agencies, or separately designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology).
- (4) Individuals who, after 16 years of schooling in a country other than Japan, have conducted research at a university or other research institute for 2 years or more, and have been recognized by the Graduate School of Dentistry as having a scholastic competence equal to or higher than those who have graduated from a university program in dentistry or medicine or a 6-year program in pharmaceutical sciences or veterinary science (hereinafter referred to as "a program in dentistry, medicine, pharmaceutical sciences, or veterinary science").
- (5) Individuals who have completed, or expect to complete by September 30th of 2021, 16 years of schooling in a country other than Japan (must include a program in dentistry, medicine, pharmaceutical sciences, or veterinary science); or who have completed, or expect to complete by September 30th of 2021, 16 years of schooling in a country other than Japan through distance learning programs while residing in Japan (must include a program in dentistry, medicine, pharmaceutical sciences, or veterinary science); or who have completed, or expect to complete by September 30th of 2021, the program of a university based in a country other than Japan (must be accredited by the respective country as a program at the end of which graduates will have received 16 years of schooling, and must include a program in dentistry, medicine, pharmaceutical sciences, or veterinary science) at an educational facility in Japan that has been recognized by the respective country's educational system as providing an accredited program and is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan as a "location in Japan of a foreign university"; and who have been recognized by the Graduate School of Dentistry as having completed a certain number of academic credits with exceptional grades.

Please note:

- Those who graduated from a Japanese university cannot apply through the International Admission. Please consider applying through the Domestic Admission or Nontraditional Admission.

3. Qualifying Review

Individuals applying under qualification conditions 4 or 5 must undergo a prequalification review. These individuals must submit the required documents outlined below to the Student Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Dentistry prior to the deadline.

To be Submitted	Who needs to submit	Note
Prequalification Admission Form	All Pre-examination Applicants	Maybe downloaded from https://www.dent.osaka-u.ac.jp/graduate/graduate_000258.html#38896 under Application Forms. May be written in Japanese or English.
Academic Transcript	All Pre-examination Applicants	Issued by the president of all universities attended
Certificate of Graduation (expected)	All Pre-examination Applicants	
Transcript of Master's Degree Certificate of Completion (expected) of a Graduate Degree	If applicable	Issued by the president of all universities attended.
Statement of Purpose	All Pre-examination Applicants	https://www.dent.osaka-u.ac.jp/graduate/graduate_000258.html#38896 under Application Forms. In the prescribed form, state the reason for application and describe the desired research upon entering the graduate school. Must be written in Japanese or English
Letter of Recommendation	All Pre-examination Applicants	From the dean or supervisor (professor). May be written in Japanese or English.

1) Application Period

May 19th – May 21st, 2021

2) Announcement of Qualifying Review Results

May 27th, 2021

3) The application materials of those who have passed the qualifying review will subsequently be accepted for review for admission. There is no need to resubmit any of the documents already submitted for the qualifying review.

4. Application Process

On the application, please select the area in which you would conduct your graduate thesis research, from the field listed in the table in "1. Course, Research Area and Number of Admission". Prior to the application, each applicant must consult with and obtain consent from the prospective thesis and research advisor (professor) from the department.

(1) Application Period

June 7th - June 9th, 2021

(2) Submission Methods

Place the application materials (listed in Section 5) inside a 33 cm x 25 cm envelope and send by registered mail or hand deliver.

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- If using registered mail, only the application materials that have been delivered during the application period will be accepted.
- If hand delivering, application materials will be accepted each day during the application period (excluding weekends and holidays) from 9:00 to 12:00 and from 13:00 to 16:00.

5. Application Materials

To be Submitted	Who needs to submit	Note
Application Form	All applicants	Maybe downloaded from https://www.dent.osaka-u.ac.jp/graduate/graduate_000258.html#38896 under Application Forms. May be written in Japanese or English.
Examination Slip /Photo Sheet	All applicants	https://www.dent.osaka-u.ac.jp/graduate/graduate_000258.html#38896 under Application Forms.
Academic Transcript	All applicants	Issued by the president of all universities attended.
Certificate of Graduation (expected)	All applicants	
Transcript of Master's Degree Certificate of Completion (expected) of a Graduate Degree	Applicable applicants	Issued by the president of all universities attended.
Statement of Purpose	If applicable	https://www.dent.osaka-u.ac.jp/graduate/graduate_000258.html#38896 under Application Forms. Please describe your ambition and the research aims/goals while in the graduate school. May be written in Japanese or English

Copy of Certificate of Residency	Resident aliens of Japan	Must be issued by the head of the relevant municipality and must indicate the status of residence and the period of stay. * Not required for members of the household other than the applicant
Copy of passport	Applicants residing outside Japan	
Documents Indicating Applicant's Japanese or English Language Skills	All applicants	Official Certificate of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students, TOEIC, TOEFL or IELTS (*)
Letter of Recommendation	All applicants	From the dean or the supervisor (professor), (May be written in Japanese or English)
Receipt of Application Fee Payment	All applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The payment must be made using the Application Fee Payment System. (Application Fees of 30,000 yen) • Once the payment is completed, download the Receipt of Application Fee Payment from the Application Fee Payment System and please print it out and enclose. • The details on how to pay the application fee by the Application Fee Payment System will be announced around April 2021. • System operation fee (To be advised) will be charged separately. • Once the application materials are received, the application fee may not be reimbursed under any circumstance. • Not required for Japanese Government (MEXT)-financed international students
Address Label	All applicants	https://www.dent.osaka-u.ac.jp/graduate/graduate_000258.html#38896 under Application Forms.

Note1: Official certificate of TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS

The valid certificate should be the one issued within two years before the last day of the application period. Please submit one of the followings.

- ① TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) : Test Taker Score Report or Examinee Score Report
※ TOEFL-ITP is not acceptable.
- ② TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication) : Official Score Certificate
※ TOEIC-IP is not acceptable.
- ③ IELTS (Academic Module) : Test Report Form
※ IELTS (General Training Module) is not applicable.

6. Delivery of Examination Slip

The examination slip will be sent on June 16th. Please contact the graduate school if you do not receive it by July 1st.

7. Entrance Examination

Successful applicants are selected on the basis of the materials submitted, examination results, the interview, and the evaluation by the prospective supervisors.

◇Examination Day June 26th, 2021

◇Examination Structure and Schedule

- Written examination

(Subject of examination : foreign languages/English) Scheduled 13 : 00~15 : 00

You may bring one paper dictionary to the examination (no electronic dictionaries allowed).

- Interview (The time and location will be announced when the examination slips are sent out.)

***:** If the submitted result of TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS meets the certain score, you may be exempted from the written examination for the foreign language/English. In this case, the notification of the exemption will be sent together with an examination slip.

8. Announcement of Successful Candidates

The examination numbers of the successful applicants will be posted as below, and the results will be sent out by mail as well.

Please note that no telephone inquiries about the result are accepted.

Date	Place
July 16th,2021 10:00	The entrance of Graduate School of Dentistry

***:** The above schedule is subject to change without notice.

9. Enrollment Fee and Tuition Fee

Enrollment fee 282,000yen (as of January 2021)

Tuition fee 267,900yen/semester (535,800yen/year)

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1. The tuition fee after enrollment must be paid by direct debit (the fee will be debited from a specified bank account).
2. If the enrollment and tuition fees are revised, the new fees will be applied at the time of revision.
3. The tuition fee may change.

10. Enrollment Fee and Tuition Fee Waivers

An individual encountering difficulty in the payment of the tuition fee for economic reasons, and who also has achieved the minimum academic standard, may receive a full or half waiver of the enrollment and tuition fees based on the graduate school's budget.

Please visit: <http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/student/tuition/remission>

11. Handling of the Personal Information

- (1) Names, addresses, and other personal information will be used only for the entrance examination purposes (e.g. in the publication of the list of successful applicants, and in the admission procedures.
Of the students admitted to the Osaka University, personal information will also be used for academic-related matters (e.g. in keeping academic and registration records), for student support (e.g. health care management, school fee exemptions, applications for scholarships, or career support), and for school fee management.
- (2) The information obtained from the entrance examination may be used for statistical purposes of incoming students or for a future reference on admission process. Of the students entering the Osaka University, personal information may be used as a reference for selecting students' enrollment in further academic program.
- (3) To process the admission, personal data obtained from the entrance examination process may be delegated to a third party with a contract to protect the information of individuals.

12. Disclosure of Entrance Examination Information

An individual score report will be disclosed to the applicant in person (may not be a proxy for the applicant) if the applicant requests the total scores of the written examination and the interview.

13. Precautions

- (1) Prior to submitting the application, the applicant must contact a faculty member in the research area of interest and have a thorough discussion of potential research projects and other relevant graduate school matters.
- (2) If the application documents contain any falsifications, admission may be revoked even after enrollment.
- (3) Incomplete or flawed applications will not be accepted.
Changes are not allowed to the application for admission after submission.
- (4) Application fee will not be returned after application submission, except for the following circumstances:
 - ① An applicant applied but did not have the appropriate application qualifications.
 - ② Application arrived after the deadline and the application was not accepted.
 - ③ There was a mistake in the application and the application was not accepted.
 - ④ Application fee was paid, but the individual did not submit the application.
 - ⑤ Application fee was paid incorrectly and double payments were made.*If 4 or 5 mentioned above applies, please request a reimbursement.
- (5) Reimbursement Requests
Write a reimbursement request (free format) containing reasons for the request and the requester's name (along with the Japanese pronunciation in katakana), current address, phone number and email as soon as possible to the address in the following section together with the Receipt of Application Fee Payment
- (6) We do not make any accommodation arrangements (e.g. booking hotels, train tickets) for an applicant arriving on the examination day.
- (7) For disabled individuals requesting special consideration for examinations and trips, please make requests to below by April 9th, 2021.
- (8) In cases of unforeseen circumstances and natural disasters, such as an earthquake or a large-scale spreading of an infectious disease, the graduate school will distribute information regarding the entrance examination on the graduate school website or, if known advance, by mail along with the examination slip. If the circumstance requires, the entrance examination may be postponed, thus, please visit our website regularly for any cancellation and rescheduling.

14. Inquiry concerning the Examination

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