

**Graduate School of Science
Osaka Prefecture University**

**Graduate Program
Admission Guidelines for International Students**

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Due to the impact of COVID-19, the method of application, application period, and other factors such as the examination schedule are subject to change. In the event of any changes, these will be posted to the university's website, so please ensure that you check this page from time to time. (In Japanese only)

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Important Notice

Osaka Prefecture University is currently in the process of applying to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) for approval to establish and inaugurate the Osaka Metropolitan University (tentative name) in April 2022. If this establishment is approved, students admitted to the graduate school of Osaka Prefecture University in 2022 will be enrolled under the Osaka Metropolitan University (tentative name).

Accordingly, those who wish to enroll must refer to the “List of transfer destinations available at the Osaka Metropolitan University (tentative name)” published on the university’s website, (In Japanese only) and submit the “Osaka Metropolitan University (tentative name) graduate school/ division/ program/ department confirmation form” (University designated form) along with other relevant documents that are necessary for their application.

If the establishment of the Osaka Metropolitan University (tentative name) is not approved, the organization of Osaka Prefecture University will not be changed, and successful applicants will be enrolled directly in the graduate school/ division/ program/ department to which they apply.

Admission Policy for the Graduate School of Science

Master's Program

At the Graduate School of Science, we foster an independent spirit of research in our students and ensure that they acquire a high degree of advanced knowledge in basic science. At the same time, we educate our students to become researchers and science experts with the creative ability to flexibly respond to changes in society.

We maximize our use of small-group instruction by providing highly interactive education. Our educational program trains students in communication and logical thinking skills to ensure they understand the essence of scientific phenomena and materials. This results in deep learning and an integrated knowledge of basic and applied sciences.

To become scientific researchers and experts in basic science, students are required to have the ability to discover issues and solve problems on the basis of flexible imagination and logical thinking. The Graduate School demands the following three competencies from its incoming students:

- (1) Evidence of logical thinking ability and an inquiring mind to enable them to learn independently.
- (2) Mastery of the fundamental knowledge required by their major fields and the ability to understand research articles written in English.
- (3) Strong interest in their major fields and basic research skills.

According to the above, students demonstrating the following abilities will be selected:

- (1) The academic ability needed to complete research and education in their major field.
- (2) The ability to understand research articles written in English.
- (3) The motivation and prospective ability to conduct research that requires the capacity of logical thinking.
- (4) The communication skills necessary to engage in discussions with faculty members and students.

Doctoral Program

At the Graduate School of Science, we foster an independent spirit of research in our students and ensure that they acquire a high degree of advanced knowledge in basic science. At the same time, we educate students to become researchers and science experts with the creative ability to flexibly respond to changes in society.

We maximize our use of small-group instruction by providing highly interactive education. Our educational program trains students in communication and logical thinking skills to ensure they understand the essence of scientific phenomena and materials. This results in deep learning and an integrated knowledge of basic and applied sciences.

To become scientific researchers and experts in basic science, students are required to have the ability to discover issues and solve problems on the basis of flexible imagination and logical thinking. The Graduate School demands the following five competencies from its incoming students:

- (1) Academic ability beyond the level of a master's course with an ability to understand research articles written in English and present research in English.
- (2) Logical thinking ability and intellectual curiosity.
- (3) An inquiring mind and evidence of the ability to independently study in their major field.
- (4) Evidence of the ability to comprehensively examine and study their major field through discussions with faculty members and students.
- (5) The ability to draft, plan, and conduct research independently in their major field or related fields, by demonstrating research skills beyond the level of a master's course.

As per the above, students who demonstrate the following abilities will be selected:

- (1) Basic academic skills in their major science field beyond the level of a master's course.
- (2) The ability to understand research articles written in English and present their research in English.
- (3) The capacity for logical thinking and deep reflection upon phenomena related to their major field, by participating in discussions with faculty members and students.
- (4) The intellectual curiosity needed to design, plan, and conduct research in their major and related fields independently. Students must demonstrate a capacity for conducting research beyond the level of a master's course.

Master's Program

1. Number of Admission Spaces

Department	Number of Admission Spaces
Mathematical Sciences	A few
Physical Science	A few
Chemistry	A few
Biological Science	A few

NOTE: Applicants should consult with their prospective supervising professor prior to submitting their application.

2. Applicant Qualification

Those who do not have Japanese nationality who wishes to be admitted to the Master's program must meet one of the following qualifications:

1	Those who have completed 16 years of school education in foreign countries and those who are expected to complete their studies by March 31, 2022.	An "Application Qualification Screening" will be required prior to submitting documents. Please refer to "5. Application Qualification Screening."
2	Those who have completed in Japan a 16-year course offered by a foreign school through correspondence in Japan and those who are expected to complete their studies by March 31, 2022.	
3	Those who have completed in Japan relevant courses designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at an educational institution that is positioned within the school education system of the relevant foreign country as one that provides university courses(*1). This also includes those who are expected to complete their studies by March 31, 2022. *1 This applies only to those who have completed 16 years of course work as part of school education in the relevant foreign country.	
4	Those who were awarded a degree equivalent to a Bachelor's degree by completing a course with a study period of at least 3 years at a foreign university or other foreign school (* 2) and those who are expected to be awarded the degree by March 31, 2022. *2 The comprehensive situation regarding educational research activities shall be limited to those who have been evaluated by the foreign government or persons recognized by related organizations or those designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. This includes completing in Japan, according to the information given above, the correspondence course offered by the relevant foreign school which is part of the education system of that foreign country.	
5	A person who falls under any of the following and is recognized by the Graduate School as having acquired the designated credits with excellent results (so-called grade skipping) (a) Those who completed a 15-year course as part of school education in a foreign country and those who are expected to complete their studies by March 31, 2022. (b) Those who have completed a 15-year course which is part of the relevant foreign country's school education. The course subjects must have been completed in Japan through correspondence. This also includes those who are expected to complete their studies by March 31, 2022. (c) Those who have completed in Japan the relevant courses designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology offered by an education institution that is positioned within the school education system and one that delivers university courses(* 3). This also includes those who are expected to complete their studies by March 31, 2022. *3 Applies only to those who have completed a 15-year course as part of school education in the relevant foreign country.	

6	Those who are recognized by the Graduate School as having graduated from a university through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of a university graduate and are also 22 years of age by March 31, 2022.	<p>An “Application Qualification Screening” will be required prior to submitting documents.</p> <p>Please refer to “5. Application Qualification Screening.”</p>
7	Those who are recognized by the Graduate School as having graduated from a university through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of a university graduate.	

3. Application Submission Deadlines

Submission Period	Submissions (by mail)
July 6-8, 2021 (Deadline July 8, 2021)	Admissions Office, Osaka Prefecture University 1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan Tel.: 072-254-8319 (Int'l calls: +81-72-254-8319) ※Please use the university’s designated envelope for sending application forms (Rectangle type No. 2 (24.0cm×33.2cm)) and ensure they are sent before the application deadline and by registered post.

NOTES:

- Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Block A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above and only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even if submitting the forms directly, please use the envelope designated by the university for sending application forms (Rectangle type No. 2 (24.0cm×33.2cm)) and make sure it is sealed.
- An “Entrance Examination Card” and “Rules to Observe When Taking Examinations” will be sent to all those who have completed the application process. More specifically, they are intended to be sent out around July 14, by registered post. Please contact the Admissions Office if nothing has arrived by July 20.

4. Application Materials

1	Application for admission etc.	
	Application for admission	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science.
	Entrance Examination Card	Make sure all the items are filled in.
	Photo Card	Paste the Photo (4cm×3cm) taken within 3 months.
	Sheet to affix the postal transfer payment receipt of the examination fee	Affix the postal transfer payment receipt on the enclosed sheet to be submitted with the application. Your application will be rejected if the examination fee has not been paid by the deadline or if the postal transfer payment receipt is not presented along with your application documents or if no post office date of payment is stamped on the receipt.
2	Osaka Metropolitan University (tentative name) Graduate School/ Division/ Program/ Department Confirmation Form	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science. Please confirm the transfer of your organization from Osaka Prefecture University to the Osaka Metropolitan University (tentative name) by referring to the “List of transfer destinations at the Osaka Metropolitan University (tentative name)” (hereafter, “transfer list”), and fill in the required information. You can find the “transfer list” on the university website. (In Japanese only) ※Please keep a copy of the completed confirmation form.
3	Examination fee	¥ 30,000 <u>At a post office counter</u> , please pay the fee using the postal transfer payment slip provided by Osaka Prefecture University from one week before the deadline of your written application until the deadline date. NOTE: Payment cannot be made by cash or with a postal money order. Payment cannot be made by ATM (automatic teller machine) remittance.
4	Statement of Purpose	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science.

5	Certificate of graduation (completion) or prospective certificate (documents certifying eligibility for application)	Documents certified by the last university attended by the applicant stating that the applicant has received the degree or expects to receive the degree.
6	Academic transcript	Should list the number of units and grades in the subjects completed at the undergraduate institution attended.
7	TOEIC L&R or TOEFL-iBT Score Report	<p>The originals of the TOEIC Listening & Reading OFFICIAL SCORE CERTIFICATE (official certificate) of the TOEIC Listening & Reading Test conducted since April 2020, the TOEIC Listening & Reading IP Score Report (Individual Score Report) of the TOEIC Listening & Reading IP Test, or the Test Taker Score Report (or Examinee Score Report) of TOEFL-iBT. The originals submitted will be returned after confirmation.</p> <p>※For any “Test Taker Score Report” for a TOEFL-iBT that is reported in August 2019 or later, only the Test Date Score is used as the application score (the MyBest™ score will not be used).</p> <p>※Score certificates from the TOEFL-iBT Special Home Edition or TOEFL-iBT Home Edition will not be accepted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Even if the score certificate has been submitted at the time of application, if there is a latest score certificate with better scores by the day of the examination, resubmission (replacement) will be accepted. ◆ If the score certificate could not be submitted at the time of application, please submit a statement of reasons stating the reasons (you are free to choose the format) along with the application documents. ◆ If the score certificate has not been submitted at the time of application or when resubmitting a score certificate with better scores, please submit the originals of the score certificate before the first test begins on the day of the written examination to the supervisors. ◆ Even if the score certificate cannot be submitted one can take the examination, but results of English language will be evaluated as 0 points.
8	Curriculum vitae	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science.
9	Return envelope	<p>Please use the university-designated envelope for sending in the exam admission certificate (Long form No. 3 (12.0cm×23.5cm)).</p> <p>Please fill in the zip code, address, and name of the addressee, and affix stamps worth 404 yen.</p>
10	Application Qualification Certificate	<u>Required only for applicants in qualification categories 5, 6 or 7.</u> In accordance with “ 5. Application Qualification Screening, ” the documents will be sent from the Admissions Office.
11	Copy of residence card	<p>Please submit photocopies of both sides of residence card.</p> <p>Overseas residents must submit a photocopy of their passport (page with photo).</p>

Points to consider regarding the application

1. Original copies of the above certificates are required for application. Copies will not be accepted.
2. Incomplete applications may not be accepted.
3. Changes to the matters stated will not be accepted after the application procedure.
4. If the applicant is disabled, or if for any other reason the applicant wishes to request any consideration during the entrance exam or after enrollment, please contact the Admissions Office.
E-mail : nyushi3@ao.osakafu-u.ac.jp
5. Examination fees will not be returned except under the following circumstances:
 - ◆ You wish to withdraw your application to Osaka Prefecture University.
 - ◆ Your application documents and other items are rejected because they are incomplete or insufficient.
 - ◆ You have inadvertently made a double payment of the entrance examination fee.

NOTE: Should any of the above applies, you should submit a refund request to the Admissions Office of Osaka Prefecture University no later than one month after the application deadline.

5. Application Qualification Screening

Applicants in qualification categories 5, 6 or 7 must undergo a qualification screening prior to submitting application documents.

(1) Applicants under categories 5 (advanced placement)

For details, please contact the Admissions Office.

Tel.: 072-254-8319 (Int'l calls: +81-72-254-8319)

Procedures for the Application Qualification Screening are as follows.

Category	Department	Biological Science
An Application Qualification Screening (1st screening) will take place; please submit the documents listed under, item *1 before filing an application. The deadline for submitting documents and the submission location are shown at right.		June 8-10, 2021 (Deadline June 10, 2021) Admissions Office, Osaka Prefecture University 1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan Tel.: 072-254-8319 (Int'l calls: +81-72-254-8319) ※Please send by registered post and before the deadline. Envelopes should be prepared by the applicant. Please write "Documents for the Application Qualification Screening for admission to the Graduate School of Science Master's Program Enclosed" in red ink on the envelope.
Delivery of the " Application Qualification Certificate " documents (The certificate will be sent from the Admissions Office for those individuals whose eligibility for application was established in the 1st screening.)		Send by June 28, 2021
Announcement of provisional passing results on the entrance examination (A "Notification of Provisional Passing Results on the Entrance Examination" will be delivered to those applicants who so qualify.)		September 2, 2021 13:00
Those applicants who have provisionally passed will be subject to an Enrollment Qualification Screening (2nd [final] screening) and are asked to submit the documents listed on page 8, item *2 below. The deadline for submitting documents and the submission location are shown at right.		March 2, 2022 Admissions Office, Osaka Prefecture University 1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan
Announcement of applicants who pass the Enrollment Qualification Screening (2nd [final] screening)		March 11, 2022 13:00

NOTES:

- Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Block A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above and only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even when dropping off forms in person, please make sure to use an envelope (Rectangle type No. 2 (24.0cm×33.2cm)) and ensure it is sealed.
- Provisional passing results for the entrance examination and passing results in the Enrollment Qualification Screening (2nd screening) will be posted, and notification will also be sent directly to the successful (or provisionally successful) applicants. We cannot respond to telephone inquiries regarding examination and screening outcomes.

*1 Documents required for the Application Qualification Screening (1st screening)

Record of Application Qualification Screening	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science.
Diploma or certificate of imminent graduation	Issued by the president or the dean of the school at the undergraduate institution attended. Copies not permitted

Academic transcript	Should list the number of units and grades in the subjects completed at the undergraduate institution attended. Copies not permitted
Materials regarding course content	Please submit official course guidelines.

NOTES:

- ♦ The department of application may conduct a brief test as necessary.
- ♦ If you are asked to submit other documents, please provide them immediately.

***2 Documents required for the Enrollment Qualification Screening (2nd screening)**

Notification of Provisional Passing Results on the Entrance Examination	Document delivered from the Graduate School.
Academic transcript through the end of 3rd year	Copies not permitted
Letter of recommendation from projected advising professor	Copies not permitted

(2) Applicants under category 6 or 7

Procedures for the Application Qualification Screening are as follows.

Category	Department	All Departments
An Application Qualification Screening will take place; please submit the documents listed under, item *3 below before filing an application. The deadline for submitting documents and the submission location are shown at right.		June 8-10, 2021 (Deadline June 10, 2021) Admissions Office, Osaka Prefecture University 1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan Tel.: 072-254-8319 (Int'l calls: +81-72-254-8319) ※Please send by registered post and before the deadline. Envelopes should be prepared by the applicant. Please write "Documents for the Application Qualification Screening for admission to the Graduate School of Science Master's Program Enclosed" in red ink on the envelope.
Delivery of the " Application Qualification Certificate " (The certificate will be sent from the Admissions Office for those individuals whose eligibility for application was established in the screening.)		Send by June 28, 2021

NOTE:

- ♦ Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Block A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above and only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even when dropping off forms in person, please make sure to use an envelope (Rectangle type No. 2 (24.0cm×33.2cm)) and ensure it is sealed.

***3 Documents required for the Application Qualification Screening**

Record of Application Qualification Screening	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science.
Certificate of graduation	Copies not permitted
Academic transcript	Copies not permitted
Research background	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science.
Report on the results of the applicant's studies	Please summarize in about 2,000 Japanese characters or 1,000 English words using A4 paper.

NOTES:

- ♦ The department of application may conduct a brief test as necessary.
- ♦ If you are asked to submit other documents, please provide them immediately.

6. Applicant Selection Method and Schedule

Applicant selection will entail a comprehensive evaluation based on the written, oral examinations, application documents and other materials. English language skills will be evaluated using TOEIC or TOEFL score.

Exam dates: August 24-25, 2021

Spare day: August 26, 2021

Due to unexpected circumstances such as natural disasters, the above examination is postponed on the day that is designated.

Exam location: Osaka Prefecture University Nakamozu Campus (detailed information will be sent as part of the exam instructions.)

The following chart shows the schedules for the written and oral examinations for each department as well as point allocations.

Department of Mathematical Sciences

Department name	August 24, 2021		August 25, 2021	
Mathematical Sciences	10:30 - 12:30	13:30 - 16:00	10:00 -	English [100 points] ※1
	Basic subjects [150 points]	Specialized subjects [200 points]	Oral examination [50 points]	
	Calculus, Linear Algebra	Selection of two problems among the following fields; - Algebra, Geometry & Topology, Analysis (Fourier Analysis, Differential Equations Complex Analysis), Probability Theory & Statistics, Applied Mathematics		

Departments of Physical Science, Chemistry and Biological Science

Department name	August 24, 2021		August 25, 2021	
Physical Sciences	13:00 - 16:30		10:00 -	English [100 points] ※1
	Specialized subjects [300 points]		Oral examination [50 points]	
	Select 3 out of the following 6 subjects at the exam site: - Mechanics, electromagnetics, quantum mechanics, statistical physics, terrestrial materials science, earth dynamics			
Chemistry	13:00 - 16:30		10:00 -	English [100 points] ※1
	Specialized subjects [350 points]		Oral examination [50 points]	
	Select 7 out of the following 8 questions at the exam site: - 3 organic chemistry questions, 3 physical chemistry questions, 2 inorganic chemistry questions *A calculator (capable of calculating functions) will be lent.			

Biological Science	13:00 - 16:30	10:00 -	English [200 points] ※1
	Specialized subjects [400 points]		
	Answer the following 8 questions at the exam site: “biochemistry including protein chemistry (3 questions)” and “molecular and cellular biology including genetics and developmental biology (3 questions)”, and either “organic chemistry and physical chemistry (2 questions)” or “ecology and evolutionary systematics (2 questions)”.	Oral examination [100 points]	

- ※1 English evaluation = TOEIC score × English score for the Department/730
 If a TOEIC score is 730 or higher, it is considered a perfect score. Numbers are rounded to the nearest decimal point.
 A TOEFL-iBT of 80 or higher is considered a perfect score.

7. Announcement of Examination Results

Time and date of announcement: 13:00 of September 2, 2021

The exam registration numbers of successful (and provisionally successful) applicants will be posted and those individuals notified directly. The exam registration numbers of successful applicants will additionally be posted to the Osaka Prefecture University’s website.

We do not respond to telephone inquiries regarding examination and screening outcomes.

8. Admission Procedures

Admission Procedures Period: October 1-7, 2021 (Deadline October 7, 2021)

It must arrive on time by mail. However, it is possible to submit it in person directly to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Block A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above, and only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday to Friday).

Details regarding procedures will be sent to successful applicants.

For those who have not completed the admission procedures it will be considered that their admission has been cancelled.

9. Tuition

(1) Enrollment fees: (A) ¥282,000 (B) ¥382,000 (Both A and B are subject to change.)

- ◆ Enrollment fee (A) applies if the applicants themselves or their parent within the same family register have been residing in Osaka Prefecture since April 1, 2021 onwards. Enrollment fee (B) applies in all other circumstances.
- ◆ Please transfer the enrollment fee in the transfer form (using the prescribed form) by the time enrollment procedures take place.
- ◆ After completion of admission procedures, the enrollment fee will not be refunded.

(2) Annual tuition fee: ¥535,800 (to be paid in two installments after enrollment)

(Should tuition fees be revised while the student is enrolled at the university, the new tuition fees shall apply to enrolled students as well.)

10. Regarding the Long-Term Study System

Details about the long-term study system, including whether it will be implemented will be published and available on the university’s website from April 2021.

11. Status of Residence (for those who are not Japanese nationals)

Status of Residence under the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (hereinafter “Status of Residence”). If a person without Study Abroad Status of Residence is permitted to enter the Graduate School, they must obtain such status without delay. In addition, those who have a Status of Residence other than Study Abroad

status must change it to Study Abroad. However, those who have the following Status of Residence: Permanent Residency, Fixed-term Residency, Diplomatic Residency, Spouse of a Japanese National etc. do not need to take any further action. Only those who wish to change their Status of Residence to Study Abroad status because of scholarships etc. should follow the necessary procedures.

12. Privacy Policy and Website Notices

- (1) The personal information obtained from your application will not be used for anything other than selection purposes. However, the results of your entrance examination may be used at this university for purposes related to education and student life.
- (2) Provision of Information on Entrance Examination results
The university will provide examinees with their personal Entrance Examination results. Examinees may request results for one year from day on which successful applicants are announced. For details, please contact Admissions Office.
- (3) If an entrance examination cannot be held as planned due to natural disasters or other unavoidable reasons, we will post “an emergency notification” in Japanese on our website. Please confirm by the following URL:
<<https://www.osakafu-u.ac.jp/>>
- (4) OPU is in charge of Osaka Prefecture University Regulations for Security Export Control according to the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act and strictly screens all items and technology to be exported from the university. If your issue is in conflict with any regulation put forth by OPU, you may not be allowed to receive your desired education or conduct research.
Please direct all inquiries to the following address: kenkyu-suishin@ao.osakafu-u.ac.jp

13. Inquiries

For additional information and clarifications, please contact the Admissions Office at the following address:
**Admissions Office,
Osaka Prefecture University
1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan**

Doctoral Program

1. Number of Admission Spaces

Department	September • October 2021 Number of students admitted	April 2022 Number of students admitted
Mathematical Sciences	A few	3 (includes the special framework for non-traditional students)
Physical Science	A few	3 (includes the special framework for non-traditional students)
Chemistry	A few	3 (includes the special framework for non-traditional students)
Biological Science	A few	2 (includes the special framework for non-traditional students)

NOTES:

1. The number of admission spaces includes non-traditional special category students.
Please refer to **“13. Special Framework for Non-Traditional Students.”**
2. The number of instructors who can provide guidance in the fields that comprise each specialization is limited.
Applicants should consult with their prospective supervising professors thoroughly regarding their research at least 10 days before the period for accepting applications begins.

2. Applicant Qualification

(September • October 2021 enrollment)

Individuals who come under any of the categories listed below.

1	Those who have a Master’s degree or professional degree in Japan and those who expect to obtain one by September 30, 2021.	
2	Those who received a degree equivalent to a Master’s degree or a professional degree in a foreign country and those who expect to obtain one by September 30, 2021.	
3	Those who have completed in Japan a course offered by a foreign school through correspondence and have been awarded a degree equivalent to a Master’s degree or a professional degree. This also includes those who expect to obtain one by September 30, 2021.	
4	Those who have completed the relevant course designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at an education institution positioned within the school education system of the relevant foreign country as a graduate school that provides graduate courses in that country. This also includes those who have received the equivalent of a Master’s degree or professional degree and those who expect to receive one by September 30, 2021.	
5	Those who completed the program at the United Nations University and received a degree equivalent to a Master’s degree and those who expected to be awarded one by September 30, 2021.	
6	Those who are recognized as having completed an education course at a foreign school and have passed the equivalent of Qualifying Examination (QE) or expected to pass by September 30, 2021, and also those who have an academic ability that is equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master’s degree.	

7	<p>A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (September 1, 1989 Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Notification No. 118)</p> <p>(a) Those who have graduated from a university in Japan, have engaged in research at a university or research institute etc. for more than 2 years, have received a Master's degree by engaging in research at our Graduate School, have an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree.</p> <p>(b) Those who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country or have completed courses offered by a foreign school through correspondence in Japan, have engaged in research for over 2 years at a university or research institute, have received a Master's degree by engaging in research at our Graduate School, have an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree.</p>	<p>An "Application Qualification Screening" will be required prior to submitting documents.</p> <p>Please refer to "5. Application Qualification Screening."</p>
8	<p>Those who are recognized by the Graduate School as having Master's degree or a professional degree from this Graduate School through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree or a professional degree and are also 24 years of age by September 30, 2021.</p>	
9	<p>Those who are recognized by the Graduate School as having Master's degree or a professional degree from this Graduate School through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree or a professional degree.</p>	

(April 2022 enrollment)

Individuals who come under any of the categories listed below.

1	<p>Those who have a Master's degree or professional degree in Japan and those who expect to obtain one by March 31, 2022.</p>	
2	<p>Those who received a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree in a foreign country and those who expect to obtain one by March 31, 2022.</p>	
3	<p>Those who have completed in Japan a course offered by a foreign school through correspondence and have been awarded a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree. This also includes those who expect to obtain one by March 31, 2022.</p>	
4	<p>Those who have completed the relevant course designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at an education institution positioned within the school education system of the relevant foreign country as a graduate school that provides graduate courses in that country. This also includes those who have received the equivalent of a Master's degree or professional degree and those who expect to receive one by March 31, 2022.</p>	
5	<p>Those who completed the program at the United Nations University and received a degree equivalent to a Master's degree and those who expected to be awarded one by March 31, 2022.</p>	
6	<p>Those who are recognized as having completed an education course at a foreign school and have passed the equivalent of Qualifying Examination (QE) or expected to pass by March 31, 2022, and also those who have an academic ability that is equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree.</p>	

7	<p>A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (September 1, 1989 Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Notification No. 118)</p> <p>(a) Those who have graduated from a university in Japan, have engaged in research at a university or research institute etc. for more than 2 years, have received a Master's degree by engaging in research at our Graduate School, have an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree.</p> <p>(b) Those who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country or have completed courses offered by a foreign school through correspondence in Japan, have engaged in research for over 2 years at a university or research institute, have received a Master's degree by engaging in research at our Graduate School, have an academic ability that is beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree.</p>	<p>An "Application Qualification Screening" will be required prior to submitting documents.</p> <p>Please refer to "5. Application Qualification Screening."</p>
8	<p>Those who are recognized by the Graduate School as having Master's degree or a professional degree from this Graduate School through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree or a professional degree and are also 24 years of age by March 31, 2022.</p>	
9	<p>Those who are recognized by the Graduate School as having Master's degree or a professional degree from this Graduate School through the qualification examination and those who have an academic ability equal to or beyond that of an individual with a Master's degree or a professional degree.</p>	

3. Application Submission Deadlines

Submission Period	Submissions (by mail)
<p>July 6-8, 2021 (Deadline July 8, 2021)</p>	<p>Admissions Office, Osaka Prefecture University 1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan Tel.: 072-254-8319 (Int'l calls: +81-72-254-8319)</p> <p>※Please use the university's designated envelope for sending application forms (Rectangle type No. 2 (24.0cm×33.2cm)) and ensure they are sent before the application deadline and by registered post.</p>

NOTES:

- Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Block A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above and only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even if submitting the forms directly, please use the envelope designated by the university for sending application forms (Rectangle type No. 2 (24.0cm×33.2cm)) and make sure it is sealed.
- An "Entrance Examination Card" and "Rules to Observe When Taking Examinations" will be sent to all those who have completed the application process. More specifically, they are intended to be sent out around July 14, by registered post. Please contact the Admissions Office if nothing has arrived by July 20.

4. Application Materials

1	Application for admission etc.	
	Application for admission	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science.
	Entrance Examination Card	Make sure all the items are filled in.
	Photo Card	Paste the Photo (4cm×3cm) taken within 3 months.
	Sheet to affix the postal transfer payment receipt of the examination fee	<p>Affix the postal transfer payment receipt on the enclosed sheet to be submitted with the application.</p> <p>Your application will be rejected if the examination fee has not been paid by the deadline or if the postal transfer payment receipt is not presented along with your application documents or if no post office date of payment is stamped on the receipt.</p>

2	Osaka Metropolitan University (tentative name) Graduate School/ Division/ Program/ Department Confirmation Form (April 2022 enrollment)	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science. Please confirm the transfer of your organization from Osaka Prefecture University to the Osaka Metropolitan University (tentative name) by referring to the “List of transfer destinations at the Osaka Metropolitan University (tentative name)” (hereafter, “transfer list”), and fill in the required information. You can find the “transfer list” on the university website. (In Japanese only) ※Please keep a copy of the completed confirmation form.
3	Examination fee	¥ 30,000 <u>At a post office counter</u> , please pay the fee using the postal transfer payment slip provided by Osaka Prefecture University from one week before the deadline of your written application until the deadline date. <u>However, the examination fee is not required of current students in the master's program at the Graduate School of Science.</u> NOTE: Payment cannot be made by cash or with a postal money order. Payment cannot be made by ATM (automatic teller machine) remittance.
4	Statement of Purpose	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science.
5	Certificate of graduation (completion) or prospective certificate (documents certifying eligibility for application)	Documents certified by the last university attended by the applicant stating that the applicant has received the degree or expects to receive the degree. In regard to the cases referred to in (6), Certification Documentation for passing QE or expected to pass QE.
6	Final Academic Transcript	Should list the number of units and grades in the subjects completed in the master’s program covered by the transcript. Applicants under the Application Qualification categories 7, 8 or 9 should submit a university transcript for the last institution from which they graduated. Not required for students who have never been enrolled in a university.
7	Thesis Summary	Summary of applicant’s master’s thesis or equivalent work (about 8,000 Japanese characters or 4,000 English words). However, <u>submission is not required of applicants who expect to complete a master’s program at the Graduate School of Science in March 2022.</u>
8	TOEIC L&R or TOEFL-iBT Score Report	The originals of the TOEIC Listening & Reading OFFICIAL SCORE CERTIFICATE (official certificate) of the TOEIC Listening & Reading Test conducted since April 2020, the TOEIC Listening & Reading IP Score Report (Individual Score Report) of the TOEIC Listening & Reading IP Test, or the Test Taker Score Report (or Examinee Score Report) of TOEFL-iBT. The originals submitted will be returned after confirmation. ※For any “Test Taker Score Report” for a TOEFL-iBT that is reported in August 2019 or later, only the Test Date Score is used as the application score (the MyBest™ score will not be used). ※Score certificates from the TOEFL-iBT Special Home Edition or TOEFL-iBT Home Edition will not be accepted. ◆ Even if the score certificate has been submitted at the time of application, if there is a latest score certificate with better scores by the day of the examination, resubmission (replacement) will be accepted. ◆ If the score certificate could not be submitted at the time of application, please submit a statement of reasons stating the reasons (you are free to choose the format) along with the application documents. ◆ If the score certificate has not been submitted at the time of application or when resubmitting a score certificate with better scores, please submit the score certificate before the oral examination begins. ◆ Even if the score certificate cannot be submitted one can take the examination, but results of English language will be evaluated as 0 points. ◆ Foreign students whose native language is English may be required to take an examination instead of the rating by TOEIC or TOEFL score.
9	Return envelope	Please use the university-designated envelope for sending in the exam admission certificate (Long form No. 3 (12.0cm×23.5cm)). Please fill in the zip code, address, and name of the addressee, and affix stamps worth 404 yen.

10	Application Qualification Certificate	<u>Required only for applicants in qualification categories 7, 8 or 9.</u> In accordance with “ 5. Application Qualification Screening, ” the documents will be sent from the Admissions Office.
11	Examination Consent Form	<u>Required only for applicants under the special framework for non-traditional students.</u> Sent by the Admissions Office in response to an application consultation request as stipulated by the separately established “ Guidelines on Application Consultation under the Special Framework for Non-Traditional Students. ” Please refer to “ 13. Special Framework for Non-Traditional Students. ”
12	Copy of residence card	<u>Necessary only for foreign students.</u> Please submit photocopies of both sides of residence card. Overseas residents must submit a photocopy of their passport (page with photo).
13	Long Term Study Permission Request (September - October 2021 enrollment)	<u>Required only for those applicants who wish to engage in long-term study.</u> Please refer to “11. Regarding the Long-Term Study System.”

Points to consider regarding the application

1. Original copies of the above certificates are required for application. Copies will not be accepted.
2. Incomplete applications may not be accepted.
3. Changes to the matters stated will not be accepted after the application procedure.
4. Applicants currently employed at a government agency, company, or elsewhere must submit an enrollment consent form (using the prescribed form) signed by their supervisor or representative thereof.
5. If the applicant is disabled, or if for any other reason the applicant wishes to request any consideration during the entrance exam or after enrollment, please contact the Admissions Office.
E-mail: nyushi3@ao.osakafu-u.ac.jp
6. Examination fees will not be returned except under the following circumstances:
 - ♦ You wish to withdraw your application to Osaka Prefecture University.
 - ♦ Your application documents and other items are rejected because they are incomplete or insufficient.
 - ♦ You have inadvertently made a double payment of the entrance examination fee.

NOTE: Should any of the above applies, you should submit a refund request to the Admissions Office of Osaka Prefecture University no later than one month after the application deadline.

5. Application Qualification Screening

Applicants under categories 7, 8 or 9 must undergo a qualification screening prior to submitting application documents.

Category	Department	All Departments
An Application Qualification Screening will take place; please submit the documents listed on page 17, item *1 before filing an application. The deadline for submitting documents and the submission location are shown at right.		June 8-10, 2021 (Deadline June 10, 2021) Admissions Office, Osaka Prefecture University 1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan Tel.: 072-254-8319 (Int'l calls: +81-72-254-8319) ※Please send by registered post and before the deadline. Envelopes should be prepared by the applicant. Please write “Documents for the Application Qualification Screening for admission to the Graduate School of Science Doctoral Program Enclosed” in red ink on the envelope.
Delivery of the “ Application Qualification Certificate ” (The certificate will be sent from the Admissions Office for those individuals whose eligibility for application was established in the screening.)		Send by June 28, 2021

NOTE:

- ♦ Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Block A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above and only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even when dropping off forms in person, please make sure to use an envelope (Rectangle type No. 2 (24.0cm×33.2cm)) and ensure it is sealed.

***1 Documents required for the Application Qualification Screening**

Record of Application Qualification Screening	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science.
Curriculum vitae	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science.
Certificate of graduation (completion)	Documents certified by the last university attended by the applicant stating that the applicant has received the degree or expects to receive the degree. Copies not permitted
Academic transcript	Copies not permitted
Research progress report	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science. Please provide copies of articles, presentation materials, and the like, if available.
Statement of intended research	Use the form provided by the Graduate School of Science.

NOTES:

- ♦ Students subject to Application Qualification Screening should consult with their prospective supervising professor before submitting documents.
- ♦ Please respond promptly in accordance with directions to any requests for additional materials from the Graduate School.

6. Applicant Selection Method and Schedule

Applicant selection will entail a comprehensive evaluation based on an oral examination focused on the thesis summary and research progress report, statement of purpose, and application documents. English language skills will be evaluated using TOEIC or TOEFL score.

Exam dates: August 24, 2021

Spare day: August 25, 2021

Due to unexpected circumstances such as natural disasters, the above examination is postponed on the day that is designated.

Exam location: Osaka Prefecture University Nakamozu Campus (detailed information will be sent as part of the exam instructions.)

※For foreign students, the oral examination may be carried out by web meeting systems.

The following chart shows the schedules for the oral examinations for each department as well as point allocations. The oral examination time may be changed. We will notify applicants if there is any change.

Departments of Mathematical Sciences, Physical Science, Chemistry and Biological Science

Exam date	August 24, 2021	
Examination periods	10:00 -	English [100 points] ※1
Subjects [Point allocations]	Oral examination [200 points]	

※1 English evaluation = TOEIC score × English score for the Department/730

If a TOEIC score is 730 or higher, it is considered a perfect score. Numbers are rounded to the nearest decimal point.

A TOEFL-iBT of 80 or higher is considered a perfect score.

7. Announcement of Examination Results

Time and date of announcement: 13:00 of September 2, 2021

The exam registration numbers of successful applicants will be posted and those individuals notified directly. The exam registration numbers of successful applicants will additionally be posted to the Osaka Prefecture University's website.

We do not respond to telephone inquiries regarding examination and screening outcomes.

8. Admission Procedures

[September • October 2021 enrollment]: September 13-16, 2021 (Deadline September 16, 2021)

[April 2022 enrollment]: October 1-7, 2021 (Deadline October 7, 2021)

It must arrive on time by mail. However, it is possible to submit it in person directly to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Block A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above, and only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday to Friday).

Details regarding procedures will be sent to successful applicants. For those who have not completed the admission procedures it will be considered that their admission has been cancelled.

Applicants currently employed at a government agency, company, or elsewhere must submit an enrollment consent form (using the prescribed form) signed by their supervisor or representative thereof.

9. Date of Admission

[September • October 2021 enrollment]: September 26, 2021

NOTE: Date of admission of those who meet application qualification during September 26 to 30, 2021 will be October 1, 2021.

[April 2022 enrollment]: April 1, 2022

10. Tuition

(1) Enrollment fees: (A) ¥282,000 (B) ¥382,000 (Both A and B are subject to change.)

[September • October 2021 enrollment]:

Enrollment fee (A) applies if the applicants themselves, their spouse, or their immediate blood relative has been residing in Osaka Prefecture since September 26 or October 1, 2020 onwards.

Enrollment fee (B) applies in all other circumstances.

[April 2022 enrollment]:

Enrollment fee (A) applies if the applicants themselves or their parent within the same family register have been residing in Osaka Prefecture since April 1, 2021 onwards.

Enrollment fee (B) applies in all other circumstances.

- ◆ Not required of students continuing on from a master's program at the Graduate School of Science.
- ◆ Please transfer the enrollment fee in the transfer form (using the prescribed form) by the time enrollment procedures take place.
- ◆ After completion of admission procedures, the enrollment fee will not be refunded.

(2) Annual tuition fee: ¥535,800 (to be paid in two installments after enrollment)

(Should tuition fees be revised while the student is enrolled at the university, the new tuition fees shall apply to enrolled students as well.)

11. Regarding the Long-Term Study System

[September • October 2021 enrollment]:

(1) Purpose

This system is intended for students for whom it will be difficult to complete a curriculum with a standard term of study (3 years for doctoral program) owing to various circumstances such as holding down a job, and makes it possible for them to obtain a degree by taking longer than the standard term to study in a planned fashion and complete the course.

(2) Applicant qualification

Individuals who meet any of the following conditions may submit the "Long-term Study Permission

Request” to apply for long-term study.

- A. Applicants who have a job and work.
- B. Applicants who have circumstances of child care, caregiving, or other responsibilities.
- C. Applicants who have any other matters deemed necessary by our dean.

(3) Term of study

A 4, 5, or 6-year time limit for long-term study during the period of enrollment shall be granted in the case of doctoral program students. Additionally, after long-term study has been approved, students who wish to shorten their period of long-term study if the reasons that prompted such are relieved must submit a “long-term study reduction request” addressed to the dean of the school by the deadline established separately.

(4) Tuition fees under the long-term study system (annual amount)

The fee shall be the figure obtained by multiplying the regular annual tuition fee by the number of years corresponding to the standard term of study, and dividing that by the number of years granted for long-term study. Additionally, if a reduction in the period of long-term study has been granted, the student must make up the difference from the original tuition fee. (Should tuition fees be revised while the student is enrolled at the university, the new tuition fees shall apply to enrolled students as well.)

(5) Period for submitting the request form

When you'd like to begin from the entrance, submit “Long-term Study Permission Request” at the time of filling the application form for the entrance examination.

It is possible to apply for Long-Term Study System after entering the graduate program; however, since the Long-Term Study System has a term of one year, this change cannot be applied in the middle of the grade period.

(6) Please direct all inquiries and submissions regarding long-term study to the Education Affairs Division at the Osaka Prefecture University

(School of Science desk, Tel.: 072-254-8396/Int'l call: +81-72-254-8396).

NOTE: Applicants who wish to apply for long-term study should consult beforehand with their prospective supervising professor.

[April 2022 enrollment]:

Details about the long-term study system, including whether it will be implemented will be published and available on the university's website from April 2021.

12. Privacy Policy and Website Notices

- (1) The second semester starts from September 26, 2021 and the classes are open for those admitted in October 1, 2021.
- (2) The personal information obtained from your application will not be used for anything other than selection purposes. However, the results of your entrance examination may be used at this university for purposes related to education and student life.
- (3) Provision of Information on Entrance Examination results
The university will provide examinees with their personal Entrance Examination results. Examinees may request results for one year from day on which successful applicants are announced. For details, please contact Admissions Office.
- (4) If an entrance examination cannot be held as planned due to natural disasters or other unavoidable reasons, we will post “an emergency notification” in Japanese on our website. Please confirm by the following URL:
<<https://www.osakafu-u.ac.jp/>>
- (5) OPU is in charge of Osaka Prefecture University Regulations for Security Export Control according to the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act and strictly screens all items and technology to be exported from the university. If your issue is in conflict with any regulation put forth by OPU, you may not be allowed to receive your desired education or conduct research.
Please direct all inquiries to the following address: kenkyu-suishin@ao.osakafu-u.ac.jp

13. Special Framework for Non-Traditional Students

The special framework for non-traditional students is a system for providing researchers, engineers, and educators at all manner of research or educational institutions, private corporations, and so forth with a venue where they can receive instruction and research guidance while still employed and continue the research they are

conducting at their place of employment. Those who wish to enroll under this system are asked to file a Request for Application Consultation under the Special Framework for Non-Traditional Students during the periods indicated below prior to submission after having discussed their post-enrollment research regime (the research done to date, plans for instruction and attendance, etc.) with the Graduate School in accordance with the separately established “Guidelines on Application Consultation under the Special Framework for Non-Traditional Students.”

(Request for Application Consultation under the Special Framework for Non-Traditional Students)

Submission Period	Submissions (by mail)
June 8-10, 2021 (Deadline June 10, 2021)	Admissions Office, Osaka Prefecture University 1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan Tel.: 072-254-8319 (Int'l calls: +81-72-254-8319) ※Please send by registered post and before the deadline. Envelopes should be prepared by the applicant. Please write “Request for Application Consultation under the Special Framework for Non-Traditional Students for admission to the Graduate School of Science Doctoral Program Enclosed” in red ink on the envelope.

NOTE: Submissions may be made in person to the Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Block A3, Nakamozu Campus, within the application period indicated above and only between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even when dropping off forms in person, please make sure to use an envelope (Rectangle type No. 2 (24.0cm×33.2cm)) and ensure it is sealed.

The “Guidelines on Application Consultation under the Special Framework for Non-Traditional Students” may be requested from the Admissions Office at Osaka Prefecture University.

14. Inquiries

For additional information and clarifications, please contact the Admissions Office at the following address:

**Admissions Office,
Osaka Prefecture University
1-1, Gakuen-cho, Naka-ku, Sakai, Osaka, 599-8531, Japan**

Information on entrance exams is available on our Website

The announcements of test results for each school (successful applicant examinee numbers) are also posted.

Osaka Prefecture University Website (entrance exam guide)
<https://www.osakafu-u.ac.jp/admission/>