

Application Guide for Summer 2026

**Special Program of “Engineering Science 21st Century”
for Master’s Course in English
Graduate School of Engineering Science
The University of Osaka
“Enrollment in October 2026”**

**Graduate School of Engineering Science
The University of Osaka**

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August 2025

1. Date of Enrollment to the Course

October 1st, 2026

2. Maximum Number for Admission

A small number of students at each of the following departments

Department of Materials Engineering Science
Department of Mechanical Science and Bioengineering
Department of Systems Innovation

Research areas and topics can be found on the website: osku.jp/n0961

3. Application Requirements

- (1) Eligible applicants must belong to one of the following categories:
 - (a) Non-Japanese applicants who hold a resident visa (Student Visa), the status of which permits enrollment in a graduate school under the Immigration-Control and Refugee-Recognition Act.
 - (b) Non-Japanese applicants who are expected to obtain the above status upon enrollment in the Graduate School under the Immigration-Control and Refugee-Recognition Act.
- (2) An applicant must fulfill at least one of the following four conditions:
 - (a) Has received a bachelor's degree from a Japanese university/college or is expected to graduate prior to the date of enrollment to our master's course;
 - (b) Has completed 16 years of formal school education curriculum in countries other than Japan and has either received a bachelor's degree, or is expected to graduate from a university/college prior to the date of enrollment to our master's course;
 - (c) Has received the equivalent of a bachelor's degree through the completion of coursework which requires 3 or more years of study at an overseas university/college; or
 - (d) is approved of being academically equivalent to a university graduate level by the Graduate School of Engineering Science, the University of Osaka and is at least 22 years of age prior to the date of enrollment to our master's course.
- (3) Language ability
Required English proficiency above 79 for TOEFL-iBT, 213 for TOEFL-CBT, 550 for TOEFL-PBT, 6.0 for IELTS or equivalent.
- (4) Notes on ineligible applicants:
 - (a) Students who are not expected to have a resident visa (Student Visa) at the time of admission. Please consult the Graduate Students Section if necessary.
 - (b) Members of the armed forces.

4. Pre-application Screening

Among the Application Requirements mentioned above, those who intend to apply for the master's course under 3-(2)-(d) are required to undergo a pre-application screening before applying. Please contact the Graduate Students Section at least one month before the application deadline by email (ki-daigakuin@office.osaka-u.ac.jp) to inquire about the necessary procedures.

5. Application Procedure

- (1) Type of Application
Overseas application: For applicants who do not reside or are not scheduled to be in Japan at the time of screening (from the middle of July 2026 to the middle of August 2026).
Domestic application: For applicants who reside in Japan or are scheduled to be in Japan at the time of screening (from the middle of July 2026 to the end of August 2026).
- (2) Application Period: **Monday, June 22, 2026 to Friday, July 3, 2026**
- (3) Application Process:
Applicants must go through the application process as seen below.

- i) Every applicant should find, well in advance, a supervisor suitable for the research field of the applicant's interest. The research topics of faculty members of the Graduate School of Engineering Science can be found in the attached list and is also available on the website: osku.jp/n0961
- ii) It is essential that every applicant contact the professor with whom the applicant wishes to work and obtain the professor's permission to apply.
 - If the applicant's most recent university that he/she graduated from (including expected graduation) is located overseas, before contacting the professor, in principle, every applicant is strongly encouraged to apply to The University of Osaka Admissions Assistance Desk (hereinafter called "AAD") first and obtain permission to contact the professor.
 - If the applicant's most recent university that he/she graduated from (including expected graduation) is located in Japan, he/she does not have to go through AAD and should contact the professor directly.

*The University of Osaka has established the AAD for those who have graduated (or expect to graduate) from an overseas university, and this will be a means to accurately and efficiently submit their applications and other documents to the desired supervisor. In order to welcome those who have graduated (or expect to graduate) from an overseas university in an efficient manner, those who are planning to come to the Graduate School of Engineering Science are strongly encouraged to apply through the AAD. Applicants who are currently enrolled at the Graduate School of Engineering Science are not required to apply to the AAD. For further details regarding the AAD: osku.jp/z0881

Important note:

Please keep in mind that the AAD serves to notify you whether or not you will be permitted to contact the professor, and that receiving such a notification does not mean that you have been accepted. In addition, note that it will take roughly three weeks after you have applied before you receive this notification. We suggest that you apply for AAD well in advance, at least three weeks before applying for admission.

- iii) Application documents should be submitted by registered postal mail such as Express Mail Service (EMS) so that they should arrive within the application period to the following address:

Graduate Students Section
Graduate School of Engineering Science
The University of Osaka
1-3 Machikaneyama, Toyonaka, Osaka 560-8531 JAPAN
Phone: +81-6-6850-6146

No application will be accepted if the documents are incomplete. Once the application procedure is completed, the submitted contents cannot be altered.

- (4) Application documents: Application forms can be downloaded from the website: osku.jp/x0676

It is essential that all the application documents (a)-(j) be carefully completed in English, typed/printed or written in block letters (i.e. they must be written legibly in printed letters, sans-serif fonts, and not in cursive, so that they can be easily read) on A4- or US letter-sized white paper. Official English translation is required for every formal document given in other languages. Application documents are non-returnable.

- (a) Form "Application for Admission for Special Program of "Engineering Science 21st Century" for Master's Course in English" completed and signed.
- (b) "Details of Proposed Study" completed in about 2,000 words on the prescribed form.
- (c) Abstract of applicant's bachelor thesis, written in English within 2,000 words on the prescribed form.
- (d) Application/entrance examination fee: 30,000 yen.
 - *Contact the Graduate Students Section well in advance regarding the method of payment.
 - *The application/entrance examination fee must be paid to the university's bank account during the application period.
- (e) Official document certifying the date or expected date of applicant's graduation issued and signed by the officials of the most recent university or graduate school.
- (f) Academic records, which also indicate the GPA or its equivalent, issued and signed by officials of the most recent university or graduate school.
- (g) A copy of the applicant's passport on an A4- or US letter-sized paper. If this cannot be provided, a copy of certificate of citizenship will be accepted.

- (h) A score report (original document) of the TOEFL-iBT, TOEFL-CBT, TOEFL-PBT, IELTS test or equivalent to serve as a certificate of English proficiency, or a certificate from the academic institution verifying that the language of instruction and examinations is English.

If the applicant has completed an undergraduate or graduate degree program where the language of instruction and examinations is English, an official statement from the academic institution will be accepted as well.

Your TOEFL score may be sent to us directly from ETS. Our ETS institution code is 5413.

Provided, those who fall under the following categories need not submit the abovementioned certificates:

- Applicants whose first language is English.
 - Applicants who have graduated from a university or a graduate school located in an English-speaking country.
- (i) Recommendation letter from the Dean of the faculty or school, the Head of the department, or the applicant's academic supervisor of the institution from which the applicant has graduated. When the applicant is an employee, a recommendation letter from the employer/executives will also be accepted.
- (j) One (1) photo 4.5 by 3.5 cm in size
- Color
 - Printed on photo quality paper
 - Taken within the last 6 months prior to the application date to reflect the current appearance
 - Taken clearly in front of a plain background
 - Taken in full-face view directly facing the camera including upper body
 - With a neutral facial expression and both eyes open. Do not wear a hat.
 - Write your name and nationality in block letters on the back of the photo
 - The photo should be pasted directly on the form "Application for Admission for Special Program of "Engineering Science 21st Century" for Master's Course in English".

6. Screening

- (1) **Overseas application:** Screening will be held based on the application documents and internet interview by the beginning of August 2026.
- (2) **Domestic application:** Screening will be held based on an oral/paper examination, and the application documents by the middle of August 2026.

Note: The details of the exams for both overseas as well as domestic application will be provided by the host professor or the division (section) supervisor.

7. Notification of Results

- (1) **Overseas application:** The screening results will be mailed to the applicants **by the middle of August 2026**.
- (2) **Domestic application:** The screening results will be mailed to the applicants **by the end of August 2026**.

-Admission decisions are non-negotiable.-The Graduate Students Section will not respond to any inquiries regarding admission decisions.

8. Enrollment Formalities

- (1) Documents to be submitted: Graduation certificate, certified academic records.

Regarding the certificates, if applicants have submitted documents based on the prospect of completion/graduation at the time of application, please remember that the official documents must be submitted at the time of the admissions process.

- (2) Payment of fee:

Enrollment fee: 282,000 JPY

Tuition fee: 535,800 JPY per year

Note:

- (a) Students supported by the Japanese Government Scholarship (Monbukagakusho Scholarship) are exempt from both enrollment fee and tuition fee.
- (b) A financial aid plan is made available to students: either half or all of the enrollment fee and/or tuition fee may be exempted. Eligibility for a financial aid plan is based on financial need and academic achievement, or in the case of being affected by suffering from natural disasters.
- (c) If enrollment fee and tuition fee are revised by the University, the students are required to pay the revised

amount.

9. Policy on Handling Personal Information

- (1) Names, addresses, and other personal information will be used in the entrance examination process, in the publication of the list of successful applicants, and in the admission procedures. For those admitted to the University of Osaka, personal information will also be used for academic-related matters (keeping academic and registration records), for student support matters (health care management, school fee exemptions and applications for scholarships, career support, etc.), and for school fee management.
- (2) The information obtained from the entrance examination such as grade statistics and analysis will be used for research on admission methods.
- (3) As part of the enrollment procedures, some tasks may be outsourced to external contractors. In such cases, the university signs a formal agreement with the contractors to ensure that your personal information is protected and handled responsibly. Based on this agreement, some or all of the personal information submitted at the time of application may be shared with the contractors, strictly for enrollment-related purposes.

10. Security Export Control

In accordance with Japan's "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act" (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), the University of Osaka has established "The University of Osaka Security Export Control Regulations" and rigorously implements security export control for the export of goods and the transfer of technology (including accepting foreigners).

Please be aware that applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in the Act may not receive permission to enroll at the university or may have their education or research restricted after their enrollment.

For more information, please refer to the following website.

https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/research/secur_exp/outline

11. Note

- (1) If any of the application documents include false information, the applicant's admission will be cancelled even after he/she has enrolled.
- (2) If those applicants who have applied with an official document certifying the expected date of the applicant's graduation but cannot graduate by the day before the date of admission to the University of Osaka, the applicant's admission will be cancelled.
- (3) On condition that visa acquisition and enrollment procedures proceed without any problems, applicants must make every effort to arrive in Japan before the date of enrollment and start the course on the date of enrollment.
- (4) Applicants are recommended to become well acquainted with the Japanese language, culture, customs, and so on. Knowledge of the Japanese language will prove to be useful during your stay in Japan.

12. Special Note for Tuition Fee Exemption for International Honors Students

The University of Osaka has a tuition fee exemption system (Tuition Fee Exemption for International Honors Students) for privately-funded international students who are of excellent academic standing in the graduate school entrance examinations. This entrance examination qualifies applicants for the Tuition Fee Exemption for International Honors Students. Those who have passed this entrance exam and are recognized as being exceptionally outstanding will qualify for the tuition fee exemption under this system. Please note that this system does not include enrollment fee exemption. For details, please refer to the Appendix found at the end of the guideline

13. Contact information for inquiries

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Department of Materials Engineering Science

Division	Area	Research Group	Keywords	Professor
Materials Physics	Electron Correlation Physics	Theory Group for Strongly Correlated Systems	Topological insulators and superconductors, Exotic superconductors, Strongly correlated electron systems, Quantum magnetism, Quantum criticality, Mathematical physics	Prof. FUJIMOTO Satoshi
		Experimental Group for Spectroscopy of Correlated Materials	Bulk-sensitive photoelectron spectroscopy (hard X-ray and extremely low-energy excitation), High-energy electron epectroscopy and their dichroism, Strongly correlated electron systems	Prof. SEKIYAMA Akira
		Experimental Group for Quantum Physics of Strongly Correlated Systems	Exotic superconductors, Topological superconductors, Quantum critical systems, Multipolar systems, Strongly correlated electron systems, Angle-resolved thermal-transport/thermodynamic measurements under extreme conditions	Prof. IZAWA Koichi
	Quantum Physics of Nanoscale Materials	Quantum Information and Quantum Optics Group	Quantum information proccessing, Entanglement manipulation, Quantum optics, Atom Optics, Optomechanics	Prof. YAMAMOTO Takashi
		Group for Emergent Functional Material Science	Exploration of quantum materials (strongly correlated and topological materials), thermoelectrics, superconductivity, quantum transport phenomena, high-pressure synthesis, computational science	Prof. ISHIWATA Shintaro
		Optical Meta Quantum Materials Science	Opto-spintronics, Optical quantum materials science, Magneto-electro-optical hybrid functionalities, Symmetry, Magneto-optics, Nonlinear optics, Imaging, (Magnetic) Metamaterials, Multiferroics, Mesoscopic artificial magnets	Prof. MATSUBARA Masakazu
	Quantum Materials Physics	Interface Quantum Science	Spintronics, Flexible Spintronics, Advanced magnetic engineering, Control of magnetism, Functional quantum interface	Prof. CHIBA Daichi
		Theoretical Nanotechnology	Computational materials science, Ab-initio calculation, Surface and interface physics, Amorphous, Machine-learning potential, Topological data analysis	Prof. MINAMITANI Emi
Chemistry	Synthetic Chemistry	Synthetic Organic Chemistry Group	Molecular Transformation Reactions, Transition Metal Catalysts, Multimetallic Complexes, Organo Main Group Chemistry, Organic Photochemistry, Synthesis of Useful Compounds	Prof. TAKAYA Jun
		Physical Organic Chemistry Group	Reaction Development, Mechanistic Analysis, Functional Molecule Synthesis, Structure-Property Evaluation, Catalytic Reaction, Asymmetric Catalysis	Prof. SHINTANI Ryo
		Molecular Assembly Chemistry Group	Supramolecular chemistry, Crystal engineering, Functional crystalline material, Porous organic framework, Carbon dioxide absorbent, Hydrogen bond	Prof. HISAKI Ichiro
	Molecular Organization Chemistry	Surface Chemistry Group	Energy Conversion, Interfaces of Electrochemical Devices, Operando measurement, Nano Science, Electrode Interfaces, Ionic Liquid Interfacial Chemistry, Catalytic Reaction Mechanism	Prof. FUKUI Ken-ichi
		Biological Chemistry Group	Nucleic acids chemistry, Chemical synthesis of oligonucleotides, DNA damage, DNA repair, Biomolecular recognition, Protein–nucleic acid interactions	
	Solar Energy Chemistry	Solar Energy Conversion	Artificial Photosynthesis; Natural Photosynthesis; CO2 utilization; Electrocatalytic reactions; Next-generation secondary batteries	Prof. NAKANISHI Shuji
Chemical Engineering	Chemical Reaction Engineering	Nanoreaction Engineering Group	Self-assembly, Porous materials,Zeolite Catalysts, Carbon Electrodes, Liquid crystals	Prof. NISHIYAMA Norikazu
		Quantum Chemical Engineering group	Quantum chemistry, Quantum functional materials, Open-shell systems, Optical and magnetic properties, Quantum transportation, Quantum nonlinear optics, Reaction mechanism, Quantum dynamics	Prof. KITAGAWA Yasutaka
		Design of High-Performance Catalyst Group	Catalytic chemistry, Catalyst design, Green chemistry, Environmentally-benign catalytic process, Green organic synthesis, Metal nanoparticle catalyst, Highly ordered multicomponent catalyst, Polymer upcycle, Biomass refinery	Prof. MIZUGAKI Tomoo
	Environment and Energy System	Transport Phenomena Control Group	Control of Heat and Mass Trasnfer, Liquid-Liquid Interface, Phase Change, Computational Fluid Dynamics	
		Molecular-Aggregate Chemical Engineering Group	Soft Self-Organizing System, Distribution of Molecule at Mesoscale, Amphiphilic Molecule, Ionic Liquid, Molecular Simulation, Solution Theory	Prof. MATUBAYASI Nobuyuki
	Bioprocess Engineering	Bio-Inspired Chemical Engineering Group	Bio-Inspired Chemical Engineering, Self-Assemblies, Engineering Science of Liposome, Molecular Recognition, Bioseparation, Drug Delivery System (DDS), RNA, Protein, Biomembrane	Prof. UMAKOSHI Hiroshi
		Biochemical Materials Engineering Group	Biomedical, Biomaterial, Tissue fabrication, Hydrogel, Soft matter, Biochemical engineering	Prof. SAKAI Shinji
	Solar Energy Chemistry	Energy and Photochemical Engineering Group	Photocatalysts, Artificial Photosynthesis, Photoluminescent Molecular Devices and Sensors, Clathrate Hydrates, Thermal Strage Materials	Prof. HIRAI Takayuki
Frontier Materials Science	Frontier Materials	Molecular Architectonics Research Group	Experimental and Theoretical Studies on Molecular-based and Molecular-scale Electronics, Spintronics and Thermoelectronics, and on Novel Molecular Architectures utilizing Fluctuations towards Brain-like Devices	Prof. TADA Hirokazu
		Correlated Molecular Functions Group	Synthesis of Novel Materials, Organic Radicals, Transition Metal Complexes,Structural Analysis, Correlated Electric-Magnetic-Photonic Functions, Electronic Structures	Prof. KUSAMOTO Tetsuro
	Dynamics of Nanoscale Materials	Experimental Research Group for Coherence of Nanoscale Materials	Optical properties of semiconductor ultrathin films and nanoparticles, and strongly-correlated electron systems, Nonlinear laser spectroscopy, Ultrafast time-resolved spectroscopy, THz spectroscopy, SEM-cathodoluminescence, Optical fabrication and manipulation of nanoparticles	Prof. ASHIDA Masaaki
		Photophysical Chemistry Group	Ultrafast spectroscopy, Nonlinear spectroscopy, Single-molecule spectroscopy, Ultrashort pulse generation and manipulation, Microspectroscopy, Photochemistry, Excited states, Chemical reaction dynamics, Biomolecular fluctuation	Prof. KURAMOCHI Hikaru
	Quantum Science in Extreme Conditions	Experimental Research Group for Materials Science in Extreme Conditions	Material science at extreme conditions; Superconductivity, magnetism, structural phase transitions, new material and new function	Prof. SHIMIZU Katsuya
		Experimental Research Group for Materials Engineering Science in Nano-structure	Nano-fabrication of solids and semiconductors, Hetero-structure of oxides, Nano-materials device, Electronics of functional oxides	Prof. TANAKA Hidekazu

Department of Mechanical Science and Bioengineering

Division	Area	Research Group	Keywords	Professor
Nonlinear Mechanics	Mechanics of Fluids and Thermo-fluids	Thermal Engineering and Science Group	Subcritical transition to turbulence, Fully developed turbulence, Flow control, Heat transfer enhancement, Drag reduction	Prof. KAWAHARA Genta
		Fluid Mechanics Group	Science and technology of nonlinear phenomena in fluid mechanics, Transport and mixing, Turbulent flows, Granular flows, Flows of complex fluids, Interfacial flows	Prof. GOTO Susumu
	Mechanics of Solid Materials	Nanomechanics and Physics Group	Strength of Materials, Theory of dislocations, Plasticity, Ceramics, Semiconductor, Ferroelectrics, Transmission Electron Microscopy, Scanning Probe Microscopy, Nanoindentation, Photoplastic effect, Multiphysics, Hydrogen embrittlement of metals,Hydrogen energy materials	Prof. NAKAMURA Atsutomo
		Solid Mechanics Group	Mechanics of flexible materials and structures, Finite element method, Isogeometric analysis, Theory of elasticity, Differential geometry, Origami-Kirigami-Amigami, Computer simulation, Digital twin, biomimetics	Prof. TARUMI Ryuichi
Mechanical Engineering	Propulsion Engineering	Molecular Fluid Dynamics Group	BioMEMS and optothermal nanofluidics, Measurement of biochemical reactions near nano-bio interfaces using 2D quantum materials, Analysis of biopolymer structure in photoinduced force microscopy, Single-molecule measurement techniques and molecular fluid sciences, Development of micromachined auditory epithelium with AI systems	Prof. KAWANO Satoyuki
		Fluids Engineering Research Group	Multiphase Flows, Non-Newtonian Fluid, Gas-Lifting System, Cell Separation, Carbon Neutral, Flow Control, High Performance Computing, Reciprocal Analysis	Prof. SUGIYAMA Kazuyasu
	Mechano-informatics	Human Motor Control and Human Enhancement Group	Computer assisted surgery, Medical robotics, Medical image processing, Motor control, Motor learning, Human enhancement, Sports engineering, Neurorehabilitation engineering, Human-robot interaction, Robot system integration, Robot hand, Soft robotics	Prof. NISHIKAWA Atsushi
		Theoretical Solid Mechanics Group	Multiscale-multiphysics modeling for the deformation, fracture, corrosion, and friction behaviors of materials, Machine learning, Prediction and design of the mechanical properties of materials, Electronic and atomistic simulation, Micro-Meso-Macro-mechanics, Machine learning, Structural materials with high strength and ductility, High-entropy alloys, Materials with mille-feuille structures, Nanostructured materials, Amorphous materials, Nano-materials	Prof. OGATA Shigenobu
Bioengineering	Biomechanical Science	Biomechanics Group	Biomechanics of cells, tissues, and organs, Functional adaptation and remodeling, Computational biomechanics, Biofluid dynamics, Biomechanical Imaging, Biomolecular dynamics	Prof. WADA Shigeo
		Neuromechanics Group	Dynamics and control of human movement, Animal locomotion, Modeling and simulation of neuro-musculo-skeletal system, Dynamical systems theory and computational neuroscience, Dynamics and control of legged robots, Healthcare system	Prof. AOI Shinya
		BioMedical Engineering Group	Medical Device, Artificial Organs, Biosensing, Bioinformation Monitoring, Biomaterials	Guest Prof. TSUKIYA Tomonori
	Biophysical Engineering	Biological Informaiton Engineering Group	Homeodynamics, Allostasis, Health Informatics, Presymptomatic state (Mibyou), Behavior Change, Biological Fluctuations, Biological Signal Processing, Affective Computing, Wearable Devices, AIoT, Well-being	Prof. NAKAMURA Toru
		Biological Physics and Data Science Group	Biological statistical physics, Nonlinear time series analysis and its application to biosignals, Biomedical big-data analysis, Healthcare cyber-physical system	Prof. KIYONO Ken
	Biomedical and Biophysical Measurements	Molecular BioMeasurement Group	Biophysical and molecular mechanisms of cell homeostasis and resulting adaptation to mechanical environment, Cell mechanobiology, Soft matter physics, Numerical study-based design of microrobots and its relevance to microorganisms	Prof. DEGUCHI Shinji
		Bioimaging Group	BME, Medical Image, Smart Sensing, Presentation Systems, Multipurpose Displays, VR/AR, Computer Vision, Image Measurement, Sensory Information Processing, Mechatronics, Functional Material, Digital Fabrication, Soft Robotics, Food Design	Prof. OSHIRO Osamu

Department of Systems Innovation

Division	Area	Research Group	Keywords	Professor
Advanced Electronics and Optical Science	Solid State Electronics	Nanoelectronics Group	Nitride semiconductor materials, Memristor, Group-IV semiconductor materials, AI electronics, Synchrotron radiation nanobeam X-ray diffraction, Scanning probe microscopy, Transmission electron microscopy, Quantum beam nanofabrication, First principles calculation	Prof. SAKAI Akira *Retiring in March 2027
		Nanostructure Physics Group	Nanostructure physics, Low-dimensional structures / materials, Thermoelectric conversion, Thin film thermoelectric generation, Phonon engineering, Group-IV semiconductor, Transparent oxide materials, Molecular beam epitaxy, Moisture electric generation	Prof. NAKAMURA Yoshiaki
		Nano-scale Physics & Device Group	Semiconductor spintronics, Spin-MOSFET, Molecular beam epitaxy (MBE), Heusler alloys, Interfacial multiferroic devicves, superconducting devices	Prof. HAMAYA Kohei
	Advanced Quantum Devices and Electronics	Quantum Computing Group	Quantum computer, Quantum algorithm, Quantum complexity theory, Quantum error correction, Fault-tolerant quantum computing, Quantum machine learning, Quantum information theory, Quantum dynamics	Prof. FUJII Keisuke
		Advanced Quantum Information Device Group	Application process undecided	
	Optical Electronics	Microwave Photonics Group	Transformation optics, Metamaterials,Topological photonics, Photonics crystals, Plasmonic devices, Microwaves, Millimeter-waves, Terahertz waves, Wireless communications, Electromagnetic sensing	Prof. SANADA Atsushi
		Digital Photonics Group	Fiber optic communications, Digital signal processing, Digital electronics, Optical modulation/demodulation, Channel coding, Optical measurement	Prof. IGARASHI Koji
		Research Group of Molecular Photonics for Medicine	Optical microscopy, Molecular Photonics, Nonlinear optical spectroscopy, Medical Photonics, Photonics-based diagnosis and treatment, Biomedical imaging, Plasmonic sensing, Optical-frequency-comb spectroscopy	Prof. MINAMIKAWA Takeo
	Advanced Electronics Under Extreme Conditions	Advanced Electronics Group	Atom technology, Nanobiology, Nanoelectronics, Scanning Probe Microscopy, Medical Enginnering, Nanometer analysis and characterization	Prof. ABE Masayuki
Systems Science and Applied Informatics	System Theory	Adaptive Robotics Group	Mechanism, Mechanical design, Robot gripper mechanism, Mobile robot mechanism, Biologically inspired robot mechanism, Robot mechanism for disaster response and space exploration	Prof. TADAKUMA Kenjiro
		Systems Analysis Group	Signals and Systems Analysis, Adaptive System, Speech Intelligibility, Active Noise Cancellation, Image Understanding and Restoration, Feature Extraction and Classification	
	Intelligent Systems	Social Robotics Group	Social Robots/Avatars, Dialogue Agent, Communication Support, Child-care/Education Support, Mental Health Care, Cognitive Developmental Robotics, Emotion/Empathy/Trust, Sociality	Prof. YOSHIKAWA Yuichiro
		Intelligent Robotics Group	Robot/CG avatars, androids, communication robots, human-robot interaction, android science, robot learning, biomimetic systems, brain-machine interfaces, communicative intelligence, mechanisms of consciousness	Prof. ISHIGURO Hiroshi
		Extended Reality Group	Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Mixed Reality, Projection Mapping, Spatial Computing, Human Augmentation, Human-Computer Interaction, Computational Imaging, Intelligent Sensing, Shitsukan Science	Prof. IWAI Daisuke
		Robotic Manipulation Research Group	Robot Manipulator, Robotic Hand, Motion Planning, Motion Analysis, Assembly, Machine Learning, Industrial Robot, Humanoid Robot	Prof. HARADA Kensuke
Mathematical Science	Mathematical Modelling	Differential Equation Group	Nonlinear partial differential equations, Variational methods, Singularity formation, Mathematical fluid dynamics, Mathematical sciences	Prof.KOBAYASHI Takayuki
		Applied Analysis Group	Mathematical models of phenomena, Nonlinear analysis, Nonliear differential equations, Variational methods, Dynamical systems, Blow-up analysis, Mathematical physics, Analytic basis of neural nets	Prof. ISHIWATA Michinori
	Statistical Science	Statistical Analysis Group	Sparse Estimation, Bayesian Networks, Machine Learning, Information Theory, Bioinformatics, Bayes Statistics, Information Geometry, Quantum Tomography	Prof. SUZUKI Joe *Retiring in March 2026
		Statistical Science Group	Data Science, Biostatistics, Machine learning, Multivariate analysis, Reinforce Learning, Counting process, Suvival analysis, Causal inference,Cluster analysis,Tree-structured modelling	Prof. SUGIMOTO Tomoyuki
Mathematical Science for Social Systems	Mathematical and Statistical Finance	Statistical Inference Group	Statistical inference for stochastic processes, High frequency data analysis, Time Series Analysis, Financial Econometrics, Actuarial mathematics, Statistical Seismology, Survival Analysis	Prof. UCHIDA Masayuki
		Stochastic Financial Model Group	Dynamic utility maximization, Stochastic optimal control, Dynamic programming equation, Insurance mathematics, Quantitative risk management, Mathematical Finance	Prof. SEKINE Jun
		Stochastic Analysis Group	Stochastic integration, Stochastic differential equations, Fractional Brownian motion, Rough path analysis, (Quantum) Computational Finance, Stochastic numerical analysis, Asymptotic distribution theory, Intermittent dynamics, Decentralized finance	Prof. FUKASAWA Masaaki
		Stochastic Process Theory Group	Stochastic processes, Brownian motion, Diffusion processes, Levy processes, Martingales, Limit theorems, Arc-sine law, Excursion theory, Penalisation problems	Prof.YANO Yuko
	Theoretical Systems Science	Control Information Systems Group	Distributed control, Distributed assignment, Multi-view learning, Swarm robotics, Drone formation, Sensor networks, Cyber-physical systems, Mobility systems	Prof.SAKURAMA Kazunori
		Systems Optimization & Decision Analysis Group	Decision making, Systems optimization, Multiple criteria decision aiding, Fuzzy logic, Distributed optimization, Collaborative control. Soft Computing, Multi-agent system, Data mining	Prof. INUIGUCHI Masahiro

Special Program of “Engineering Science 21st Century”

Master’s and Doctoral Courses in English

Contents of Study

The Graduate School of Engineering Science aims to acquire a strong international reputation through increased exchange of students and researchers, and in joint research projects. For this objective, the Graduate School of Engineering Science has decided to offer a new interdisciplinary program in which all lectures, as well as all instructions and supervision in research-related activities and seminars, are given in English. The students are not required to learn Japanese to join this program. In this program, globally recognized and highly qualified graduates are expected to be educated under the guiding principles of the Graduate School of Engineering Science: integrating science and technology.

Outline and Features of the Program

- 1) The aim of this program is to develop human resources with high level, creative and flexible problem-solving ability. This is achieved through multi- and interdisciplinary research training, seminars, and lectures, given by prominent professors in their respective fields.
- 2) Students are guided and supervised in English.
- 3) Students can select one of the **eleven “Divisions”** of the Graduate School of Engineering Science (see **Table 1**), for their research study for a Master’s or Doctoral Degree. Students will be required to choose one professor as their supervisor.
- 4) The opportunity for an internship at a prominent Japanese company or research organization will be provided in order to increase the knowledge and experience of cutting-edge technologies. This internship will allow international students to become discerning and well-balanced scientists, with a deeper understanding of the Japanese society. The internship will also meet the requirements of those international students who wish to have practical experience in industry.
- 5) The program also provides the opportunity to enhance interactions between Japanese and international students. The program will improve the international awareness of Japanese students, as well as deepen international students’ understanding of the Japanese society. This will also meet the demands of those Japanese students who want to work in the global environment.

Course Requirements

- 1) **Master’s Course students** are required to obtain 30 credits, as given in **Table 2**. The list of lectures given in English is shown in **Table 3**.
- 2) **Doctoral Course students** are required to obtain 12 credits in “Advanced/Special Research I to VI” for each division as well as to take “Research Training for Doctor’s Thesis” with no credit.

Table 1. Departments and Divisions of the Graduate School of Engineering Science

Department of Materials Engineering Science

Division of Materials Physics

- Area of Electron Correlation Physics
- Area of Quantum Physics of Nanoscale Materials
- Area of Quantum Materials Physics

Division of Chemistry

- Area of Synthetic Chemistry
- Area of Molecular Organization Chemistry
- Area of Solar Energy Chemistry

Division of Chemical Engineering

- Area of Chemical Reaction Engineering
- Area of Environment and Energy System
- Area of Bioprocess Engineering
- Area of Solar Energy Chemistry

Division of Frontier Materials Science

- Area of Frontier Materials
- Area of Dynamics of Nanoscale Materials
- Area of Quantum Science in Extreme Conditions

Department of Mechanical Science and Bioengineering

Division of Nonlinear Mechanics

- Area of Mechanics of Fluids and Thermo-fluids
- Area of Mechanics of Solid Materials

Division of Mechanical Engineering

- Area of Propulsion Engineering
- Area of Mechano-informatics

Division of Bioengineering

- Area of Biomechanical Science
- Area of Biophysical Engineering
- Area of Biomedical and Biophysical Measurements

Department of Systems Innovation

Division of Advanced Electronics and Optical Science

- Area of Solid State Electronics
- Area of Advanced Quantum Devices and Electronics
- Area of Optical Electronics
- Area of Advanced Electronics Under Extreme Conditions

Division of Systems Science and Applied Informatics

- Area of System Theory
- Area of Intelligent Systems

Division of Mathematical Science

- Area of Mathematical Modelling
- Area of Statistical Science

Division of Mathematical Science for Social Systems

- Area of Mathematical and Statistical Finance
- Area of Theoretical Systems Science

Table 2. Requirements for Master's Course

Category	Number of Credits
Lectures	18
Seminar I~IV in each division	4
Research I~IV in each division	8

Table 3. List of lectures of Master's Course

○=Annual classes * =Biennial classes

Lectures	Credits
Solid State Spectroscopy	2(○)
Science and Engineering of Correlated Electron Materials	2(○)
Properties of Materials	2(○)
Bio-Inspired Chemical Engineering 1	1(○)
Bio-Inspired Chemical Engineering 2	1(○)
Molecular Nanotechnology	2(○)
Photophysics of Nanoscale Materials	2(○)
Frontier of Nano-scale Materials	2(○)
International Exchange Lecture on Nanoscience and Nanoengineering A	1(○)
International Exchange Lecture on Nanoscience and Nanoengineering B	1(○)
International Exchange Lecture on Nanoscience and Nanoengineering C	1(○)
Turbulence Dynamics	2(*)
Advanced Fluid Mechanics	2(*)
Advanced Experimental Mechanics	2(*)
Vibrations and Waves	2(*)
Topics in Multiphase Flow Engineering	2(*)
Topics on Robotics	2(*)
Advanced Theoretical Solid Mechanics	2(*)
Advanced Computational Mechanics	2(*)
Biomechanics	2(*)
Neuromechanics	2(*)
Biomechanism	2(*)
Biomedical data science	2(*)
Biosystem Engineering	2(○)
Engineering in biology and medicine	2(*)

Lectures	Credits
Medical Virtual Reality	2(*)
Adaptive Robotics	2(*)
Soft Robotics	2(*)
Signal Analysis Theory	2(*)
Theory of Systems Analysis	2(*)
Applied Robotics	2(*)
Intelligent Robotics	2(*)
Mixed Reality Systems	2(*)
Imaging Systems	2(*)
Database Systems	2(*)
Communication Robot	2(*)
Intelligent Learning System	2(*)
Mathematical Cognitive Systems	2(*)
Topics in Mathematical Sciences 1	1(*)
Topics in Mathematical Sciences 2	1(*)
Topics in Mathematical Sciences 3	1(*)
Topics in Mathematical Sciences 4	1(*)
Topics in Mathematical Statistics 1	1(*)
Topics in Mathematical Statistics 2	1(*)
Topics in Mathematical Statistics 3	1(*)
Topics in Mathematical Statistics 4	1(*)
Advanced intelligent control	2(*)
Multi-agent control	2(*)
Systems Optimization and Analysis	2(*)
Intelligent Mathematical Programming System	2(*)
Introduction to Engineering Science	2(○)
Σ Global Lab Special Course 1	1(○)
Σ Global Lab Special Course 2	1(○)
Advanced Physical Chemistry	2(○)
Advanced Organic Chemistry	2(○)
Advanced Chemistry for Material Science	2(*)
Chemical Reaction Engineering	2(*)
Biochemical Materials Engineering	2(*)
Solid State Devices	2(○)
Opto- and Quantum Electronics	2(○)
Advanced Mathematical Science A	2(○)
Advanced Mathematical Science B	2(○)
Advanced Mathematical Science C	2(○)
Engineering Science Research Internship 1	1(○)
Engineering Science Research Internship 2	2(○)

Graduate School of Engineering Science

The University of Osaka

1. Message from the Dean

The Graduate School of Engineering Science upholds the philosophy of "fundamentally developing scientific technology through the fusion of science and engineering, thereby creating the true culture of humanity." Based on this philosophy, we have developed education and research ranging from the pursuit of scientific principles that form the foundation of engineering, to their systematization, application to technological development, and interdisciplinary fusion, pioneering new academic fields. Furthermore, we have contributed to the development of modern society by producing talented individuals equipped with perspectives from both science and engineering. "Engineering Science," which forms the name of our school and graduate school, is different from "Science and Engineering." It implies not only deepening basic scientific principles but also creating new research fields through the fusion of both science and engineering. In this sense, Engineering Science is not merely "the basics of engineering" but can be considered as a science in itself. We have extended this interdisciplinary fusion beyond engineering and science to fields such as life sciences, medicine, information sciences, humanities, and social sciences. More than sixty years after the school's establishment in 1961, interdisciplinary fusion has come to be recognized as indispensable for solving increasingly complex and diverse social issues on a global scale, raising expectations for Engineering Science. Currently, our graduate school is promoting original interdisciplinary research that will bring about future social changes, including: new material and functional exploration in quantum materials science based on the fusion of physics and chemistry; spintronics and quantum computing that will lead the next generation; robotics aiming for a symbiotic society between humans and intelligent systems; bioengineering supporting medical care and welfare; and mathematical data science as the foundation for information utilization. Our institution consists of an undergraduate school with 4 departments and 10 courses, a graduate school with 3 departments and 11 divisions of study, and 5 affiliated research centers. Here, we have an educational foundation that emphasizes traditional basic sciences, a research organization covering diverse specialized fields, and an organizational culture that creates new interdisciplinary fusion fields by connecting research from different specializations. Through this structure, insights gained from interdisciplinary fusion research are fed back into basic and applied research in individual specialized fields, leading to both the deepening of existing disciplines and the creation of new academic fields. These achievements are constantly reflected in undergraduate and graduate education, as well as education for working professionals. Moving forward, while preserving the traditions of Engineering Science, we aim to further develop it by incorporating cutting-edge research and societal needs that advance with the times, all while pursuing our goal of "creating the true culture of humanity."

Dean
Graduate School of Engineering Science,
The University of Osaka

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2. Outline of the Graduate School of Engineering Science

In the modern world, progress in technology is founded on the achievements in science, and these advances must be supported by continually developing technology. Technology and science are thus tightly knit together. The necessity of reflecting on this situation in research and education, particularly at the University of Osaka which is located in a major industrial area, was emphasized by Dr. Kenjiro Shoda while he was president of the university. Plans were laid out by Dr. Shoda to establish a new school for this purpose, rather than to extend the School of Science and School of Engineering which had their own separate aims. Through his efforts and those of former university President Dr. Shiro Akabori, together with support from the industry in and outside of Osaka, the School of Engineering Science came into existence in April 1961, and the Graduate School of Engineering Science was opened in April 1964.

The School and Graduate School are unique in name and character in Japan. Their purpose is to develop scientists with a keen interest in practical technology and engineers with a firm grasp of the basic sciences, who may use their expertise to develop new technology.

In April 1997, the departments of the Graduate School of Engineering Science were reorganized by restructuring the old departments into four departments: "Physical Science", "Chemical Science and Engineering", "Systems and Human Science", and "Informatics and Mathematical Science".

In April 2002, some groups in "Systems and Human Science" and "Informatics and Mathematical Science" moved to the newly founded graduate schools of the University of Osaka: Information Science and Technology, and Frontier Bioscience. They play important roles in education and research of these new areas.

In April 2003, Graduate School of Engineering Science was reorganized in order to create new research fields in the multi- and interdisciplinary areas. The new Graduate School of Engineering Science has three departments: "Department of Materials Engineering Science" dealing with physical and chemical materials from a unified view point of materials science, "Department of Mechanical Science and Bioengineering" dealing with mechanical science and bioengineering from the view point of applied mechanics, and "Department of Systems Innovation" dealing with electronics, systems and mathematics from the view point of system creation.

3. Historical Sketch

School/Graduate School of Engineering Science

Established in

1961 — Department of Mechanical Engineering

Department of Chemistry

Department of Electrical Engineering

Common Chairs (Mathematical Science)

1962 — Department of Control Engineering

Department of Material Physics

1963 — Department of Chemical Engineering

1964 — Graduate School of Engineering Science

Mathematical Science Course

Physical Science Course

Chemical Science Course

1967 — Department of Biophysical Engineering

1970 — Department of Information and Computer Sciences

1992 — Department of Systems Engineering

(reorganized from Department of Control Engineering)

1996 — Department of Chemical Science and Engineering

(reorganized from Department of Chemistry and

Department of Chemical Engineering)

Department of Information and Computer Sciences

(reorganized from Department of Information and

Computer Science and Common Chairs (Mathematical Science)

Graduate School of Engineering Science was reorganized

as follows:

Department of Chemical Science and Engineering

Department of Informatics and Mathematical Science

1997 — Department of Electronics and Materials Physics

(reorganized from Department of Electrical

Engineering and Department of Material Physics)

Engineering and Department of Material Physics)

Department of Systems Science

(reorganized from Department of Mechanical

Engineering, Department of Systems Science and

Department of Biophysical Engineering)

Graduate School of Engineering Science was

reorganized as follows:

Department of Physical Science

Department of Systems and Human Science

2002 — Graduate School of Information Science and Technology

Graduate School of Frontier Bioscience

2003 — Graduate School was reorganized as follows

Department of Materials Engineering Science

Department of Mechanical Science and Bioengineering

Department of Systems Innovation

2014 — Center for Science and Technology under Extreme Conditions

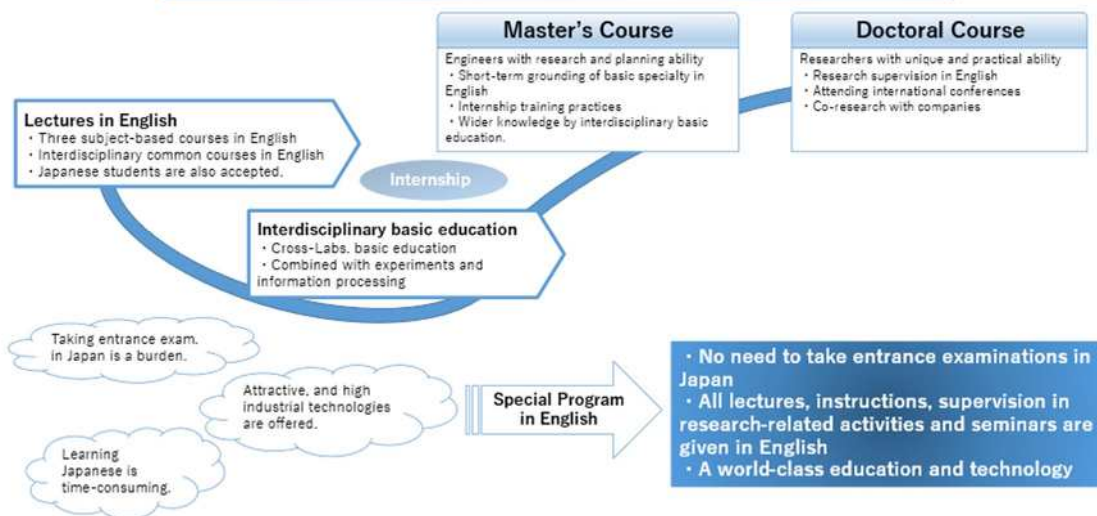
Center for Promotion of Advanced Interdisciplinary Research

2016 — Center for Spintronics Research Network

2017 — Center for Industry-University Collaboration

2021 — Research Center for Solar Energy Chemistry

Special Program of "Engineering Science 21st Century" In English Graduate School of Engineering Science, the University of Osaka



Tuition Fee Exemption for International Honors Students and Σ Scholarship / Special Σ Scholarship

1. Outline

The University of Osaka provides a tuition fee exemption system (Tuition Fee Exemption for International Honors Students) for privately-funded international students who are of excellent academic standing in the graduate school entrance examinations. This entrance examination qualifies applicants for the Tuition Fee Exemption for International Honors Students. Those who have passed this entrance exam and are recognized as being exceptionally outstanding will qualify for the tuition fee exemption under this system. Please note that this system does not include enrollment fee exemption.

2. Number of openings

A small number of openings for master's and doctoral course respectively

3. Amount to be exempted

535,800 JPY per year (equivalent to the University of Osaka tuition) as the standard term(*) of study of the course

(*) Three (3) years for doctoral course, two (2) years for master's course

Note: The period of a leave of absence shall be included in the exemption period and the exemption period shall not be extended after the student has resumed his/her studies. Students who have been enrolled longer than the standard period of study from their enrollment in the program/course will become ineligible for the exemption.

4. Qualifications for applying

1. Those who have applied for the Special Program "Engineering Science 21st Century" and who have passed the entrance exam with exceptionally outstanding results.
2. Those who have a GPA of 3.2 or higher at the bachelor's level for those who have passed the master's course exam, and those who have a GPA of 3.2 or higher at the master's level for those who have passed the doctoral course exam.
3. Those who do not receive support equivalent to tuition fees from the Japanese government, foreign governments, private scholarship foundations, or similar sources.

5. How to apply

In the designated section of the application form for the Special Program "Engineering Science 21st Century" for admission in April or October, state your intention to apply for this abovementioned tuition fee exemption system and submit the required documents at the time of application for the entrance examination.

[Required documents]

- a) a document which shows a GPA of 3.2 or higher in the most recent course of study
- b) a letter of recommendation from your current or previous academic supervisor (free form)
- c) self-introductory document (free form, 3 pages)

6. Screening

Selection will be made based on the results of the entrance examination and the documents mentioned above.

7. Notification of the results

Those applying for April admission will be notified of the results by early March, and those applying for October admission will be notified of the results by early September.

8. Suspension of Tuition Fee Exemption

Tuition fee exemption will be revoked in the following cases:

- The student arrives in Japan without obtaining a "Student" status of residence or in the case that the status of residence of "Student" is changed to another status of residence.
- It is confirmed that completion within the standard period of study is not possible.
- The student has been subjected to disciplinary action such as suspension in accordance with the university rules and regulations.
- The student has received a tuition fee exemption under another system
- The university determines that exemption under this system is not suitable due to academic performance, etc.

9. Note

Students who receive tuition fee exemption under this system should not apply for another tuition fee exemption under other systems that support students who have difficulty paying fees due to financial difficulties.

10. Σ Scholarship for doctoral course students

Accepted doctoral students will be eligible to apply for the Σ Scholarship (500,000 JPY per year) if they meet the requirements. Notification of details will be made through your academic supervisor after admission.

11. Special Σ Scholarship

Those who are selected for the Tuition Fee Exemption for International Honors Students and achieve exceptionally outstanding results in the screening examination will be eligible to receive the Special Σ Scholarship, which is equivalent to the enrollment fee (282,000 JPY). The Special Σ Scholarship will be awarded to students after they are admitted to the Graduate School of Engineering Science. We will inform you of the results of the Special Σ Scholarship together with the notification of the results of this system. If you are awarded the Special Σ Scholarship, you will not be able to apply for enrollment fee exemption offered by the University of Osaka. If you have already applied for this enrollment fee exemption, you will be required to withdraw it.