

Application Guide for Research Students (Academic Year 2026)

Graduate School of Engineering Science, The University of Osaka

1. Application Requirements

Applicants are required to meet one of the following requirements:

- (1) Applicants who have or expect to get a Master's degree prior to the date of enrollment.
- (2) Applicants who are recognized to have academic abilities equivalent to or superior to those who are listed in the above (1), by the Graduate School of Engineering Science, the University of Osaka.

2. Date of Enrollment

April 1 or October 1, 2026

The above dates do not apply if special circumstances arise.

International students are allowed to decide the date of enrollment each time.

3. Period of Enrollment

In principle, up to one year from the date of your enrollment and until the end of the relevant academic year. However, extension of the period may be permitted if it is deemed necessary for research by the Graduate School.

4. Application Procedure

Applicants are required to submit the following application documents to the Graduate Students Section with the approval of your academic advisor※ on your research topic.

No application will be accepted if the documents are incomplete. Application documents are non-returnable.

※ The University of Osaka has established the "The University of Osaka Admissions Assistance Desk (hereinafter called "AAD") for those who have graduated (or expect to graduate) from an overseas university, and this will be a means to accurately and efficiently deliver 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, all research students planning to come to the Graduate School of Engineering Science are required to apply through the AAD. Therefore, before contacting the professor with whom you wish to work, we ask you to apply to the AAD first and obtain permission to contact the professor.

For further details on the AAD :

(Japanese) <https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/international/inbound/dragongate>

(English) <https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/dragongate>

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. For newly-arriving international applicants are required, in principle, to complete the application procedure four months prior to the date of their desired enrollment as it can take considerable time to apply for visa. We suggest that you apply for AAD well in advance (at least three weeks before applying for admission).

【Application documents】

- (1) Application Form for Research Students (prescribed form)

A photograph must be pasted on the form. It should be taken in the last 3 months, in full-face view directly facing the camera, including your upper body without a hat/cap.

(2) Certificate of Completion or Certificate of Expected Completion

-Issued from the last school you attended.

-Including both completion certificate and degree certificate.

*We require an ORIGINAL copy of the certificate in English or Japanese; Any photocopied version will NOT be accepted. If you submit the certificate in another language other than Japanese and English, we require you to attach the translation in Japanese or English.

*Not required for those Applicants who have graduated /will graduate from the Graduate School of Engineering Science, the University of Osaka.

*Successful applicants who submitted the Certificate of Expected Completion at the time of their application are required to submit the Certificate of Completion for the Enrollment procedure.

(3) Certified academic record (transcript)

-Issued from the last school you attended.

*We require an ORIGINAL copy of the certificate in English or Japanese; Any photocopied version will NOT be accepted. If you submit the certificate in another language other than Japanese and English, we require you to attach the translation in Japanese or English.

*Not required for those Applicants who have graduated /will graduate from the Graduate School of Engineering Science, the University of Osaka.

(4) Research student personal information card (prescribed form)

(5) Application Fee: 9,800 yen

Applicants should consult their academic advisor in advance and confirm with the Graduate Students Section regarding how the payment should be made.

The application fee is non-refundable, provided an applicant has already paid but he/she has not applied for the examination, or the application fee has been mistakenly paid more than once by the applicant. If this is the case, please contact the Graduate Students Section for a refund request.

(6) Consent from applicant's employer (prescribed form)

This form is necessary only to applicants who have a full-time job at the time of application and will keep their job positions even after enrollment. Applicants who have a full-time job at the time of application but will leave the job before enrollment are required to submit a letter (free format) indicating this clearly.

[For International students]

In addition to the above documents (1) - (6), the following is also required to be submitted.

(7) Residence Card (for those who have a status of residence only.)

*The above applicants should present this or submit a copy of it (both sides should be copied).

*For applicants coming to Japan for the first time (i.e., without valid documents above), please submit a copy of your passport (main ID page of your name and photo) and present (7) immediately after your arrival.

【Application Period and Place】

[Period] **For enrollment in April 2026: February 2 (Mon) to February 6 (Fri), 2026**

For enrollment in October 2026: August 3 (Mon) to August 7 (Fri), 2026

*Applications for international students are accepted any time. However, newly-arriving international students are required, in principle, to complete the application procedure 4 months prior to the date of their desired enrollment as it can take time to apply for visa. We recommend that you should try to contact the academic supervisor who you want to study with more than 4 months before your desired date of enrollment.

[Time] 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. / 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[Place] Graduate Students Section, Graduate School of Engineering Science (2nd floor of Bldg. A)

*Note: Those who will be sending their documents via postal mail, make sure that they arrive by the deadline of each period. If unavoidable circumstances occur and the deadline cannot be met, please consult us beforehand.

5. Selection and Notification of Results

We will select the successful applicants at the committee of the Graduate School of Engineering Science. The result will be notified to each applicant through the academic advisor. Letter of acceptance and the guideline and forms for enrollment procedures, such as a prescribed payment form for enrollment fee, will be sent to successful applicants by the academic advisor. We will not answer any of your inquiries about the results by telephone, etc.

6. Enrollment Procedures

Successful applicants are required to complete enrollment procedures according to the information found in the materials sent to you as described in 5. Selection and Notification of Results and the deadline set below. The enrollment procedure period for international students will be provided separately. Please pay the enrollment fee 84,600 yen upon receiving the Notification of Results, by the last day of the enrollment procedure.

[Period] For Admission in April 2026: March 5 (Thu) and March 6 (Fri), 2026
For Admission in October 2026: September 10 (Thu) and September 11 (Fri), 2026

*Note: In principle, the enrollment procedures will be conducted using the UOsaka Enrollment Procedure System. Details will be provided separately at the time of the enrollment procedure notification.

Upon confirmation of submitted documents as well as of payment of the entrance fee, a Letter of Acceptance will be sent to indicate that your admission procedures are complete.

7. Tuition Fee

For the first semester (April to September), payment of 173,400 yen is required to be made by the end of May. For the second semester (October to March), payment of 173,400 yen is required to be made by the end of November.

You are required to pay the tuition fee, according to the payment notice that we will send you around the middle of May and around the middle of November respectively.

8. Withdrawal Process

Those who wish to withdraw from the university are required to submit the “Application for Withdrawal” (prescribed form) one month prior to the month you wish to withdraw. If the tuition fee remains unpaid, withdrawal will not be permitted.

9. Extension of Period of Enrollment

The period of enrollment as a research student is up to one year in principle. However, extension of the period may be permitted if it is deemed necessary for research by the Graduate School. Required documents for application should be submitted by the deadline as specified separately. Period of enrollment will terminate, if you do not complete the proper procedure by the specified deadline as originally scheduled.

10. Handling Personal Information

Names, addresses and other personal information provided at the time of your application will be used only for the entrance examinations, the announcement of successful applicants, and the enrollment procedures. The personal information of those admitted will also be used for educational affairs (student registry management, school guidance, etc.). The University of Osaka may outsource some of the aforementioned affairs to outside contractors. In such cases, the University of Osaka shall enter into an agreement with the outside contractors in advance, in order to ensure that personal information is handled in a proper manner.

11. 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 "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 website.

(Japanese) https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/research/secur_exp/outline

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

12. Others

- (1) Application may be rejected or admission may be revoked, even after matriculation, if any information or material in the application is found to be false.
- (2) Enrollment Fee or Tuition Fee are NOT refundable (even in the case of withdrawing from the university).
- (3) The Application Fee, Enrollment Fee and Tuition Fee are subject to change. Changes become effective on the date of revision.
- (4) Research students **are not** eligible for either the Student Discount Travel Certificate or the Student Discount Commuter Pass.
- (5) For any questions on application procedures, please contact the Graduate Students Section.
- (6) English scores are required for those who are scheduled to go on to the doctoral course. Especially for those who will be enrolling in the Engineering Science 21st Century English Program, submitting your English score is a requirement. Please read over the Application Guide found on the Graduate School of Engineering Science site carefully.

All inquiries to:

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