

Graduate School of Information
Science and Technology,
The University of Osaka
Admission in April 2027

Application Guide for Master Course Applicants
(Special Selection in December for International Applicants)

This application guide applies to one of the following seven entrance examinations for entrance to Master Course in April 2027 as indicated with a circle ‘○.’

	Entrance Examination
	Master Course for 2027 (General Selection)
	Master Course for 2027 (Special Selection for Working People)
	Master Course for 2027 (Special Selection for Recommended Students)
	Master Course for 2027 (Special Selection for Juniors of Undergraduate Schools)
	Master Course for 2027 (Special Selection in Summer for International Applicants)
○	Master Course for 2027 (Special Selection in December for International Applicants)
	Master Course for 2027 (Selection for Information Technology Special Course in English)

August 2026

【Cautions】

Before submitting their application, all applicants should contact the expected academic supervisor (or the current Department Chair to whom the expected supervisor belongs) with regard to the course of research they wish to follow after admission.

See the webpage of the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology to find the contact address.

1. Graduate School of Information Science and Technology (Admission Policy)

Based on admission policies of The University of Osaka, the master course at Graduate School of Information Science and Technology accepts students, whether from Japan or abroad, who are motivated to establish and deepen information science technology, enabling the realization of a more advanced information society. For this purpose, the course accepts those who have studied information science technology in the science and technology department and who are interested in the application and roll-out of information science technology to biology or medicine. To seek candidates from a broader array of fields, the course also accepts students who have studied disciplines other than information science technology. The course is willing to accept excellent students from overseas as well, not just within Japan. To this end, the course conducts diverse types of screening using examinations and interviews.

The doctor course of Graduate School of Information Science and Technology accepts students, whether from Japan or abroad, who are motivated to create innovation in the information science discipline to realize a more advanced information society. For this purpose, the course accepts those who have learned information science technology in graduate school of science and technology (master course), who are interested in the application and roll-out of information science technology to biology or medicine, as well as students who have completed these graduate school programs and strongly wish to contribute to the information science discipline while working in various fields of society.

To seek candidates from a broader array of fields, the course accepts students who are registered in graduate schools other than information science, as well as working adults who are motivated to study and conduct research into information science. The course is willing to accept excellent students from overseas as well, not just within Japan. To this end, the course conducts diverse types of screening through examinations and interviews.

2. Enrollment Limits

Department	Number
Information Science and Technology	A few students
Pure and Applied Mathematics	

(Note) The Graduate School will undergo a reorganization of its departments on April 1, 2027. The current Department of Information and Physical Sciences, Department of Computer Science, Department of Information Systems Engineering, Department of Information Networking, Department of Multimedia Engineering, and Department of Bioinformatic Engineering will be integrated into the Department of Information Science and Technology.

There will be no reorganization of the Department of Pure and Applied Mathematics.

3. Admission Requirements

Eligible applicants are those international students with an appropriate level of Japanese language proficiency who fulfill any one of the following requirements.

- (1) An applicant who has graduated or expect to graduate from a Japanese university or a Japanese professional university by March 31, 2027.
- (2) An applicant who has earned or expect to earn, by March 31, 2027, a bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education under the stipulations of Article 104, Clause 7 of School Education Law of Japan (Law No.26, 1947).
- (3) An applicant who has completed or expect to complete 16 years of formal school study in a foreign country by March 31, 2027.
- (4) An applicant who has completed correspondence courses in Japan which are administered by foreign schools and thus completed 16 years of formal school education in the said country or who is expected to have completed such by March 31, 2027.
- (5) An applicant who has graduated from a foreign university (including a foreign university which is equivalent to a Japanese professional university. The same shall apply hereinafter.) which is positioned as a university in the school education system of that country or who is expected to do so by March 31, 2027. The said university

must be recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the Japanese Government. In this case the applicants must have completed 16 years of formal education in the said country.

- (6) An applicant who has completed an academic program of either a foreign university or a foreign educational institution (limited to which its comprehensive progress of education and research have been evaluated by an external personnel certified by its government or its related agency, or an institution designated as equivalent by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the Japanese Government) whose term of study is at least 3 years or more (including completion of the said program in our country earning credits from its institution's correspondence course or from an educational facility established in Japan under the school education system of the said foreign country designated in the preceding issue), and has earned or expect to earn a bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree by March 31, 2027.
- (7) An applicant who has graduated from a specialized course of a college which is recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the Japanese Government, on or after the date designated by the Minister, or who is expected to do so by March 31, 2027. The college must fulfill the criteria designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the Japanese Government, including a term of study of four years or more.
- (8) An applicant who is accredited by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the Japanese Government (Notification No.5 of the Education Ministry dated February 7, 1953).
- (9) An applicant who entered a university under the stipulations of Article 102, Clause 2 of School Education Law of Japan and who is accredited by the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology via the pre-application screening as having appropriate academic ability for a graduate student.
- (10) An applicant who has graduated from a junior college, a specialized vocational high school, a school in the miscellaneous category or other educational institutions, who is at least 22 years-old by March 31, 2027, and who is accredited by the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology via the pre-application screening as having academic skills equal to a university or a Japanese professional university graduate.

4. Pre-application Screening

In the case of applicants falling in category (9)-(10) of the Admission Requirements shown above, a pre-application screening is necessary. An applicant may submit an application for admission after passing the pre-application screening. All applications must be sent via **postal recorded delivery (*kani-kakitome*)**, using an envelope of 33cm × 24cm in size, so that it reaches the university by the designated date.

Indicate 'Master Course Special Selection in December for International Applicants' in red ink on the outside of the envelope.

Acceptance Period	September 28, 2026 (Mon.) – October 2, 2026 (Fri.)
Application documents	No.1 to 3 shown in the list of application documents
Submit to:	Graduates Section Graduate School of Information Science and Technology The University of Osaka 1-5 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, JAPAN

Submission of an application form to the Graduates Section by hand is permissible within the following period, provided that the applicant has an acceptable reason for doing so. Use an envelope of 33cm × 24cm in size.

September 30, 2026 (Wed.) – October 2, 2026 (Fri.)	9:00–11:30 / 13:00–16:00
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The result of the pre-application screening will be sent to each applicant by postal mail on October 14, 2026 (Wed.). In case it does not reach you, please contact the Graduates Section to make it to the application acceptance period.

5. Application Procedure

All applicants must contact the expected academic supervisor (or the current Department Chair to whom the expected supervisor belongs) for obtaining their **confirmation stamp** before submitting their application form. If it is difficult to obtain it (such as the application from overseas), applicants should consult with the expected academic supervisor (or the current Department Chair to whom the expected supervisor belongs) in advance.

All applications must be sent via **postal recorded delivery (*kani-kakitome*)**, using an envelope of 33cm×24cm in size. All application forms must reach the Graduates Section by the designated date. If sending documents from outside Japan, we recommend using a postal service or courier service with tracking (such as EMS, FedEx, or DHL) to ensure they arrive safely.

Indicate 'Master Course Special Selection in December for International Applicants' in red ink on the outside of the envelope.

Acceptance Period	October 26, 2026 (Mon.) – October 30, 2026 (Fri.)	
Application documents	Application Requirements (1)-(8)	No.4 – 15 shown in the list of application documents
	Applicants passed the pre-application screening (Application Requirements (9)-(10))	No. 4–6 and No.9 – 15 shown in the list of application documents
Submit to:	Graduates Section Graduate School of Information Science and Technology The University of Osaka 1-5 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, JAPAN	

Submission of an application form to the Graduates Section by hand is permissible within the following period, provided that the applicant has an acceptable reason for doing so. Use an envelope of 33cm×24cm in size.

October 28, 2026 (Wed.) – October 30, 2026(Fri.)	9:00–11:30 / 13:00–16:00
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The examination admission card will be sent to each applicant by postal mail on November 6, 2026 (Fri.).

In case it does not reach you by November 13, 2026 (Fri.), please contact the Graduates Section.

6. Examination Fees

¥ 30,000.

Please pay the examination fee by credit card, the convenience store, or an internet banking service of Pay-easy through Application Fee Payment System. For further details, please refer “How to pay the application fee by the Application Fee Payment System” on our graduate school web page (Top / Prospective Students / Admission / Application Guides for 2027).

-Those who have been officially recognized by the Japanese Government as Japanese Government Scholarship students are exempt from examination fee payment.

-Special measures for examination fee exemption will be implemented for those who have been affected by large scale disasters in Japan.

For further details, please refer “Regarding the exemption of examination fees for entrance examination in Graduate School of Information Science and Technology” on our graduate school website (Top/ Prospective Students/ Admission/ Information for Admission). Only Japanese website.

The applicants who apply for the examination fee exemption should not pay the examination fee and are required to submit the necessary documents such as the exemption application form instead.

7. Examination Schedule

The entrance examination will be held on the dates designated by the department between November 24, 2026 (Tue.) – December 5, 2026 (Sat.).

Details of the date and time as well as the examination room will be supplied to each applicant when an examination admission card is sent.

8. Selection Methods

Selection will be made after comprehensively examining the results of written examinations, an academic transcript of the school the applicant graduated from (or enrolled) and scores of the TOEIC (or the TOEFL) test. (TOEIC (or TOEFL) scores are exempt for the Department of Pure and Applied Mathematics.)

Applicants to the Department of Information Science and Technology must submit a TOEIC (or a TOEFL) score sheet. TOEFL score can be submitted instead in case it is difficult to submit a TOEIC score.

Please submit the score in the application acceptance period. For details, please refer to the “List of Application Documents.”

- (1) The examinations include written examinations and interview tests (Depends on the research area).
- (2) The written examinations include specialty subjects and others as designated by each department.

9. Announcement of Examination Results

For all departments, the successful examinees' numbers will be displayed on the bulletin board on the first floor of A building in the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology at Suita Campus. At the same time, a notification will be sent to each applicant via postal mail. Telephone or e-mail inquiries are NOT accepted.

Announcement of Examination Results	December 18, 2026 (Fri.) at 2:00 p.m.
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10. Necessary Fees for Enrollment

Admission fees: ¥282,000.

Tuition fees: ¥535,800 (annual tuition).

Tuition fees are withdrawn from the account in two equal installments (¥267,900 each).

- (1) The above fees are valid as of April 2026 and are subject to change. The fees for the 2027 academic year will be confirmed before the admission procedure starts.
- (2) In the case of a change in tuition fees during school terms, the revised tuition fees will be applicable as of the date when they are effective.
- (3) If they are admitted as a Japanese Government Scholarship Student on the time of their entrance to the Graduate School, they are exempt from admission fee and tuition fee payments.

11. Tuition Waiver System for Excellent Privately Funded International Students

The University of Osaka offers a tuition waiver system (Tuition Waiver System for Honor International Students) for privately-funded international students who are recognized as excellent in the graduate school entrance examinations in order to further strengthen research capabilities and promote the acceptance of international students.

This entrance examination is subject to the Tuition Waiver System for Honor International Students. International students who pass this entrance examination and are recognized as extremely outstanding will be candidates for this tuition waiver system. Details will be provided to the eligible applicants.

12. Handling of Personal Information

- (1) The names, addresses and other personal information obtained from applicants are used for entrance examination purposes such as the ‘selection of students (handling of applications and selection examinations)’ and ‘admission procedures’ only. For successful applicants, personal information might be used for providing information about educational programs which can be registered after entering The University of Osaka. For those admitted to The University of Osaka, personal information is also used for ‘student control purposes (school register control and course taking instructions),’ ‘student support (health management),’ and ‘tuition fee collection’.
- (2) Entrance examination results and other data are used for tabulation and analysis of the examination results and research and study on appropriate applicant selection methods.
- (3) We may entrust an outsourcing contractor with the handling of any personal information to conduct the above

business. In this case, we make a contract with the outsourced companies to handle the personal information in an appropriate way and provide the whole or a part of the information to them.

13. 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

14. Others (Cautions)

- (1) Some applicants may not be required to submit a TOEIC/TOEFL score certificate.
For example, a native English speaker or a student who has graduated from or who is expected to graduate from an institution where all instruction is in English.
Such an applicant should consult with his/her expected academic supervisor, prior to submission of the application form, to verify that it can be waived from application requirement.
- (2) An applicant requiring special assistance for taking an entrance examination or studying after admission should inform the Graduates Section to this effect by October 2, 2026 (Fri.).
- (3) Application documents which are incomplete, or contain errors and omissions will not be accepted.
- (4) After they are submitted, application documents may not be corrected in any manner.
- (5) The admission procedure is accepted from February 24, 2027 (Wed.) to February 26, 2027 (Fri.). Successful applicants will be notified of the details at a later date.
- (6) An applicant who does not fulfill entrance requirements by March 31, 2027 (Article 20, The University of Osaka Graduate School Regulations) is subject to the cancellation of his/her admission to the Graduate School. An applicant who has submitted false information in the application documents may be subject to the cancellation of his/her admission.
- (7) Examination fees are not refunded except in the following cases:
 - (1) an applicant is found not to be qualified for the examination after his/her submission of application documents,
 - (2) application documents arrive after the close of the acceptance period and hence are rejected,
 - (3) application documents are incomplete, or contain errors and omissions and hence are rejected,
 - (4) examination fees are paid but the applicant doesn't submit his/her application documents within the acceptance period,
 - (5) examination fees are paid twice erroneously, or
 - (6) other cases in which the University elects to award a refund.

In the case of (1) to (6) above, an applicant should make a claim for a refund of the examination fees to the University. For the detailed procedures, contact to the Graduates Section

- (8) Information and measures in case of unexpected contingency will be announced on the Graduate School's website.
- (9) This entrance examination is for international students with an appropriate student visa. Therefore, an applicant is, in principle, ineligible to submit an application form if he/she does not hold an appropriate student visa. An applicant applying for this entrance examination who currently lives outside Japan or who is currently staying in Japan with a visa other than a 'student visa' must obtain or change to a 'student visa,' prior to enrollment.

- (10) International students are categorized as follows
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| ● Japanese Government Scholarship Students: | International students awarded a scholarship by the Japanese Government (Japanese Government (<i>Monbukagakusho</i>) Scholarship Student) |
| ● Students dispatched from foreign countries: | Foreign government-sponsored students |
| ● Unsupported international students: | Other international students |
- (11) This application guide is for “Special Selection in December for International Applicants”. For Master Course, there are also other entrance examinations as follows, “General Selection “, ” Special Selection for Working People”, “ Special Selection for Recommended Students “, “Special Selection for Juniors of Undergraduate Schools”, “Special Selection in Summer for International Applicants”, “Selection for Information Technology Special Course in English” .
- (12) Due to unexpected circumstances (e.g., natural disasters, nationwide spread of infectious diseases, etc.), the information described in the application guides may be changed. Please check the graduate school website regularly for the latest information.

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《Please direct your inquiries to:》

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Website of Graduate School of Information Science and Technology:

<https://www.ist.osaka-u.ac.jp/english/>

List of Application Documents

(Note.1) Please do not use erasable writing instruments (e.g. pencils, erasable ballpoint pen, etc.) when filling in all documents.

(Note.2) Certificates, documents and references written in a language other than Japanese or English must be accompanied by a Japanese or an English translation.

(Note.3) Application documents will not be returned once they have been accepted.

• Documents required for pre-application screening

No	Documents	Description
1	Application Qualification Assessment Form (Resume)	Use the designated form.
2	Application Qualification Assessment Report (Research Result)	Use the designated form.
3	Academic transcript	Must be issued by the last university, etc., the applicant graduated from, or its equivalent.

• Documents that must be attached and submitted with the application form

4	Application for admission	Use the designated form. Submit it after receiving a stamp/seal from the expected academic supervisor (or the Department Chair). Attach a picture taken singly within three months prior to the date of application. 1) Use either Japanese or English when completing the form. 2) Don't use acronyms for proper nouns but spell them out fully. 3) Please fill in the name in the English alphabet as stated in the Certificate of Residence (Juminhyo) or on your passport in principle.
5	Examination Admission Card and Photo Identification Card	Attach a picture taken singly within three months prior to the date of application and fill in the required details. As identity verification will be conducted at the time of the examination, photographs that have been digitally altered or retouched cannot be accepted. If the applicant cannot be clearly identified from the photograph, you may be asked to present an official form of identification bearing a photograph of the applicant, such as a driver's license, passport, or My Number card.
6	Research Plan	Use the designated form (attached word file).
7	Academic transcript	Issued by the last university, etc., from which the applicant graduated or is expected to graduate. Students graduating from the undergraduate schools of Science, Engineering and Engineering Sciences of The University of Osaka are exempt.
8	(Expected) Graduation Letter/ Certificate of (Expected) Graduation	Issued by the last university, etc., from which the applicant graduated or is expected to graduate. Students graduating from the undergraduate schools of Science, Engineering and Engineering Sciences of The University of Osaka are exempt.
9	TOEIC / TOEFL Score Certificate	(Applicants for the Department of Information Science and Technology) Submit an Official Score Certificate of TOEIC issued after November 2024 together with the application documents. Regarding "Official Score Certificate" for TOEIC, an original "Official Score Certificate" or a printout of "Digital Official Score Certificate" are acceptable. An original "Official Score Certificate" must be original. Copies will not be accepted. If it is difficult to submit the TOEIC score, a Test Taker Score Report (or an Examinee Score Report) of TOEFL dated after November 2024 is also acceptable. Regarding "Test Taker Score Report" (or "Examinee Score Report") for TOEFL, a score report that can be downloaded from the test taker's ETS account is acceptable. Scores from TOEIC-IP, TOEIC Speaking & Writing Tests, TOEIC Speaking Test, TOEIC Bridge Test, and TOEFL-ITP are not acceptable. Refer "English Test for Admission in April 2027 (including Admission in October 2026)" on our graduate school website (Top/News & Topics). With regard to TOEFL iBT Test Score, we only accept TOEFL iBT Test Score from a single test date, not MyBest scores. A person who has falsified the score may have his/her enrollment cancelled even after admission to the Graduate School, or the degree cancelled even after obtaining the degree in the relevant course. (Applicants for the Department of Pure and Applied Mathematics) should take an English examination, and hence are exempt from this requirement.

10	Certificate of proficiency of Japanese language	Submit either one of the following in any form. This is not required for graduates of a Japanese university. ①A certificate from the academic advisor who will be accepting the applicant (any form) ②A copy of the result of EJU (the year of examination is not specified) ③A copy of the result of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, etc. (the year of taking the test is not specified) ④Transcript of academic records of Japanese language school, etc. ⑤Certificate issued by the Center for International Education and Exchange, The University of Osaka
11	A copy of the Certificate of Residence (Juminhyo-no-Utsushi) or Copies of residence card	(Required only for the applicant lives in Japan) The document issued by the local government office which mentions your status of residence and period of stay. *Not required those of family members. or Copies of your residence card (both sides)
12	Certificate of <i>Monbukagakusho</i> Scholarship Student	For Japanese Government Scholarship Students only except for applicants currently studying at The University of Osaka.
13	Certificate of examination fee payment	After the payment through Application Fee Payment System is completed, print the documents downloadable on A4 size paper, and send the Receipt of Application Fee Payment. -Those who have been officially recognized by the Japanese Government as Japanese Government Scholarship students are exempt from examination fee payment. -Special measures for examination fee exemption will be implemented for those who have been affected by large scale disasters in Japan. The applicants who apply for the examination fee exemption should not pay the examination fee and are required to submit the necessary documents such as the exemption application form instead.
14	An envelope (for sending the examination admission card)	The envelope must be sized 33cm×24cm. Make sure to indicate the name and address of the applicant on the front, and affix a ¥180 stamp. Applicants who live abroad don't have to submit an envelope. In the unlikely event that there is a change in the applicant's address after the application has been submitted, we will only respond if the Graduates Section is notified by November 4, 2026(Wed.)
15	Dispatch slip	Use the designated form.

Regarding the Reorganization of the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, The University of Osaka

The University of Osaka, Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, has been approved by MEXT to undergo organizational restructuring starting in the 2027 academic year.

【Reorganization Plan】

Current organization (AY2026)	Enrollment capacity	
	Master course	Doctor course
The Department of Information and Physical Sciences	20	5
The Department of Computer Science	26	6
The Department of Information Systems Engineering	26	7
The Department of Information Networking	26	7
The Department of Multimedia Engineering	26	7
The Department of Bioinformatic Engineering	24	6
The Department of Pure and Applied Mathematics	12	5
total	160	43



New organization (AY2027 and beyond)	Enrollment capacity	
	Master course	Doctor course
The Department of Information Science and Technology	148	38
The Department of Pure and Applied Mathematics	12	5
total	160	43

※There will be no organizational changes for the Department of Pure and Applied Mathematics.