Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, The University of Osaka
Application Guide for Research Students for 2027

1. Admission Requirements

An applicant must fulfill one of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant has graduated or is expected to graduate from a university or a Japanese professional university by the end of the month before the month in which he/she wishes to enroll.

(2) The applicant is recognized by the Graduate School as a person having an academic background equivalent or superior to those who meet requirement (1) above.

2. Admission Date and Enrollment Period

The date of admission shall be April 1. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an applicant may be accepted for admission on the first day of each month provided that there are extenuating circumstances. An applicant who intends to enter the Graduate School on the first day of any month must contact the academic supervisor of the department he/she intends to enter.

The enrollment period for a research student shall be three months or more but one year or less from the date on which he/she would enter the Graduate School. On the other hand, in any case, it cannot extend beyond March 31, 2028. The enrollment period shall start on the first day and end on the last day of each month.

3. Academic Supervisor

Each research student will have his/her own academic supervisor.

4. Application Procedure

All applicants must contact the academic supervisor of the department they intend to enter for obtaining the approval of their research plans, etc., before submitting their application form.

All applications must be submitted to the Graduates Section by hand by the designated dates, using an envelope of 33cm×24cm in size.

Submission of an application form to the Graduates Section by postal mail is permissible by a recorded delivery (*kani-kakitome*), using an envelope of 33cm×24cm in size, so that it reaches the university by the application deadline, provided that the applicant has an acceptable reason for doing so.

Indicate 'Research Students Application Documents' in red ink on the outside of the envelope.

See the website of Graduate School of Information Science and Technology to find the contact address of instructors. (Top/ Faculty Members)

Application Deadline	Two months before the month an applicant intends to enter (or four months in the case of applicants living outside Japan).
Reception Time	9:00 － 11:30 ／ 13:00 － 16:00
Submit to:	Graduates Section Graduate School of Information Science and Technology The University of Osaka 1-5 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, JAPAN

5. Examination Fees

¥9,800

You can 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 2027).

6. Selection Methods

Selection will be made after comprehensively examining the application documents.

7. Announcement of Results
A notification will be sent to each applicant via postal mail.

8. Admission Procedure
(1) Details on the periods of admission procedures will be sent to each successful applicant. They will be notified of details regarding the payment of admission fees (¥84,600 - subject to change).
(2) International students will receive a Letter of Acceptance.
(3) Admission fees are not refunded regardless of reasons.
(4) In the case of a change in admission fees, the revised admission fees will be applicable as of the date when they are effective.

9.Tuition Fee
(1) Tuition fees must be paid within the designated period. (¥173,400- as half of the annual tuition fees - this figure is subject to change.)
(2) The tuition for a student whose tuition period is less than six months is ¥28,900/month (subject to change) multiplied by the number of months the student plans to stay in the Graduate School.
(3) Payment methods, etc., of tuition fees will be notified to each applicant after admission.
(4) Once paid, the tuition fees will not be refunded whatever the reason might be.
(5) 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.

10. Leaving School without Completion
A student intending to leave school without completing the course should submit a form of withdrawal at least one month in advance of the leaving. A student whose tuition payments are in arrears cannot leave school till tuition is fully paid.

11. Extension of Enrollment Periods
A student who intends to continue their study and research on the same theme, as a research student, on or after April 1, 2028 is required to complete the designated procedure to extend the enrollment period. A student who intends to continue study and research but fails to undertake the designated procedure for extension of his/her enrollment period should leave school as of March 31, 2028 due to the expiry of the enrollment period.

12. Handling of Personal Information
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 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,' and 'tuition fee collection'.

13. Security Export Control
The University of Osaka conducts security export control in accordance with the "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law". In particular, international students and some Japanese students are required to undergo screening prior to acceptance, and depending on the results of such screening, they may not be able to receive the education or conduct the research they desire, or may be required to change their desired education or research content. For more information, please refer to the following website.
https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/research/secur_exp/outline

14. Cautions
(1) A research student is not allowed to apply for student fares and student commuter pass for transportation and other discount services applicable to students (except for Kintetsu bus).
(2) Application documents which are incomplete, or contain errors and omissions will not be accepted.
(3) An applicant who has submitted false information in the application documents may be subject to the cancellation of his/her admission to the Graduate School.
(4) Examination fees are not refunded except in the following cases:
(a) an applicant is found not to be qualified for the examination after his/her submission of application

documents,
(b) application documents arrive after the specified period and hence are rejected,
(c) application documents are incomplete, or contain errors and omissions and hence are rejected,
(d) examination fees are paid but the applicant does not take the examination,
(e) examination fees are paid twice erroneously, or
(f) other cases in which the University elects to award a refund.

In the case of (a) to (f) 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.

(5) Due to unforeseen 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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The University of Osaka
1-5 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, JAPAN
e-mail: jyouhou-daigakuin@office.osaka-u.ac.jp
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.

Documents	Description
Application for Admission as a Research Student	This form should be stamped by the academic supervisor of the department you intend to enter. Please fill in the name as stated in the family register (Koseki) (for foreigners, please fill in the name as stated in the Certificate of Residence (Juminhyo) or on your passport) in principle.
Certificate of (expected) graduation	Must be issued by the dean of university or the dean of school you graduated from (or enrolled).
Academic transcript (Bachelor's degree)	Must be issued by the dean of university or the dean of school you graduated from (or enrolled).
Certificate of (expected) graduation	In addition to the certificate of graduation of a bachelor degree, master degree holders (or those who expect to hold) must submit a certificate of (expected) completion from his/her graduate school. They are not required for an applicant who has completed master course of this Graduate School.
Academic transcript (Master's degree)	In addition to the academic transcript of a bachelor degree, master degree holders (or those who expect to hold) must submit an academic transcript from his/her graduate school. They are not required for an applicant who has completed master course of this Graduate School.
Receipt of Application Fee Payment	A4-size printout of the Certificate of Application Fee Payment, which can be downloaded after payment through Application Fee Payment System.
A copy of the passport (Only for international applicants)	(Only for international applicants) A photo page of the passport should be copied.
A copy of the Certificate of Residence (Juminhyo-no-Utsushi) or Copies of residence card (Only for international applicants who already live in Japan)	(Only for international applicants who already live in Japan) The document issued by the local government office which mentions your status of residence and period of stay. *Documents of family members are not required. or Copies of your residence card (both sides) Note: Not required for those who are permitted permanent residence by the Minister of Justice.
Dispatch slip	Use the designated form