

# **Academic Year 2017**

Admission Guidelines for Special Entrance Examination for Privately-Funded Undergraduate International Students Living Overseas

## **Type II**

Without a preliminary and extensive Japanese language program prior to undergraduate study

**Osaka University**

2017

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(For students living overseas who are currently enrolled in an educational institution outside Japan and studying in a Korean-based education system.)

An overview of the Special Entrance Examination for Privately-Funded International Students Living Overseas

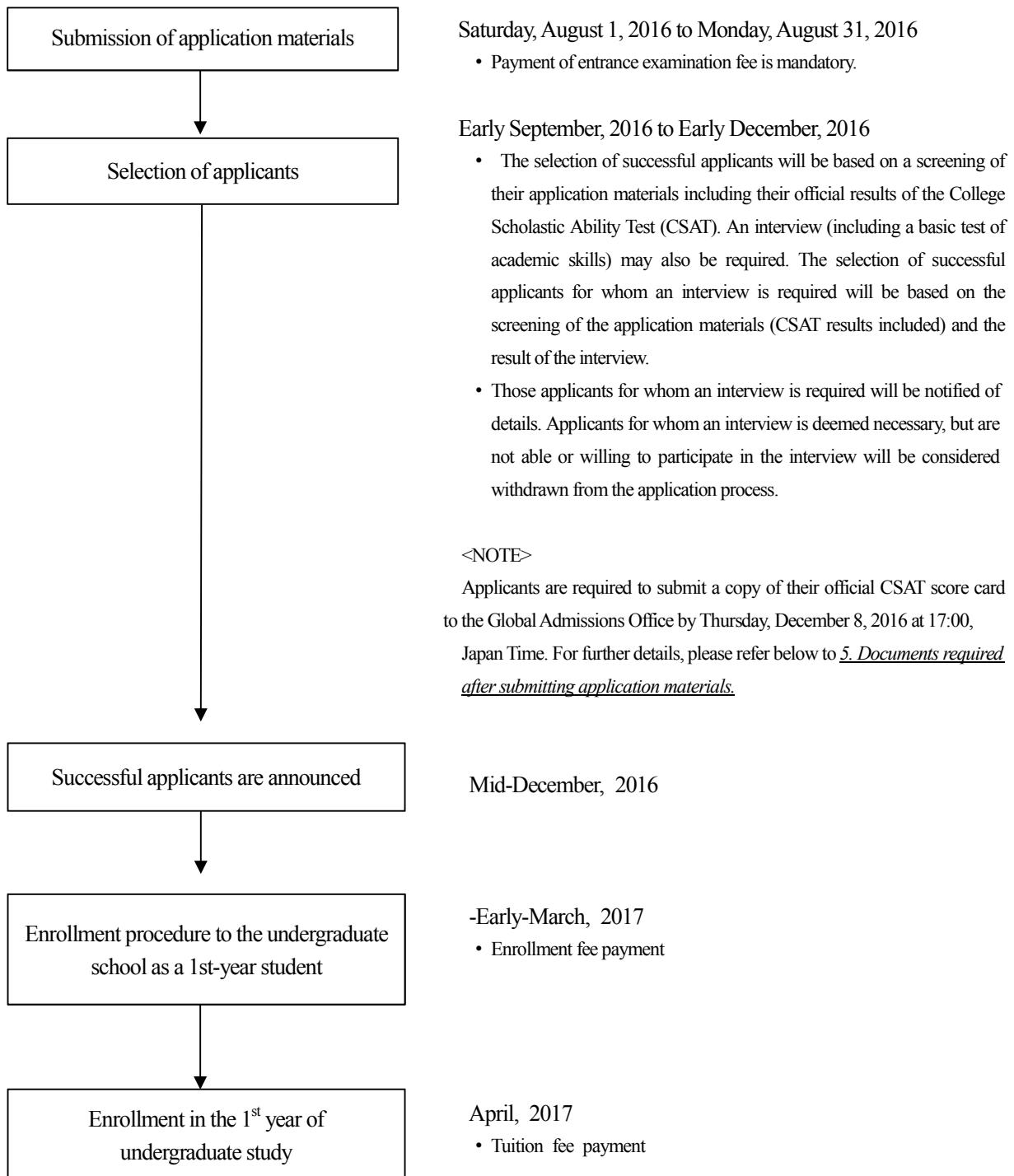
The mission of Osaka University is to nurture outstanding individuals who possess a high sense of ethics, to become global citizens and leaders in a variety of fields worldwide under the objective of “Live Locally, Grow Globally”. To accomplish this mission, it is critical to create an internationally-minded campus where Japanese students and international students challenge and enrich each other. For this purpose, Osaka University is committed to inviting outstanding international students to join its schools as well as sending Japanese students overseas, and to expanding courses taught by foreign faculty members and offered in English. As such, the future of Osaka University relies upon motivated students coming from all over the world to spread the knowledge and abilities they acquire here.

Standing by this principle, Osaka University has established a new Entrance Examination Program in order to accept international students for four-year studies, thereby increasing the number of undergraduate international students who can converse in Japanese, study together and share a variety of perspectives with Japanese students. Under this entrance examination program, applicants can take the entrance examination in their own country prior to coming to Japan. Those who passed the examination will then come to Japan and begin their studies at Osaka University. Applicants with outstanding academic performance and overall excellence who participate in this program may be eligible for tuition fee exemption or scholarship programs. They will also be given priority to reside in on-campus dormitories for the first year of their studies. Tuition fee exemption or scholarships may continue for the second year, as well as for subsequent years for those students who show outstanding academic performance and overall excellence.

Osaka University welcomes a diversity of prospective students who have acquired outstanding academic abilities, who are interested in learning Japanese while directly interacting with peers and faculty from other cultures, who think for themselves and do not just mechanically absorb information, and who actively strive to discover and share the truth.

- Applicants must pass the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test level N1, or have a proficiency level equivalent to JLPT level N1, prior to submitting an application. For further details, please refer to [2. Eligibility for application](#).
- Applicants who pass the entrance examination and complete the enrollment procedures are expected to begin their undergraduate studies at Osaka University in April 2017.

The full process from application submission to enrollment is shown below.



## 1. Number of openings by school/faculty

Before submitting your application, please select a school or faculty and the associated department where you wish to study from the following.

Schools/Faculty	Departments, etc.	Seats available
School of Letters	Humanities	A few
School of Human Sciences	Human Sciences	A few
School of Foreign Studies	Foreign Studies <sup>1</sup> <i>Majors</i> Chinese, Korean, Mongolian, Indonesian, Filipino, Thai, Vietnamese, Burmese, Hindi, Urdu, Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Swahili, Russian, Hungarian, Danish, Swedish, German, English, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese	A few
School of Law	Law, International Public Policy	A few
School of Economics	Economics and Business Management	A few
School of Science	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences <sup>2</sup> <i>Courses</i> Biology, Life Science	A few
Faculty of Medicine	Medical School School of Allied Health Science <sup>3</sup> <i>Courses</i> Nursing, Medical Physics and Engineering, Laboratory Sciences	A few
School of Dentistry	Dentistry	A few
School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Pharmaceutical Sciences	A few
School of Engineering	Applied Science; Mechanical Materials and Manufacturing Science Electronic and Information Engineering Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering Global Architecture	A few
School of Engineering Science	Electronics and Materials Physics Chemical Science and Engineering Systems of Science Information and Computer Sciences	A few

<sup>1</sup> For those wishing to enter the School of Foreign Studies, please select one major.

<sup>2</sup> For those wishing to enter the Department of Biological Science, School of Science, please select one course.

<sup>3</sup> For those wishing to enter the School of Allied Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, please select one course.

## 2. Application eligibility

Applicants must have been living overseas for one year or longer at the date of Interview (October 16, 2016) and satisfy all conditions below:

(Note: Study abroad and exchange programs in Japan count toward overseas residency.)

- (1) Applicants cannot hold Japanese citizenship, dual citizenship (with Japanese being one), or Japanese permanent residence;
- (2) Applicants must have completed or should be expected to complete a standard 12-year school education curriculum in Korea or by Korean education standards, as the case may be, by March 31, 2017
- (3) Applicants must meet either of the following criteria:
  - (i) Have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test level N1;
  - (ii) Possess Japanese language proficiency at a level equivalent to level N1 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, and receive a certification letter stating their level from the school principal, a Japanese language teacher or any equivalent person from the last school they attended.
- (4) Applicants are expected to take the College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT) in 2016.

## 3. Application materials

- (1) Please submit originals of all materials unless "copy" is expressly required.
- (2) Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Once submitted, application materials may not be changed.
- (3) Once submitted, application materials will not be returned.
- (4) If any false information is identified in any of the application materials, application procedures will be terminated immediately. Similarly, admission to the university will be revoked, even after the applicant has been declared accepted.
- (5) Application forms can be downloaded from the Osaka University website.

1. Application form	Please fill out the forms and attach a recent photograph.
2. Certificate of (expected) graduation, transcript, etc.	<p>Certificate of (expected) graduation and a transcript from the last school attended.</p> <p>* In case the last school attended is of a higher education level (e.g., a college or university), a certificate of (expected) graduation and a transcript from a secondary school (corresponding to a high school in Japan) must also be submitted.</p> <p>* Any certificate that is neither in Japanese nor English must be translated into Japanese or English, and a document certifying that the translation is a true and correct translation of the original issued by an embassy or any other official agency(including the school which applicants attend(attended) must be attached.</p>
3. Document proving Japanese language proficiency	<p>Please submit documents as detailed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) For applicants applying under (3) (i) in <u>2. Application eligibility</u> above, a copy of a Certificate of JLPT level N1 obtained upon completion of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test taken on or after July 1, 2014.</li><li>(2) For applicants applying under (3) (ii) in <u>2. Application eligibility</u> above, a certificate prepared in the specified form by the school principal, a Japanese language teacher or any equivalent person of an educational institution existing in a country other than Japan, in accordance with the Korean based education system.</li></ol>
4. Copy of TOEFL or IELTS score	If an applicant has any of the scores as stipulated in (1) or (2) below, they should submit the relevant document(s). Once submitted, scores cannot be changed or

	<p>updated.</p> <p>(1) Please submit a copy of the TOEFL “Examinee’s Score Record” taken on or after July 1, 2014. TOEFL-ITP scores are not accepted.</p> <p>(2) Please submit a copy of the IELTS Academic Module “Test Report Form”, taken on or after July 1, 2014. IELTS General Training Module scores are not accepted.</p>
5. Personal Statement	<p>Please write in Japanese (approximately 800 characters) using the provided form. Typed and handwritten statements are both acceptable.</p>
6. Letter of recommendation	<p>A letter of recommendation in Japanese or English in the provided form, written by a teacher from the last school attended or any equivalent person who has known the applicant for at least one year.</p> <p>* Only <b>sealed letters</b> will be accepted.</p>
7. Entrance examination fee	<p>Entrance examination fee: 17,000 JPY. Payment period: from Saturday, August 1, 2016 to Monday, August 31, 2016. Payment method: Credit Card (VISA / MasterCard / JCB / American Express / MUFG / DC / UFJ / NICOS) and China Union Pay.</p> <p><b>Please make sure to print out your receipt from e-apply webpage after completing the payment and send it together with your application materials to the Osaka University Global Admissions Office.</b> Applications arriving after the deadline will not be accepted. The payment of entrance examination fee must be made promptly (Pay the entrance examination fee before submitting the application materials).</p> <p>Please refer to the Osaka University website where the method of payment for entrance examination fee is posted.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Osaka University website: <a href="http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/index.html">http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/index.html</a>  <i>“Osaka University website top page” → “Admissions” → “Entrance Examination Information, ‘Special Entrance Examinations for Privately-Funded International Students Living Overseas’”</i></p> </div> <p>&lt;NOTE&gt;</p> <p>The entrance examination fee is not refundable except for when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) an application is incomplete, or the application is rejected.</li> <li>2) the entrance examination fee has been mistakenly paid more than once by an applicant.</li> </ol> <p>Should you have any questions concerning the payment of the entrance examination fee, please contact the Osaka University Global Admissions Office. (Refer to <u>15. Contact for inquiries</u>)</p>
8. Copy of passport	<p>Please submit a copy of the page showing the applicant’s name and nationality/citizenship.</p> <p>If an applicant does not have a passport, please submit a document certifying his/her name and nationality/citizenship. Any certificate that is neither in Japanese nor English must be translated into Japanese or English and a document certifying that the translation is a true and correct translation of the original issued by an embassy or any other official agency must be attached.</p>

#### 4. Application acceptance

Period of application submission	Saturday, August 1, 2016 to Monday, August 31, 2016
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Applicants must send application materials during the period of application submission by EMS, FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc. to the address below.

To send the application materials, download the “label for the submission of application materials” from the Osaka University website and apply it to the envelope.

- \* Any application materials arriving after the application deadline will not be accepted.
- \* Applicant with physical or other disabilities who wish to receive special assistance at the time of examination and/or study, please consult with the Osaka University Global Admissions Office prior to applying. (Refer to [15. Contact for inquiries](#))

#### **<Osaka University Global Admissions Office Address>**

Application Receipt Desk, Global Admissions Office, Osaka University 1-2 Machikaneyama-cho, Toyonaka, Osaka, 560-0043 JAPAN

**Osaka University website:** <http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>

*"Osaka University website top page" → "Admissions" → "Entrance Examination Information, 'Special Examinations for Privately Funded International Students Living Overseas'"*

#### 5. Documents required after submitting application materials

A copy of the results of the College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT) 2016

#### **<Note>**

- (1) A copy of your official CSAT score card in Korean, which will be used in the screening process of application materials, must be submitted to the Osaka University Global Admissions Office by e-mail or fax by Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 17:00, Japan Time. Please refer to [15. Contact for inquiries](#). Failure to submit your CSAT score card will result in your application not being considered for admission.
- (2) In case any false information is identified in your CSAT score card, you will be denied admission to the Osaka University even if a favorable decision had been previously reached on your application.

#### 6. Applicant selection, etc.

Successful applicants will be selected through screening of application materials and CSAT results. An interview (including a basic academic skills test) may also be held, if necessary. If an interview is held, successful applicants will be selected based on the results of the screening of application materials and CSAT results as well as the interview.

#### **Interview**

If Osaka University deems that an interview is necessary to assess an applicant, the interview will be held as follows:

Date of interview	Sunday, October 16, 2016
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Location: Interviews will be conducted at a particular venue in Korea or any other country as Osaka University designate as needed basis. or via the Internet or other means.

Contents: Interviews will be held at a time and date specified by Osaka University. A basic academic skills test may also be carried out at the time of interview, depending on the applicant's desired school/faculty and department.

Applicants will be notified directly of scheduling details for their interview.

#### 7. Announcement of successful applicants

Mid-December, 2016

Applicants will be notified by e-mail.

The Visa Procedure will be informed as well.

#### 8. Procedure for the enrollment to the undergraduate school as a first-year student

Early-March, 2017

Students will be notified individually of the details for the procedure of enrollment.

#### 9. Enrollment in the undergraduate school as a first-year student

April 2017

#### 10. Enrollment fee and tuition fee for undergraduate school

- (1) Enrollment fee: 282,000 JPY
- (2) Tuition fee (the same for the spring semester and fall semester): 267,900 JPY (annual tuition fee: 535,800 JPY)
  - \* The enrollment fee and the tuition fee may be changed at any time.
  - \* If the tuition fee is changed during enrollment, the revised tuition fee will apply from the time of revision.

#### 11. Handling of personal information

- (1) Names, addresses and other personal information provided at the time of application will be used only for the selection of persons to be admitted (processing of applications and carrying out selection examinations), announcement of successful applicants and procedures for the enrollment and other affairs related to entrance examination.  
However, personal information of those admitted will also be used for educational affairs (student registry management, school guidance, etc.), student support services (health management, tuition fee exemption, scholarship application, career support, etc.) and collection of tuition fees.
- (2) Results of examination and other personal information used for the selection of persons to be admitted will be used for the aggregate analysis of entrance examination results, surveys and research on the method of selection of persons to be admitted and student support services (scholarship application, etc.).
- (3) Osaka University may outsource some of the aforementioned affairs in (1) and (2) above to an outside contractor. In this case, prior to the provision of the entire or partial personal information provided to Osaka University to such outside contractor, Osaka University will enter into an agreement with such outside contractor to ensure that personal information is handled in a proper manner.

## 12. Visa / Status of residence

International students who are selected for admission to Osaka University must obtain a student visa from the Japanese Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan nearby prior to arriving to Japan. When applying for a visa, a Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence (CESR) is required. The Osaka University Support Office for International Students and Scholars will apply for a CESR to the Immigration Bureau of Japan, and once a CESR is issued, the Support Office will send it to the applicant.

Details will be notified to successful applicants at the same time that a notice of acceptance is sent.

If the residence status of an international student is not “Student”, such international student is not eligible to apply for a dormitory for international students, receive scholarships and other privileges granted to international students.

## 13. Financial support

International students exceling academically and with an outstanding personality may receive exemption of tuition fee or Osaka University scholarships.

## 14. Housing support

International students enrolled at Osaka University through this entrance examination will be able to live in on-campus student dormitories for the duration of their first year of studies, on a preferential basis.

However, dormitory fee and other relevant fees must be paid by the resident.

## 15. Contact for inquiries

For inquiries, please contact us via e-mail ([gao-ina@ml.office.osaka-u.ac.jp](mailto:gao-ina@ml.office.osaka-u.ac.jp)).

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Tel : +81-6-6850-5942 or 5943

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\* Open Monday to Friday (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, statutory holidays and year-end and new year holidays) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm JST.

\* If you have any questions, please contact the office ahead of time prior to submitting your application.