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for Privately-Funded International Students Living Overseas

Type I

Including a preliminary and extensive Japanese language program prior to undergraduate study

Osaka University

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(For students living overseas who are currently enrolled in an educational institution in a country other than Japan under the education system of that country)

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

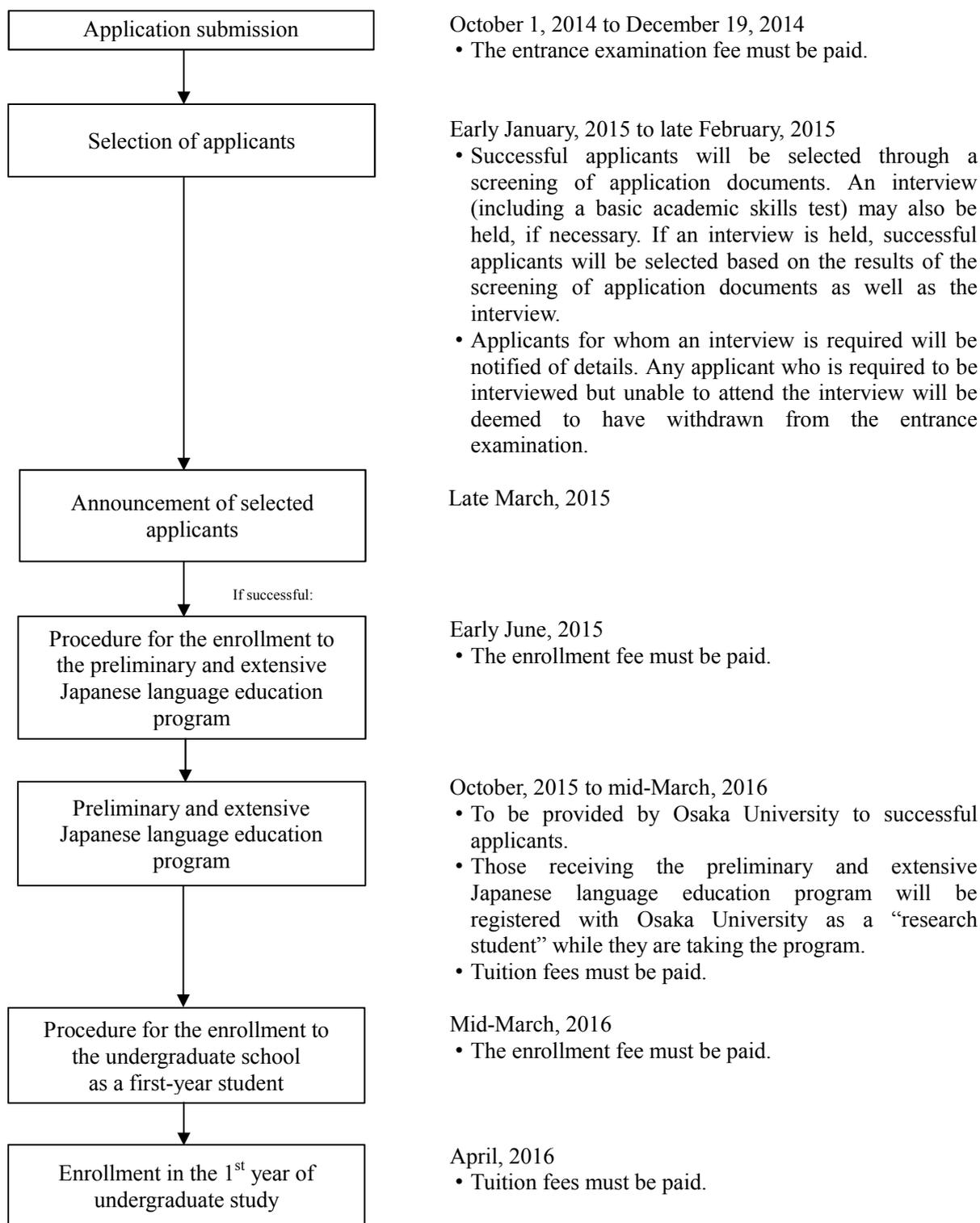
The mission of Osaka University is to nurture outstanding individuals, with the ability to see beneath the surface and ascertain the true essence of things, to become global citizens and leaders in a variety of fields worldwide. To accomplish this mission, it is critical to create an internationally-minded campus where Japanese students and international students challenge and enrich each other. For this purpose, Osaka University is committed to inviting outstanding international students as well as sending Japanese students overseas, and to expanding courses taught by foreign faculty members and offered in English. As a result, inspired students who come together at Osaka University from all over the world can share the knowledge and abilities they have acquired at Osaka University with the world. This is the future of Osaka University.

Standing by this principle, Osaka University has established this entrance examination program to accept international students for four years, thereby increasing the number of undergraduate international students who can converse in Japanese, study together and share the benefits of a variety of perspectives with Japanese students. Under this entrance examination program, applicants can take entrance examination in their own country prior to coming to Japan. Qualifying students will come to Japan and take a preliminary and extensive Japanese language education program for six months prior to enrollment and admission at Osaka University. Students enrolled in this program with outstanding academic performance and overall excellence may be eligible for tuition fee exemption or scholarship program(s). They will also be able to live in on-campus dormitories for the first year on a preferential basis. The tuition fee exemption or scholarships may possibly continue to be granted for the second and subsequent years to students who exhibit outstanding academic performance and overall excellence.

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

- Applicants must have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test level N1 or N2, or have a proficiency level equivalent to JLPT level N1 or N2, prior to submitting an application. Please refer to “2. Eligibility for application” for details. Only students who are currently enrolled in an educational institution under the Korean education system with JLPT N1 level are eligible to apply for the Special Entrance Examination for Privately-Funded International Students Living Overseas which does not require a period as a “research student” with the preliminary and extensive Japanese language education program.
- At this entrance examination, screening for both research students and undergraduate students will be conducted concurrently. Individuals who pass this entrance examination and complete the enrollment procedures are first admitted as research students, receiving preliminary and extensive Japanese language education; after completion they become undergraduate students eligible to receive undergraduate education.

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



1. Number of openings by school/faculty

Before submitting your application, please select one of the schools or faculty and an associated department you wish to enter from the following.

Schools/Faculty	Departments, etc.	Number of students to be admitted
School of Letters	Humanities	A few
School of Human Sciences	Human Sciences	A few
School of Foreign Studies	Foreign Studies ¹ <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 ² <i>Courses</i> Biology, Life Science	A few
Faculty of Medicine	Medical School School of Allied Health Science ³ <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

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

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

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

2. Eligibility for application

Applicants must have been living overseas for three consecutive years or longer at the time of the entrance examination and satisfy all the conditions set out in (1) to (3) below:

- (1) Applicants who do not have Japanese nationality (any person who holds a permanent residence permit from Japan or dual nationality of Japan and any other country is not eligible);
- (2) Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria, from (i) to (iv):

- (i) Applicants who have completed or are expected to complete a standard 12-year education curriculum in a country other than Japan by September 30, 2015;
 - (ii) Applicants who are at least 18 years as of March 31, 2016 and have acquired an International Baccalaureate Diploma granted by the International Baccalaureate Organization (a non-profit foundation established under the Swiss Civil Code);
 - (iii) Applicants who are at least 18 years as of March 31, 2016 and have acquired an Abitur Diploma issued by the Federal Republic of Germany for college entrance; or
 - (iv) Applicants who are at least 18 years as of March 31, 2016 and have acquired Baccalaureate Diploma issued by the French Republic for college entrance.
- (3) Applicants must meet either of the following criteria, (i) or (ii):
- (i) Applicants who have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, level N1 or N2; or
 - (ii) Applicants who have the Japanese language proficiency at a level equivalent to Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, level N1 or N2, which is certified by the principal or a Japanese language teacher of the last school.

3. Application documents

- (1) Please submit originals of all documents unless the term “copy” is expressly stated.
- (2) All applications with incomplete application documents will not be accepted. Any change to the contents of application documents already submitted will not be accepted.
- (3) Application documents, once submitted, will not be returned.
- (4) If there is any false statement in the application documents, admission may be cancelled even after the determination of admission.
- (5) The method of payment for the entrance examination fee and method of application submission will be announced on Osaka University’s website.
- (6) Application documents can be downloaded from Osaka University’s website.

1. Application form	Please fill out the prescribed form with a photo attached.
2. Certificate of (expected) graduation, transcript, etc.	<p>Please submit the document(s) under each of the application eligibility criteria as stipulated in (1), (2), (3) or (4) below.</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 must be attached.</p> <p>(1) 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 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>(2) In case International Baccalaureate Diploma has been acquired, a copy of the Diploma and an International Baccalaureate final examination performance evaluation certificate for 6 subjects;</p> <p>(3) In case Abitur Diploma has been acquired, a copy of Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife; or</p> <p>(4) In case Baccalaureate Diploma of French Republic has been acquired, a copy of the Diplôme du Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement du Second Degré and a Relevé de Notes.</p>
3. Document proving Japanese language proficiency	<p>Please submit the document as stipulated in (1) or (2) below.</p> <p>(1) For an applicant applying under (3) (i) in “2. Eligibility for application” in these Admission Guidelines, a copy of a Certificate of JLPT level N1 or N2 obtained upon completion of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test taken on or after October 1, 2012.</p> <p>(2) For an applicant applying under (3) (ii) in “2. Eligibility for application” in these Admission Guidelines, a certificate prepared by the principal or a Japanese language teacher of an educational institution existing in a country other than Japan in accordance with the education system of that country.</p>

4.Results of National Standardized Tests for University Admission	<p>Please submit the document as stipulated in (1) or (2) below.</p> <p>(1) A copy of the national standardized test results for university admission in a country other than Japan equivalent to the National Center Test for University Admissions in Japan (Example: College Scholastic Ability Tests in Korea and National Higher Education Entrance Examination in China) 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> <p>(2) A copy of the national standardized test results in a country other than Japan certifying the completion of secondary education (equivalent to a high school in Japan) (Example: GCE in England and Maturita in Italy, etc.) 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> <p>* If neither documents as stipulated in (1) nor (2) can be submitted, please contact the Osaka University Global Admissions Office. (See “17. Contact for inquiries”)</p> <p>An applicant who meets application eligibility criteria (ii), (iii) or (iv) of (2) in “2. Eligibility for application” is not required to submit any document in this section.</p>
5.Copy of TOEFL or IELTS score(s)	<p>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 updated.</p> <p>(1) Please submit a copy of the TOEFL “Examinee’s Score Record” taken on or after October 1, 2012. 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 October 1, 2012. IELTS General Training Module scores are not accepted.</p>
6.Personal Statement	<p>Please write in Japanese (in approximately 800 characters) using the provided form. Typed and handwritten statements are both acceptable.</p>
7.Letter of recommendation	<p>A letter of recommendation in Japanese or English in the provided form written by a teacher of the last school attended or any equivalent person who had known the applicant for at least one year. * Only sealed letters will be accepted.</p>
8.Entrance examination fee	<p>The entrance examination fee is 26,800 JPY. Since an applicant must take entrance examinations to be enrolled as a “research student” in the preliminary and extensive Japanese language education program prior to being enrolled in the undergraduate school as an undergraduate student, the applicant must pay both the entrance examination fee for a research student (9,800 JPY) and the entrance examination fee for an undergraduate student (17,000 JPY).</p> <p>Please refer to Osaka University’s website where the method of payment for entrance examination fees is posted.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Osaka University website: http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/index.html "Osaka University website top page" → “Admissions” → Entrance Examination Information, ‘Special Entrance Examinations for Privately-Funded International Students Living Overseas’“</p> </div> <p>Should you have any questions concerning how to pay the entrance examination fee, please contact the Osaka University Global Admissions Office. (See “17. Contact for inquiries”)</p>

9. Copy of passport	Please submit a copy of the page showing the applicant's name and nationality. If an applicant does not have a passport, please submit a document certifying his/her name and nationality. 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.
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4. Application acceptance

- * Any applicant with physical or other disability who wishes to receive special consideration at the time of examination and/or study, please consult with the Osaka University Global Admissions Office prior to applying. (See "17. Contact for inquiries")

Period of application submission	October 1, 2014 (Wednesday) to December 19, 2014 (Friday)
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Applicants must send application documents during the period of application submission by EMS, FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc. to the address below.

To send the application documents, download the "label for the submission of application documents" from Osaka University's website and glue it to the envelope.

- * Any application documents that arrive after the period of application submission will not be accepted.

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 Entrance Examinations for Privately-Funded International Students Living Overseas' "

5. Applicant selection, etc.

Successful applicants will be selected through screening of application documents by which it will be determined whether he/she has the academic skills, desire, personality, capability, aptitude and other qualities for acceptance, first as a "research student" receiving the preliminary and extensive Japanese language education program, and after as an undergraduate in the undergraduate school. 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 documents as well as the interview.

Interview

If Osaka University considers that an interview is required for an applicant, an interview will be held for the applicant as follows:

Interview period	Interviews will be held during a period between February 16, 2015 (Monday) and February 20, 2015 (Friday). (This may vary depending on the country or region of the applicant.)
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Location: Interviews will be held in a country or region specified by Osaka University, or via the Internet or any other means.

Contents: Interviews will be held on a day specified by Osaka University within the aforementioned interview period. A basic academic skills test may also be carried out at the time of the interview, depending on the applicant's desired school/faculty and department.
Applicants will be notified directly with scheduling details for their interview.

6. Announcement of successful applicants

Late March 2015

Applicants will be notified by e-mail.

7. Procedures to be taken by successful applicants for the enrollment to the preliminary and extensive Japanese language education program

Early June 2015

Successful applicants will be notified individually of the details for the procedure of enrollment.

8. Enrollment fee and tuition fee for the preliminary and extensive Japanese language education program

- (1) Enrollment fee: 84,600 JPY
- (2) Tuition fee: 173,400 JPY (for 6 months)
 - * 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.

9. Preliminary and extensive Japanese language education

October 1, 2015 to mid-March 2016

The preliminary and extensive Japanese language education program will be provided to successful applicants who have completed the relevant enrollment procedures.

The preliminary and extensive Japanese language education program will be provided at Osaka University and those who are enrolled in the program will be registered with Osaka University as a research student during that time.

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

Mid-March 2016

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

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

April 2016

12. 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.

13. Handling of personal information

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

14. Visa / Status of residence

International students who were selected to be admitted to Osaka University must obtain a student visa from the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan prior to coming to Japan. When applying for a visa, a Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence (CESR) must be submitted. The Support Office for International Students and Scholars at Osaka University will apply for a CESR to Immigration Bureau of Japan, and once a CESR is issued, the Support Office will send the CESR to the applicant.

Applicants will be notified of details at the time a letter of acceptance is sent.

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

15. Financial support

International students with outstanding academic performance or abilities may be granted Osaka University scholarships or an exemption from tuition fees.

16. Housing support

International students enrolled in Osaka University through this entrance examination will be eligible to live in Osaka University on-campus dormitories for their first year on a preferential basis.

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

17. Contact for inquiries

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

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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.