

Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences

Admissions Guide for International Students

April 2027 Entry

I. Degree, Major, Course, Student Status and Number of Students Admitted

Degree	Major	Course	Student Status	Number of Students Admitted
Ph.D.	Biomedical Engineering and Informatics	Biomedical Engineering Biomedical Sciences and Informatics	Regular	Limited
			Special	Limited
	Medical Life Systems		Regular	Limited
			Special	Limited

※Regulated period of study is 3 years for Doctoral Program.

※For the Master's Program, see the Admissions Guide for ISTC.

II. Qualifications for Applicants

General Applicants

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Those who have foreign nationalities and who satisfy one of the following qualifications are eligible:

- (1) Those who have a master's degree or professional degree outside Japan or are expected to obtain such degree before the end of March 2027.
- (2) Those who have a master's degree or professional degree from an institution in Japan as a foreign student or are expected to obtain a degree before the end of March 2027.
- (3) Those who Doshisha University recognizes as having an equivalent qualification to one of the above requirements (1) (2), and who are 24 years or older by the time of enrollment, will be considered for admission.

■Note

- ①Prior to application, those who qualify to apply under (3) [see above] should consult the Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences for the certificate of qualifications and submit the documents instructed to the Office of the Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences (see the contact address on the back cover) by August 7 (Fri), 2026.
- ②Applicants who have any questions concerning the qualifications other than above Note① should consult the Section for International Admissions, Office of International Students at Imadegawa Campus prior to application.
- ③Admission will be denied if the applicant who passes the entrance examination does not meet the application requirements by the end of March 2027.

Graduates (including prospective graduates) of Doshisha university

- (1) International students who are expected to complete a master's program or a professional degree program at Doshisha University by the end of March 2027.
- (2) International students who have completed a master's program or a professional degree program at Doshisha University.

■Note

Applicants who pass the entrance examination but fail to meet the application eligibility requirements by the end of March 2027 will not be admitted.

Change of status from a special student to a regular student

International students who are currently enrolled as special students in the Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences at Doshisha University and who wish to become regular students in the same division and the same course in the AY2027.

■Note

Changing to a regular student in a different graduate school at Doshisha university is not eligible.

III. Application Schedule

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Application Period	Examination Date	Notification of Result
Ph.D.	General Applicants	Japan Abroad	Regular	September 15 (Tue), - September 25 (Fri), 2026 No later than 5:00 p.m. (Japan time)	November 15 (Sun), 2026*	November 30 (Mon), 2026
			Special		Documentary Screening	
	Graduates	Japan Abroad	Regular		November 15 (Sun), 2026*	
			Special		Documentary Screening	
	Change Status	Japan	Regular		November 15 (Sun), 2026	

※For applicants to the Biomedical Engineering and Informatics department who reside outside Japan, interviews (including oral examinations) will be conducted remotely via the Internet or other means. The examination date and time will be announced separately.

IV. Application Procedure

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Application Fee	Period for Payment of Application Fee	Notification of Result
Ph.D.	General Applicants	Japan Abroad	Regular	15,000 yen	September 8 (Tue), - September 25 (Fri), 2026	September 15 (Tue), - September 25 (Fri), 2026 No later than 5:00 p.m. (Japan time)
			Special	10,000 yen		
	Graduates	Japan Abroad	Regular	15,000 yen		
			Special	10,000 yen		
	Change Status	Japan	Regular	15,000 yen		

As for the payment of the Application Fees, the important notes on application documents and submission, see on page 14 to 17 and “Payment of Application Fees” on page 259 to 262.

V. Application Documents (including this “List of Required Documents”)

Name _____

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The prescribed forms for application documents can be obtained from the following URL.
https://intad.doshisha.ac.jp/intad/en/admissions/guide_entrance_exam_g.html



Please note that a color photocopy or a printed copy of a document downloaded from the internet with printed seal/signature is not considered an original. If you have any questions, please contact the Section for International Admissions, Office of International Students as soon as possible.

	Type of Document	Note	Biomedical Engineering and Informatics Course	Biomedical Engineering and Informatics Course	Medical Life Systems	Check
1	Application Confirmation Form (出願確認票)	①Please create and print this form using the online application system, and then fill in the “Date” and “Applicant’s Signature” by hand. Applications without the applicant’s signature will not be accepted. For details, please refer to page 17. If your name does not appear in kanji, please write your name by hand in the kanji name field. ②Please upload a photograph. Do not edit or alter the image using photo apps or similar tools. If your identity cannot be verified due to such alterations, it may be considered a fraudulent act.	Required	Required	Required	☐
2	Certificate of Graduation (or Certificate of Expected Graduation) of highest academic attainment ※Not required for current Special Students applying to change the status to Regular Student	Original certificate must be submitted. For details, see page 15 [Important Notes on Application Documents] ③ and ④. ※Current students (including graduates) of Doshisha University applying for the Doctoral Program should submit the Certificate of Expected Conferment or Certificate of Master’s Degree Conferment at Doshisha University. ※Both graduation certificate and certificate of Master’s degree (original) should be submitted if both certificates are issued. ※Applicants who have graduated or expect to graduate from a university in China (not including Hong Kong, Taiwan or Macau) must also submit a printout of one of the following issued by CSSD (CHSI): Applicants who have graduated from university: Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate Applicants who have completed graduate school: Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate Applicants who are graduating/expecting to complete university or graduate school: Online Verification Report of Student Record Applications will not be accepted with documents issued by CSSD (CHSI) alone. Please be sure to also submit an original copy of your graduation/expected completion certificate issued by your university.	Required	Required	Required	☐
3	Official Transcripts ※Not required for current Special Students applying to change the status to Regular Student	Original transcript must be submitted. For details, see page 15 [Important Notes on Application Documents] ③ and ④. A list of all previous undergraduate and graduate study credits obtained at the undergraduate and graduate courses. ※Current students (including graduates) of Doshisha University applying for the Doctoral Program should submit the transcript of a Master’s Program at Doshisha University.	Required	Required	Required	☐
4	One Letter of Recommendation (Prescribed Form)	Written by a faculty or staff member of an educational or research institution. ※MUST be sealed by a recommender.	Required	Required	Required	☐
5	Document certifying language proficiency ※Not required for current students of Doshisha University applying for a higher program	An original copy of one of ① to ④ must be submitted. ①Document certifying English proficiency An original score card of TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test or TOEFL iBT® Test taken in or after April 2024 (Note) Note: • TOEFL iBT® Home Edition (TOEFL iBT® Special Home Edition) scores will not be accepted. • Only the “Test Date Scores” is accepted as the application score. “MyBest™ Scores” is not accepted. • For TOEFL iBT® score reports, please request your score data to be sent directly to Doshisha University via My TOEFL Home. The Doshisha University code for direct submission is 7078. We must receive your score data by the application deadline. • Only the score data which reach Doshisha University on or before the application deadline date can be accepted. (Score data delivered to Doshisha University prior to the application period are also acceptable.) • If you are using your TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test score, please submit a printout of the official certificate. However, if you took the test in Japan, only a printout of the digital official certificate or official certificate with QR code is permitted. ②Document certifying Japanese proficiency The copy of the examination voucher or the score confirmation report of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students(EJU) (Japanese as a Foreign Language) taken in 2025 or 2026 or the original copy of “JAPANESE-LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST CERTIFICATE OF RESULT AND SCORES” (N1 taken in or after 2025) (Note) Submit a certificate obtained before the application deadline. Note: Application will not be accepted with the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test Score Report (postcard). Make sure to take the test well in advance so that you will obtain the original of “JAPANESE-LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST CERTIFICATE OF RESULT AND SCORES” in time for the application deadline. ③Document certifying that the applicant received university education in English ④Document certifying that the applicant received university education in Japanese	One of ① to ④	Not required	Not required	☐

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	Type of Document	Note	Biomedical Engineering and Informatics Course	Biomedical Engineering and Informatics Biomedical Sciences and Informatics Course	Medical Life Systems	Check
6	Plan for Study at Doshisha University	Please state your name and the major/course you are applying for, and then write (1) the name of your desired supervisor, (2) the reason for applying, (3) your research topic, (4) your research progress to date, and (5) your future research plans in Japanese (or English) on A4 size paper, horizontal writing, within 2 pages of A4 size, 12 point font. Please print and submit on one side of the page. If your research plan is multiple pages long, please include the page numbers.	Required	Required	Required	☐
7	Choice of Laboratory Sheet (Prescribed Form Life ① 1-6)	Please fill in the name of the laboratory, research field, and the professor of your preference from the first to the third choice according to Choice of Laboratory Sheet. Please contact with the professor of your first-choice laboratory after confirming contents on Choice of Laboratory Sheet before applying. Please enclose an email showing your communication with the professor of your first-choice laboratory. See the website of the Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences for details of each laboratory. https://biomedical.doshisha.ac.jp/biomedical/graduate/	Required	Required	Required	☐
8	<u>Applicants residing in Japan</u> Certificate of Items Stated in Resident Register (must be original) <u>Applicants residing abroad</u> a copy of passport or a copy of an official government-issued ID ※Read 3. Residence [Japan or Abroad] under <u>Application Flowchart</u> on page 11 carefully and submit the document required for the category that applies to you.	<u>Applicants residing in Japan</u> Must include nationality, status of residence, period of stay and date of expiration. <u>Applicants residing abroad</u> Either of the following ① or ②: ①Passport: submit a copy of the page, in A4 size, which includes your photograph and name. ②If you do not have a passport, a copy of an official government-issued ID with your photo must be submitted.	Required	Required	Required	☐
9	Proof of Payment of Application Fee	<u>Payment by credit card</u> After payment is completed, print the email you receive or the payment completion screen on A4-size paper and submit it together with the other application documents. <u>Convenience store payment / Pay-easy payment (Applicants residing in Japan only)</u> After completing the payment, attach the payment receipt or statement to the “出願確認票 (Application Confirmation Form)”. <u>Remittance from a financial institution (Applicants residing abroad only)</u> Submit the receipt of the remittance bearing the authorization of your remittance bank.	Required	Required	Required	☐
10	Mailing labels ※Residents of Japan only	It will be printed together with the “出願確認票 (Application Confirmation Form)”. Please make sure that the mailing address is correct. If your address changes after submitting your application, please contact the Section for International Admissions, Office of International Students.	Required	Required	Required	☐
11	List of Required Documents (this form)	Check the box ☐ to confirm you have prepared all the required documents, and submit the required documents together with this checklist. Print and keep a copy of this checklist for your record as you may be inquired regarding your submission of the documents.	Required	Required	Required	☐
Those who wish to have their original document(s) returned						
	A request for returning original document ※No Prescribed Form	Does your request for returning original document include 1) name of the document, 2) your name, and 3) address to which the document should be returned? ※Documents submitted will generally not be returned to the applicant; however, document(s) that cannot be reissued, such as a diploma, may be returned. ※We will return such document(s) only when a request for returning original document is enclosed in the application packet.			☐	

VI. Selection Process

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Selection Process
Ph.D.	General Applicants Graduates	Japan Abroad	Regular	The selection of applicants for the Medical Life Systems major is made based on a comprehensive consideration of the application documents and the results of written examination and interview (including oral examination). The selection of applicants for the Biomedical Engineering and Informatics major is made based on a comprehensive consideration of the application documents and interview (including oral examination).
			Special	The selection is made by documentary screening.
	Change Status	Japan	Regular	The selection of applicants for the Medical Life Systems major is made based on a comprehensive consideration of the application documents and the results of written examination and interview (including oral examination). The selection of applicants for the Biomedical Engineering and Informatics major is made based on a comprehensive consideration of the application documents and interview (including oral examination).

■ Examination Admission Card

Numbered examination admission card will be sent out around October 7 (Wed), 2026 to the applicant after confirmation that the applicant is qualified to apply. If you do not receive the examination admission card by October 21 (Wed), contact the Office of the Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences. Applicants who are subject to documentary screening only will not receive an examination admission card by mail. Please refer to page 264 and confirm your examinee number yourself.

※Applicants will be notified of the place and time of the examinations after their application forms are received by the University.

※Inquiries regarding the venue, time, subjects, etc. of the entrance examination after receiving the examination admission card may be directly sent to the Office of the Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences.

※To take the examination, applicants residing abroad must obtain short-stay visa, etc. for entering Japan; however, the University will not be a guarantor for short-stay visa applications. Applicants will be responsible for their own visa applications.

※For those residing abroad and applying for the Biomedical Engineering and Informatics major, the examination admission card will be sent by e-mail. Inquiries after receiving the examination admission card may be sent to the Office of the Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences.

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VII. Examination Date / Subjects / Venue

■ Doctoral Program

Major	Course	Date of Examination	10:00	-	11:30	13:00	Examination Venue
Biomedical Engineering and Informatics	Biomedical Engineering	November 15 (Sun), 2026		—		Interview (including oral examination)	Kyotanabe Campus
	Biomedical Sciences and Informatics						
Medical Life Systems	—			Essay			

* Essay must be written either in Japanese or in English.

* Interview (including oral examination) will be conducted either in Japanese or in English.

* For applicants for the Biomedical Engineering and Informatics major residing abroad, interview (including oral examination) will be conducted remotely using the Internet etc.

(1) The date and time of the examination will be arranged separately.

(2) Details will be sent by e-mail along with the examination admission card.

(3) If you do not receive an e-mail containing the examination admission card and the detail of the interview (including oral examination) by October 21 (Wed), 2026, contact the Office of the Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences.

VIII. Notification of Result

November 30 (Mon), 2026

See "Notification of Result" (page 265).

For your reference, see "Initial Registration Procedures" and "Other Important Information" (page 268-270).