

Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences

Admissions Guide for International Students

April 2026 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

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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 2026.
- (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 2026.
- (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 8 (Fri), 2025.
- ②Applicants who have any questions concerning the qualifications other than above Note① should consult the Section for International Admissions, Office of International Students, International Center 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 2026.

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III. Application Schedule

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Application Period	Examination Date	Notification of Result
Ph.D.	General Applicants	Japan Abroad	Regular	September 16 (Tue) – September 24 (Wed), 2025 No later than 5:00 p.m. (Japan time)	November 16 (Sun), 2025*	December 1 (Mon), 2025
			Special		Documentary Screening	

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

IV. Application Procedure

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Application Fee	Period for Payment of Application Fee	Application Period
Ph.D.	General Applicants	Japan Abroad	Regular	15,000 yen	September 9 (Tue) – September 24 (Wed), 2025	September 16 (Tue) – September 24 (Wed), 2025 No later than 5:00 p.m. (Japan time)
			Special	10,000 yen		

As for the payment of the Application Fees, the important notes on application documents and submission, see on page 14 to 15 and “III. Payment of Application Fees” on page 255 to 258.

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, International Center as soon as possible.

	Type of Document	Note	Biomedical Engineering and Informatics Biomedical Sciences and Informatics Course	Biomedical Engineering and Informatics Course	Medical Life Systems	Check
1	Application for Admission to Doshisha University (Prescribed Form ①)	Application form should be filled out by the applicant. Please fill in the name of your desired course in the field of “Course”. ID photo (3cm H x 2.4cm W) must be attached. Please make sure to sign the applicant’s signature in your own handwriting in the signature line (page 3).	Required	Required	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 [3. 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 completion (or certificate of expected completion) of a Master’s Program at Doshisha University. ※Both graduation certificate and certificate of Master’s degree (original) should be submitted if both certificates are issued.	Required	Required	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 [3. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	One Letter of Recommendation (Prescribed Form ②)	Written by a faculty or staff member of an educational or research institution. ※MUST be sealed by a recommender.	Required	Required	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 AND 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. • If you apply with a TOEIC® LISTENING AND READING Test score, submit the original Official Score Certificate issued on paper (not a printed digital version). ②Document certifying Japanese proficiency The copy of the examination voucher, the score report or the score confirmation report of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) (Japanese as a Foreign Language) taken in 2024 or 2025 or the original copy of “JAPANESE-LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST CERTIFICATE OF RESULT AND SCORES” (N1 taken in or after 2024) ^(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	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Type of Document	Note	Biomedical Engineering and Informatics Biomedical Sciences and Informatics Course	Biomedical Engineering and Informatics Biomedical Sciences and Informatics Course	Medical Life Systems	Check
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. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	<div>Applicants residing in Japan a copy of Resident Card or Certificate of Items Stated in Resident Register (must be original)</div> <div>Applicants residing abroad a copy of passport or a copy of an official government-issued ID</div> <div>※Read 3. Residence [Japan or Abroad] under 1. Application Flowchart on page 11 carefully and submit the document required for the category that applies to you.</div>	<div>Applicants residing in Japan</div> Either of the following ① or ②: ①Resident Card: submit copies of both front and back of the card, in A4 size. ②Certificate of Items Stated in Resident Register: must include nationality, status of residence, period of stay and date of expiration. <div>Applicants residing abroad</div> 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Examination admission card (Prescribed Form ③)	Please fill out the examination admission card. After receipt of the completed documents, the examination admission card with examinee's number printed on it will be sent to you.	Required	Required	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	A photo identification card (Prescribed Form ③)	Affix photograph in space provided on photo identification card. (Photograph should have been taken within 3 months prior to application and should be 3cm H x 2.4cm W, clearly displaying a frontal, hatless view of the upper part of the body. Be sure to write your name and birth date on the back of the photograph.) When your admission is permitted, the photograph will be used for your student ID card, database of students admitted, etc.	Required	Required	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Proof of Payment of Application Fee	<div>Payment by credit card</div> Submit a copy (A4-size paper) of the remittance "Result" page. <div>Payment at convenience store (Applicants residing in Japan only)</div> Paste the certificate of payment on the prescribed "Pasteboard for the Receipt of Remittance (Prescribed Form ⑥)." <div>Payment by bank transfer (Applicants residing in Japan only)</div> The receipt of the remittance of the Application Fee (Prescribed Form ⑤-3 or ⑤-4) bearing the authorization of the remittance bank must be pasted onto the prescribed "Pasteboard for the Receipt of Remittance" (Prescribed Form ⑥). <div>Remittance from a financial institution (Applicants residing abroad only)</div> Submit the receipt of the remittance bearing the authorization of your remittance bank.	Required	Required	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Mailing labels (Prescribed Form ④)	Please write your name and mailing address to receive information about examination and your examination result.	Required	Required	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	List of Required Documents (this form)	Check the box <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.		<input type="checkbox"/>		

VI. Selection Process

Degree	Admission Type	Residence	Student Status	Selection Process
Ph.D.	General Applicants	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.

■ Examination Admission Card

Numbered examination admission card will be sent out around October 8 (Wed), 2025 to the applicant after confirmation that the applicant is qualified to apply. If you do not receive the examination admission card by October 22 (Wed), contact the Office of the Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences.

※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.

VII. Examination Date / Subjects / Venue

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Major	Course	Date of Examination	10:00	-	11:30	13:00	Examination Venue
Biomedical Engineering and Informatics	Biomedical Engineering	November 16 (Sun), 2025	—			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. Provide your e-mail address in the designated field on the Application for Admission to Doshisha University form.

(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 22 (Wed), 2025, contact the Office of the Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences.

VIII. Notification of Result

December 1 (Mon), 2025

See “IV. Notification of Result” (page 259).

For your reference, see “V. Initial Registration Procedures” and “VI. Other Important Information” (page 262-264).