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Application Guidelines

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生命科学研究所

Graduate School of Life Sciences

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Graduate School of Life Sciences Master's Program

Professional Training Objectives

The phenomena of life are considered to be a system of energy conversion and information transmission comprising a wide range of complex, stratified structures at the molecular, cellular, individual, and surviving environmental levels. Life sciences that focus on these phenomena require a wide range of knowledge about natural science and the capacity to understand them in an orderly and integrative manner. Our research department has conducted cutting-edge research on substances, functional materials, energy, microorganisms, plants, and higher animals, including humans, through interdisciplinary collaboration based on chemistry and information sciences. The first part of the doctoral program in this research department applies these strengths to contribute to the development of life sciences and their related fields. One of our major goals is to develop innovative students who can greatly contribute to a rich and sustainable society that is harmonious with nature and human well-being.

Educational Objectives

- ① Individuals with reliable knowledge and research abilities in the natural sciences and specialist areas.
- ② Individuals with logical writing skills, presentation abilities, and communication skills in Japanese or a foreign language.
- ③ Individuals who are capable of setting out problems and solving them in specialist areas, on the basis of their awareness of their own responsibility as researchers or technicians.

Admission Policies

- ① Individuals with basic academic abilities in the natural sciences and specialist areas.
- ② Individuals with sufficient language skills to understand science and technology both in Japan and overseas.
- ③ Individuals who are strongly motivated to acquire the ability to set out and solve problems in specialist areas, on the basis of their awareness of their own responsibility as researchers or technicians.

September 2019 Enrollment Master's Program, Graduate School of Life Sciences APPLICATION GUIDELINES for Regular Admissions (English-based Program)

I. Applicable Major, Course, Degree and Enrollment Capacity

Major	Course	Degree	Enrollment Capacity	Number of Recruits
Advanced Life Sciences	Applied Chemistry	Master's	150	A few
	Biotechnology			
	Bioinformatics			
	Biomedical Sciences			

- The number of Enrollment Capacity includes students admitted through other admission methods.
- Actual number recruited may be lower, based on number of applications and entrance examination results.

II. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be those who have the residence status of “student” in Japan or who will obtain the one before being enrolled in graduate school and meet at least one of the following conditions from (1) to (10):

- (1) Persons who have graduated from a university (Universities must meet the criteria established in Article 83 of the School Education Act) or who are expected to graduate from such before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (2) Persons who have been awarded a bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education or who are expected to be awarded such a degree before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (3) Persons who have completed a 16-year program at an overseas school or who are expected to complete such a program before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (4) Persons who have completed a 3-year program or a program of more than 3 years (5 years for programs pursuing a medical degree, a dentistry degree, a pharmacy degree, or a veterinary degree) (*2) and have been awarded a degree by an overseas university or school (*1) which is recognized as being equivalent to a bachelor's degree or who are expected to complete such a program before being enrolled at the graduate school. (the 2016 ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, No. 19)
- (5) Persons who have completed a 16-year program of an overseas school by taking its correspondence course in Japan or who are expected to complete such a program before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (6) Persons who have completed the program of an overseas school in Japan that is recognized as being equivalent to an overseas university by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or who are expected to complete such a program before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (7) Persons who have completed a specialized program at a special training school designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology after the date designated by said minister or who are expected to complete such a program before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (8) Persons who hold a specialized or first-category teaching license for elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools, kindergartens, or schools for disabled children under the Educational Personnel Certification Law or who are expected to obtain such a license before being enrolled in the graduate school and who are above 22 years of age or who will reach 22 years of age before being enrolled in the graduate school, or who have other teaching licenses and are designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (or who are expected to meet specific requirements before being enrolled in the graduate school) (the 1953 Notification of the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture, No. 5–10 to 12)
- (9) Persons who have been admitted to a graduate school under the grade-skipping system and who are

recognized as having enough academic ability to study at Ritsumeikan University's graduate schools(*3)
(10) Persons who have been recognized as having an academic ability equal to or higher than university graduates by Ritsumeikan University's graduate schools as a result of individual preliminary screening and who are above 22 years of age or who will reach 22 years of age before being enrolled in the graduate school(*4)

*1 The university or the school shall be evaluated by an organization approved by a relevant official institution in the country for their education and research activities or recognized as so by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

*2 The program shall include a correspondence course which enables students to study in Japan by a university or school which is approved by the educational system of the country and satisfy the above requirements.

*3 Applicants who have possibility of meeting the requirement in category (9) must consult with the administrative office by the following dates (Friday, March 15, 2019) for the individual preliminary screening prior to the application period in order for us to determine whether they have suitable academic abilities. They should refer to page 57 of the "Supplement to Application Guidelines" and complete the necessary procedures by the specified dates below.

*4 Applicants who have possibility of meeting the requirement in category (10) must consult with the administrative office by the following dates (Friday, March 15, 2019) for the individual preliminary screening prior to their application period in order for us to determine whether they have an academic ability equal to or higher than university graduates. They should refer to page 57 of the "Supplement to Application Guidelines" and complete the necessary procedures by the specified dates below.

– Contact the Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences before the deadline to request for the individual preliminary screening (please refer to page 59 of the "Supplement to Application Guidelines" for the request deadline) if you have any inquiries about the requirements above, such as the number of years you received education overseas or a degree obtained at an overseas educational institution.

– Persons whose final academic background is zhuanke (专科) (3-year college degree) in China, or those who do not meet the criteria stated in page 53 of the "Supplement to Application Guidelines", must take the individual preliminary screening. For information about the individual preliminary screening, please refer to page 57 of the "Supplement to Application Guidelines".

– All applicants currently in school, who have not completed their degrees or studies, must meet the qualifications above by September 25, 2019 or they will not be granted admission to Ritsumeikan University.

– In addition to the above conditions, applicants must have the ability to understand lectures in English at Ritsumeikan University's graduate school.

III. Application Period

Friday, April 5, 2019 – Friday, April 19, 2019

– Persons who want to apply for the graduate school must contact a professor whom they want to be their supervising professor after entering the school, and get pre-counseling on what they can study at the graduate school etc. before submitting an application.

– Applications can either be mailed or submitted in person at the Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences. All documents must arrive by express mail before the deadline. Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm on the final day of the application period if submitted in person.

– In the "Ritsu-Mate", the application registration can be made from 10:00 am (Japan time) of the first day of the application period.

IV. Application Procedures

– Please refer to page 51 of the "Supplement to Application Guidelines" for notes when applying for admission.

After completing the payment of the application fee during the application period, the specified application documents must be submitted to the Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences.

The Application Sheet, one of the application documents, must be completed on the "Ritsu-Mate". Please print out the completed Application Sheet and submit it along with the other application documents.

1. Before Submitting Your Application

- (1) Persons who want to apply for the graduate school must contact a professor whom they want to be their supervising professor after entering the school, and get pre-counseling on what they can study at the graduate school etc. before submitting an application.

* Your course will be the course which the professor you are hoping to be your supervising professor is involved in.

<How to contact the professor whom you want to be your supervising professor>

Send an E-mail directly to the professor who shows his/her E-mail address on the graduate school website, or Ritsumeikan University Researcher's database.

■ Website of the Graduate school of Life Sciences

<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsls/eng/academics/researchers.html/>

■ Ritsumeikan University Researcher's database:

<http://research-db.ritsumei.ac.jp/scripts/websearch/index.htm?lang=en>

If you want to contact a professor whose E-mail address is not open to the public, contact the Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences by E-mail.

In the E-mail, please specify the name of the professor you would like to contact.

■ Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences Contact: gsls@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

- (2) When you submit your research plan (University-designated Form 1), make sure it includes the name of the professor who gave you pre-counseling before you submitted your application.

2. Documents to be Submitted

	Required Documents	Remarks	Form
(1)	Application Sheet	Must be printed out from the "Ritsu-Mate" after you complete your application information on the same website.	
(2)	APPLICATION SHEET FOR NON-JAPANESE APPLICANTS	Complete only the sections that apply to you.	Form GS 1
(3)	Certificate of graduation or Expected graduation and certified academic transcript from the institution last attended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please refer to page 51 of the "Supplement to Application Guidelines". - In case the certificates are issued in languages other than Japanese or English, please attach an English translation. 	Only Original Copies are acceptable.
(4)	Certificate of language ability	<p>(1) Official scores of TOEIC® LISTENING AND READING TEST, TOEFL iBT® Test, TOEFL® Paper-based Test, Revised TOEFL® Paper-delivered Test or IELTS™ etc., taken no more than 2 years before the starting date of application period.</p> <p>(2) Applicants who cannot submit a score certificate from one of the tests above must submit an original, formal, certificate of English language ability level issued by their current university. Applicants who cannot submit certificate of English language ability level issued by their current university must consult with the Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences.</p> <p>- Applicants whose first language is English or whose last attended institution where they graduated or are expected to graduate that uses English as a lecture language do not have to submit this document.</p>	Photocopies are acceptable.
(5)	Research Plan Form		Form 1

	Required Documents	Remarks	Form
(6)	Declaration of Financial Resources	In case the acceptance of scholarship from the outside foundation, please submit the notification of scholarship award.	Form 2
(7)	Questionnaire		Form 3
(8)	Letter of recommendation (optional)	Should be written by the dean, person of higher position, or an academic advisor at applicant's school or institution.	Form 4
(9)	The Certificate of Degree Conferment or a written acknowledgement of application for Degree	Only those who fall under "II Requirements for Applications-(2)".	Only Original Copies are acceptable.
(10)	Official documents to certify that you obtained teacher's license	Only those who fall under "II Requirements for Applications - (8)".	Only Original Copies are acceptable.
(11)	A Photocopy of passport page Containing the applicant's name and date of birth	– Only those who have a valid passport at the time of application and who do not have Japanese nationality. * Excludes special permanent residents	
(12)	教育部學歷證書電子注冊備案表or 教育部學籍在線驗證報告 (the Online Verification Report of HEQC)	· Graduate of Chinese (except Taiwanese, Hong Kong, and Macao) universities or graduate schools: Download and print out the English version of 教育部學歷證書電子注冊備案表 (“教育部学历证书电子注册备案表”). · Currently enrolled students of Chinese (except Taiwanese, Hong Kong, and Macao) universities or graduate schools: Download and print out the English version of 教育部學籍在線驗證報告 (“教育部学籍在线验证报告”). – Please refer to page 53 of the “Supplement to Application Guidelines”.	

3. How to Submit Application Documents

A. When applying from within Japan

The application must be sent by postal mail as below or be submitted in person at the Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences.

- (1) Prepare an envelop (big enough to fit unfolded A4 documents) available in the market.
- (2) Download the address label, using the “Ritsu-Mate” and print out the label.
- (3) Paste the address label (mentioned in (2)) on the envelop (mentioned in (1)), enclose all your application documents and send them by Kani-kakitome Sokutatsu-yubin (simplified registered express mail). They must be sent from a post office. Mailing your application from a mailbox is unacceptable.

B. When applying from overseas

- (1) Prepare an envelop (big enough to fit unfolded A4 documents) available in the market.
- (2) Write all necessary information on the envelop and enclose all your application documents and send them by express mail with tracking number (EMS, FedEx, DHL etc.).

4. Mailing Address for Application

Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences
Ritsumeikan University Biwako-Kusatsu Campus
1-1-1 Noji-Higashi, Kusatsu, Shiga 525-8577 Japan
TEL: +81-(0)77-561-5021 Email: gsls@st.ritsumeik.ac.jp
Office Hours of the Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences (2nd floor Link Square Building)
Monday: 12:30–17:00
Tuesday-Friday: 10:00–11:30, 12:30–17:00 (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays)

5. Important Notes for Application

(1) All submitted documents should be printed in English on A4-sized paper by word-processing software. For certificates, the original or “certified copy of original”* should be submitted. Please attach and official translation with the translator’s name, address, contact information and signature or official seal for documents that are written in neither English nor Japanese. Translation by the issuing institution, translation agency, or qualified translator should be acceptable.

* A certified document is one that has been marked as being equivalent to the original with a stamp or seal by the issuing institution (preferred) or a notary public.

(2) Submitted documents cannot be returned for any reason.

V. Application Fee

5,000JPY

- The payment must be completed during the application period.
- Payment can be made by credit card, using the convenience store payment system, Paypal, Alipay or international bank transfer. For detailed information, please see page 54 of the “Supplement to Application Guidelines”.

VI. Examinee Number Notification

You can check your examinee number on the Examination Sheet. It is downloadable from the “Ritsu-Mate” about one week before the result notification day.

- Please refer to page 49 of the “Supplement to Application Guidelines”.

VII. Screening Method

Applicants will be screened based on submitted application documents. These may include written questions submitted via email, an interview via telephone, internet, or in person, and an oral examination.

VIII. Announcement of Results

The results will be posted on the “Ritsu-Mate” and the “Ritsumeikan University Graduate School Entrance Examination Information Website”. The written notice of the results and the admission procedure documents will be sent out to the address given in your entrance examination application sheet on the day of the announcement of results.

10:00a.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2019

- Please refer to page 65 of the “Supplement to Application Guidelines” for information on the announcement of the results on the “Ritsumeikan University Graduate School Entrance Examination Information Website”.

IX. Admission Procedures

Please refer to page 66 of the “Supplement to Application Guidelines”.