

Academic Year 2025

**Graduate School of Science
Hokkaido University**

Doctoral Course

(Latter Period of Doctoral Program)

Winter Selection

**Guidelines for Application for the
Entrance Examination**

For enrollment April 2025 or October 2025

**General Category and Special Category for Working Adults
(Including Admission for International Students Residing in Japan)**

November 2024

Notes

- I. Applicants for the Department of Natural History Sciences must submit a certificate for English Language proficiency (the original of score sheet of either TOEFL or TOEIC). See page 6 and 8 for details. As for the examination schedule, etc., please confirm it by yourself based on the period of application receipt. Applicants who have already submitted a score sheet for the summer admission (August 8 &9, 2024) may apply for exemption from submitting a score sheet (or may submit a new score sheet). Applicants must tick the box 'Exemption from score sheet submission' on the application form.

Personal Information Management by Hokkaido University

- (1) In handling personal information at Hokkaido University, Hokkaido University makes every effort to obey relevant laws and ordinances such as the “Protection Law for Private Information Held by Independent Administrative Corporations”, and protect personal information pursuant to “National University Corporation Hokkaido University Personal Information Management Rules”.
- (2) Personal information, such as name, address, etc., provided by the applicant to the university in the process of applying for admission and pre-assessment of eligibility will be used only for 1) assessment of applicants (processing of application, conducting selection), 2) the announcement of application results, 3) enrollment procedures, 4) surveys and research on enrollee selection methods, and 5) business operations pertaining to 1-4.
- (3) Private companies commissioned by the University (hereafter called “commissioned companies”) may handle personal data to engage in the relevant operations. Part or all of the personal information submitted to the University by the applicant will be provided to the commissioned companies, to the extent necessary for them to carry out their duties.
- (4) After successful applicants are enrolled, the personal information provided by the applicants to the university in the process of applying for admission and pre assessment of eligibility will be used for; 1) academic affairs (registration, academic guidance, etc.), 2) student support services (health management, scholarship applications, etc.), 3) career support services, and 4) tuition and fees, and related administrative operations.
- (5) Among the personal information of (4), only contact details, name and address and so on, may be used by Hokkaido University Frontier Foundation, Alumni Association of the School of Science and Alumni Association Elm of Hokkaido University with security measures.
- (6) Applicants will be informed separately about the handling of personal data in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Applicants to whom such rules apply (those applying from within the European Economic Area (EEA) member states) should notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, prior to application.

Admission Policy for the Graduate School of Science

Applicants must have completed core subjects in the fields of Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Earth Sciences, or related subjects. To engage in more specialized and advanced academic research, they must also have the ability, character, and aptitude to study independently and to rigorously investigate the principles of nature as well as must have extensive knowledge and techniques.

• Principle Selection Policy (Multiple-Layered Evaluation Method)

【General Category】

Written and oral examinations will be conducted in accordance to each department and field of study.

In the written examination, particular emphasis will be placed on the evaluation of "knowledge and skills" and "ability to think, judge, and express". In the oral examination, particular emphasis will be placed on the evaluation of "knowledge and skills," "ability to think, judge, and express," "ability to work independently and cooperatively", "comprehension", "ability to identify problems", and "interest and motivation".

The Graduate School of Science will comprehensively assess applicants on the basis of the application documents (such as research plan, transcript, etc.).

【Special Category for Working Adults】

Written and oral examinations will be conducted in accordance to each department and field of study.

In the written examination, particular emphasis will be placed on the evaluation of "knowledge and skills" and "ability to think, judge, and express".

In the oral examination, particular emphasis will be placed on the evaluation of "knowledge and skills," "ability to think, judge, and express," "ability to work independently and cooperatively", "comprehension", "ability to identify problems", and "interest and motivation".

The Graduate School of Science will comprehensively assess applicants on the basis of the application documents (such as research plan, transcript, etc.).

For applicants under the Special Category for Working Adults, academic skills may be judged by their research achievements in practice (through an interview), rather than knowledge on their specified field or foreign language skills. In addition, their levels of "knowledge and skills", "ability to think/judge/ express", "ability to work independently and cooperatively", "comprehension", "ability to identify problems", and "interest and motivation" are given a great importance.

【Special Category for International Students】

In the oral examination, particular emphasis will be placed on the evaluation of "knowledge and skills," "ability to think, judge, and express," "ability to work independently and cooperatively", "comprehension", "ability to identify problems", and "interest and motivation".

The Graduate School of Science will comprehensively assess applicants on the basis of the application documents (such as research plan, transcript, etc.).

• Principle Selection Policy (Evaluation Elements and Their Importance)

【Doctoral Course (Latter Period of Doctoral Program)】

Category of Entrance Examination	Evaluation Element	3 Key Academic Elements			Comprehension	Ability to identify problems	Interest and motivation	Cultural knowledge
		Knowledge and Skills	Ability to think, judge, and express	Learning Attitude (to take initiative, to cooperate with diverse people)				
General Category	Written examination	◎	◎		○			
	Oral examination (※2)	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	○
	Application Documents (Research Plan, Transcript, etc.)	Comprehensively evaluated						
Special Category for Working Adults	Written examination	◎	◎		○			
	The Graduate School of Science will assess applicants based on their master's thesis or equivalent (through an interview), knowledge on their specified field, foreign language skills, research plan after enrollment and other application documents submitted.	◎	◎	◎	○	◎	◎	
	For applicants under the Special Category for Working Adults, academic skills may be judged by their research achievements in practice (through an interview), rather than knowledge on their specified field or foreign language skills.							
	Oral examination (※2)	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	○
Application Documents (Research Plan, Transcript, etc.)	Comprehensively evaluated							
Special Category for International Students	Oral examination (※1)	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	○
	Application Documents (Research Plan, Transcript, etc.)	Comprehensively evaluated						

※1 : Examination will be carried out by using Online Meeting System, etc.

※2 : The Graduate School of Science will assess applicants based on their master's thesis or equivalent (through an interview), knowledge on their specified field, foreign language skills, research plan after enrollment and other application documents submitted.

(Note) ◎···Key element we will give great importance on evaluation / ○···Key element we will give importance on evaluation

General Category and Special Category for Working Adults

1. Admission Quota

Department	Admission Quota		Website's URL
	April, 2025	October, 2025	
Mathematics	9		https://www2.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/dept/math/en
Condensed Matter Physics	7		https://phys.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/cond-mat/index_eng.html
Cosmosciences	A few students		https://www.cosmo.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/index.html
Natural History Sciences	A few students		Earth and Planetary Dynamics/ Earth and Planetary System Science/ Seismology and Volcanology: https://geodynamics.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/dyna-admin/en/index.html https://epsys.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/english.html https://isv.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/english/ Biodiversity: https://biodiversity.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/bd/en/ Science Communication: https://sc.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/
Total	Approx. 16students		

[Important]

- ① For more details about each department, please contact the department concerned.
- ② Applicants to the Department of Natural History Sciences must choose from among the Divisions of 1) Earth and Planetary Science etc. (Earth and Planetary Dynamics/ Earth and Planetary System Science/ Seismology and Volcanology) 2) Biodiversity, or 3) Science Communication. Check the appropriate box on the application form.
- ③ The admission quota in the table above includes working adults and international students. Those who wish to enroll while continuing their employment may apply under the Special Category for Working Adults.

2. Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill one of the following criteria.

- (1) Received or are expected to receive a master's degree or a professional degree (refers to the professional degree stipulated in Article 5-2 of the Degree Regulations (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No.9 of 1953) in accordance with the provisions of Article 104 (3) of the School Education Act) prior to admission;
- (2) Received or are expected to receive a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree at a university outside Japan prior to admission;
- (3) Received or are expected to receive a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by completing course subjects through a distance-learning course offered by an institution of a foreign country while living in Japan prior to admission;
- (4) Received or are expected to receive a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by completing a structured education at an institution established in Japan that is recognized by the school education system of a foreign country as an equivalent of the graduate school of that country and is designated separately by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT);
- (5) Received or are expected to receive a degree equivalent to a master's degree by completing a course at the United Nations University which was established based on the United Nations General Assembly Resolution of December 11 of 1972, stipulated in Article 1(2) of the Act on Special Measures Concerning the Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan about the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72 of 1976);

- (6) Are recognized as having academic aptitude equivalent or superior to those who hold a master's degree by completing a structured education provided by an institution of a foreign country, an educational institution designated in (4) above, or the United Nations University, and by passing an examination or screening or equivalent specified in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools;
- (7) Have been designated by MEXT (Ministry of Education Notification No. 118 of 1989), i.e.;
- ① Graduated from a university, engaged in research at a university or a research institute for two years or longer, and are recognized by the Graduate School of Science as having reached an academic level equivalent or superior to those who hold a master's degree, based on research results.
 - ② Completed 16 years of structured education outside Japan, or completed 16 years of structured education of a foreign country through a distance-learning course offered by an institution of that country while living in Japan, and subsequently engaged in research at a university or a research institute for two years or longer, and are recognized by the Graduate School of Science as having reached an academic level equivalent or superior to those who hold a master's degree, based on research results.
- (8) Are recognized as having academic aptitude equivalent or superior to those who have a master's degree or a professional degree through the screening for entrance eligibility conducted by the Graduate School of Science and have reached the age of 24 by the enrollment date.

* Applicants must contact their prospective supervisor and obtain his/her acceptance in advance. The approval from the prospective supervisor does not confirm the success in the entrance examination. Also, applicants must check a supplementary description of "Documents Specified by Each Department (List of preferred laboratories or fields.)"

* Applicants who wish to enroll in October 2025 must indicate so by checking the appropriate box on the application form.

3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility

Application Period: November 28 – December 2, 2024

Applicants who fall under (7) or (8) in "2. Eligibility" must go through a pre-assessment of eligibility prior to the application for entrance examination. Please submit "5. Application Documents" during the period described above. To receive the result, please enclose a self-addressed envelope with a 110-yen stamp affixed.

Applicants must not pay the entrance examination fee at the time of the pre-assessment. They should pay the entrance examination fee in accordance with the notes below.

Applications must be received by post during the application period.

[Important]

*The results of the pre-assessment will be sent to applicants around December 12, 2024, by post. Once their eligibilities have been confirmed, applicants must pay the examination fee in accordance with "7. Entrance Examination Fee," and submit the payment certificate by January 9, 2025. Application will not be accepted if the payment certificate is not received during the specified period.

*Students who will receive the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship, the State-Sponsored Scholarship Program of the China Scholarship Council, or the Hokkaido University President's Fellowship (including those who are expected to receive these scholarships) are not required to pay the examination fee.

4. Application Period

Application Period: January 6 – January 9, 2025

Applicants who fall under (1) through (6) in "2. Eligibility" must submit "5. Application Documents" together with the payment certificate (see "7. Entrance Examination Fee") during the application period. Applications must be received by post during the application period.

5. Application Documents

(1) General Category

* Applicants who fall under (7) or (8) in "2. Eligibility" must submit the following documents during the application period described in "3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility".

* In the following table, “○” indicates documents that must be submitted by all applicants, while “△” indicates documents that must be submitted by those who meet the definition in the “Remarks” .

Documents		Applicants		Remarks
		(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)	(7) (8)	
1	Application Form, Resume, Admission Ticket and Photo Card.	○	○	[Prescribed form] Applicants who have completed a structured education outside Japan or a distance-learning course offered by a foreign educational institution must fill out Resume B .
2	Research Plan after enrollment	○	○	Use prescribed form.
3	Copy of the thesis for master's degree	△		① Applicable to a master's or professional degree holder. ② Applicants from the Master's Course in the Graduate School of Science, Hokkaido University, are not required to submit this document.
4	Summary of research made during the Master's Course (within two pages in A4-sized paper).	△		Applicable to those who received or are expected to receive a master's degree. Applicants to the Department of Mathematics should submit a <u>summary of study and research</u> instead of a summary of research.
5	List of research accomplishments and copy of principal research paper		○	In any format.
6	Certificate of Research		○	[Discretionary format] Documents to prove the topic and period of your research issued by the head of university or research institute or a supervisor.
7	Official transcript issued by the graduate school or equivalent institution	○	○	① Applicants from the Master's Course in the Graduate School of Science, Hokkaido University are not required to submit this document. ② Applicants under (6), (7) or (8) in “2. Eligibility” are required to submit a transcript issued by the academic institution or school they graduated most recently. * In the case that the official transcript is written in a language other than Japanese or English, “Original Official Transcript written in the language concerned” and “Original official translation in Japanese or English” must be attached.
8	Official certificate of graduation (or expected graduation issued by the graduate school or equivalent institution	○	○	① An Official Certificate must be issued by the Head of the graduate school or equivalent institution. (Degree information should be contained if you have already graduated.) ② Applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from a graduate school or equivalent institution in China (except Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao) must submit the following document written in English along with an official certificate of graduation (or expected graduation). Applicants who; -graduated ... (a) Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate -are expected to graduate ... (a) Online Verification Report of Student Record Document (a) can be obtained from the China Credentials Verification (中国高等教育学历证书查询 http://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp) Please make sure the web authentication should be valid at least 15 days at the time of submission. ② Applicants from the Master's Course in the Graduate School of Science, Hokkaido University are not required to submit this document. ③ Applicants under (7) or (8) in “2. Eligibility” are required to submit the certificate issued by the last academic institution or school they graduated. ④ Applicants under (6) in “2. Eligibility” are required to submit a document equivalent to the Qualifying Examination. * In the case that the official transcript is written in a language other than Japanese or English, “Original Official Transcript written in the language concerned” and “Original official translation in Japanese or English” must be attached.
9	Documents specified by each department	△	△	See “(3) Documents Specified by Each Department” below.

10	Self-addressed envelope to receive the admission ticket for entrance examination.	○	○	[Prescribed envelope] Write your name, mailing address and postal code on an envelope with a 480-yen stamp attached. If you need to change your address afterwards, notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section immediately.
11	Stickers to receive application results and to be used for communication purposes	○	○	[Prescribed sticker] Write your name, mailing address and postal code on each sticker. If you need to change your address afterwards, notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section immediately.
12	Recommendation letter from the president or a faculty member of the most recent academic institution	△	△	[A4-sized paper in any format] Applicants to the Department of Mathematics, Condensed Matter Physics, or CosmoSciences may submit this document (not mandatory).
13	Certificate for English Language proficiency (The original score sheet of TOEFL or TOEIC)	△	△	Applicants for Natural History Sciences must submit certificates. Applicants must submit either (1) or (2) score sheet. Score sheet must be original. (Refer to “Note” below.) (1) TOEIC Public Testing [Listening & Reading] (must have been taken in or after July 2022) *In the case of taking TOEIC (Public Testing) after April 2023, a printed Digital Official Score Certificate could be submitted instead of the original Official Score Certificate. (2) TOEFL-iBT (Home Edition is accepted) (must have been taken in or after July 2022) TOEFL-ITP, TOEIC-IP and TOEIC-Bridge are not accepted. Applicants who have already submitted a score sheet for the summer admission (August 8 & 9, 2024) may apply for exemption from submitting a score sheet (or may submit a new score sheet). Applicants must tick the box 'Exemption from score sheet submission' on the application form.
14	Self-addressed envelope to receive the result of pre-assessment		○	Write your name, mailing address and postal code on a standard envelope with a 110-yen stamp attached.

(Note) Handling of English language proficiency score sheets submission

No additions or replacements of score sheets submitted during the application period will be accepted.

If you can submit a printout of the test results that can be checked on the website at the time of submitting the application documents, and if you can submit the original score sheet by Monday February 10, 2025 (must arrive by post or in person), you can submit a printed copy of the relevant test result instead of the original score sheet during the period for receiving the application form. However, if the original score sheet is not submitted (by post or in person) by Monday February 10, 2025, the English language proficiency score will be treated as 'no score'. In this case, the examination fee already paid will not be refunded.

(2) Special Category for Working Adults

* Applicants under (7) or (8) in “2. Eligibility” must submit the following documents during the application period for “3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility.”

* In the following table, “○” indicates documents that must be submitted by all applicants, while “△” indicates documents that must be submitted by those who meet the definition in the “Remarks”.

Documents	Applicants		Remarks
	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)	(7) (8)	
1 Application Form, Resume, Admission Ticket and Photo Card.	○	○	[Prescribed Form] Applicants who have completed a school education outside Japan or a distance-learning course offered by a foreign educational institution must fill out Resume B .
2 Certificate of employment issued by a person with authority over personnel administration in the applicant's workplace.	○	○	[Discretionary format] Successful applicants will be required to submit a written consent on enrolling in the doctoral course while continuing their employment issued by the person who has authority over personnel management. All applicants are advised to obtain the consent in advance.
3 Research Plan after enrollment.	○	○	Use Prescribed Form
4 List of research accomplishments and copy of principal research paper	○	○	Discretionary format

5	Certificate of research	○	○	[Discretionary format] Documents to prove the topic and period of your research issued by the president of a university, head of a research institute or a supervisor.
6	Official transcript issued by the most recent graduate school or equivalent institution	○	○	① Applicants from the Master's Course in the Graduate School of Science, Hokkaido University are not required to submit this document. ② Applicants under (6), (7) or (8) in "2. Eligibility" are required to submit a transcript issued by the academic institution or school they graduated most recently. * In the case that the official transcript is written in a language other than Japanese or English, "Original Official Transcript written in the language concerned" and "Original official translation in Japanese or English" must be attached.
7	Official certificate of graduation (or expected graduation) issued by the most recent graduate school or equivalent institution	○	○	① An Official Certificate must be issued by the Head of the graduate school or similar institution. (Degree information should be contained if you have already graduated.) ◎ Applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from a graduate school or similar institution in China (except Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao) must submit the following document written in English along with an official certificate of graduation (or expected graduation). Applicants who; -graduated ... (a) Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate -are expected to graduate ... (a) Online Verification Report of Student Record Document (a) can be obtained from the China Credentials Verification (中国高等教育学历证书查询 http://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp) Please make sure the web authentication should be valid at least 15 days at the time of submission. ② Applicants from the Master's Course in the Graduate School of Science, Hokkaido University are not required to submit this document. ③ Applicants under (7) or (8) in "2. Eligibility" are required to submit the certificate issued by the last academic institution or school they graduated. ④ Applicants under (6) in "2. Eligibility" are required to submit a document equivalent to the Qualifying Examination. * In the case that the official transcript is written in a language other than Japanese or English, "Original Official Transcript written in the language concerned" and "Original official translation in Japanese or English" must be attached.
8	Documents specified by each department	△	△	See "(3) Documents Specified by Each Department" below.
9	Self-addressed envelope to receive an admission ticket for entrance examination	○	○	[Prescribed envelope] Write your name, mailing address and postal code on the prescribed envelope with a 480-yen stamp attached. If you need to change your address afterwards, notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section immediately.
10	Stickers to receive application results and to be used for communication purposes	○	○	[Prescribed sticker] Write your name, mailing address and postal code on each sticker. If you need to change your address afterwards, notify the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section immediately.
11	Recommendation letter from a person with authority over personnel management in the workplace, or by a (prospective) supervisor at the university or research institute	△	△	[A4-sized paper in any format] Applicants to the Department of Mathematics, Condensed Matter Physics, or CosmoSciences may submit this document (not mandatory).

12	Certificate for English Language proficiency (The original score sheet of TOEFL or TOEIC)	△	△	<p>Applicants for Natural History Sciences must submit certificates. Applicants must submit either (1) or (2) score sheet. Score sheet must be original. (Refer to "Note" below.)</p> <p>(1) TOEIC Public Testing [Listening & Reading] (must have been taken in or after July 2022) *In the case of taking TOEIC (Public Testing) after April 2023, a printed Digital Official Score Certificate could be submitted instead of the original Official Score Certificate.</p> <p>(2) TOEFL-iBT (Home Edition is accepted) (must have been taken in or after July 2022) TOEFL-ITP, TOEIC-IP and TOEIC-Bridge are not accepted.</p> <p>Applicants who have already submitted a score sheet for the summer admission (August 8 & 9, 2024) may apply for exemption from submitting a score sheet (or may submit a new score sheet). Applicants must tick the box 'Exemption from score sheet submission' on the application form.</p>
13	Self-addressed envelope to receive the result of pre-assessment		○	Write your name, mailing address and postal code on a standard envelope with an 110-yen stamp attached.

(Note) Handling of English Language Proficiency Score Sheet Submission

No additions or replacements of score sheets will be accepted.

At the application submission period, if you can submit a printed copy of the test results that can be viewed on the web, and if you can submit the original score sheet by Wednesday February 10, 2025 (must arrive by mail or in person), you may submit a copy of the test results as a substitute for the original score sheet during the application period. However, if the original score sheet is not submitted (by mail or in person) by Wednesday February 10, 2025, the English Language proficiency score will be treated as "no score". In such a case, the examination fee already paid will not be refunded.

(3) Documents Specified by Each Department

Department	Documents to be submitted	Remarks	
Mathematics	Motivations for application (prescribed form)	Provide the motivations for applying to this department.	
Condensed Matter Physics	List of preferred laboratories or fields (prescribed form)	To do so, you must contact the supervisors of your prospective laboratories in advance and obtain permission of acceptance and permission of listing the laboratories in the survey sheet	
Cosmosciences	List of preferred laboratories or fields (prescribed form)	Provide the name of one laboratory you wish to choose from the List of Supervisors and Research Fields. To do so, you must contact the supervisors of your prospective laboratories in advance and obtain permission of joining and permission of listing the laboratories in the survey sheet	
Natural History Sciences	Earth and Planetary Dynamics Earth and Planetary System Science Seismology and Volcanology	List of preferred laboratories or fields (prescribed form)	Provide the name(s) of supervisor(s) you wish to seek guidance from the List of Supervisors and Research Fields.
	Biodiversity	List of preferred supervisors (prescribed form)	Provide the name(s) of supervisor(s) you wish to seek guidance from.
	Science Communication	1. List of preferred laboratories or fields (prescribed form) 2. Motivations for application (prescribed form)	

6. Where to Submit

To: Graduate School Educational Affairs Section
Science and Life Science Administration Department
Hokkaido University
Kita-10 Nishi-8, Kita-ku, Sapporo 060-0810, Japan

* Application documents must be sent by mail. Please mark “Application for the Graduate School Enclosed” in red on the envelope and send it by express registered mail. Please use the envelope prepared by you, not the “envelope for sending examination ticket” provided in the admission guidelines.

7. Entrance Examination Fee: 30,000 yen

(1) Students who are expected to complete the Master’s Course offered by the graduate schools of Hokkaido University, or who will receive the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship*, the State-Sponsored Scholarship Program of the China Scholarship Council, or the Hokkaido University President’s Fellowship (including those who are expected to receive these scholarships) are not required to pay the examination fee.

* MEXT scholarship students recommended by Japanese Embassies/Consulates, authorities, or universities other than Hokkaido University are required to submit a copy of the letter proving that they will receive this scholarship.

(2) Remit the examination fee through a bank or a post office by using the payment slip for entrance examination fee which is enclosed in the application package and attach the payment certificate to the appropriate section on the application form.

(3) The examination fee is not refundable except for the following cases:

- The applicant has decided not to submit an application after examination fee was remitted, or the application was not accepted.
- The applicant paid the examination fee twice by mistake.

8. Screening Method

The Graduate School of Science will assess applicants based on their master’s thesis or equivalent (through an interview), knowledge on their specified field, foreign language skills, research plan after enrollment and other application documents submitted.

For applicants under the Special Category for Working Adults, academic skills may be judged by their research achievements in practice (through an interview), rather than knowledge on their specified field or foreign language skills.

* As to the Oral Examination of the Division of Science Communication in the Department of Natural History Sciences, it will be held online using the Internet Meeting System.

* In the Department of Natural History Science, TOEFL or TOEIC scores are taken into account in the selection process. Please check the TOEFL and TOEIC examination dates, application periods and etc. on your own.

9. Examination Dates & Venue

Date: February 12 –13, 2025

Venue: Graduate School of Science, Hokkaido University (Kita-10 Nishi-8 Kita-ku, Sapporo)

* The Graduate School of Science will send detailed information on the entrance examination, including the exam time and place when sending the administration ticket.

10. Announcement of Results

The examinee’s number of successful applicants will be posted on the website of the Graduate School of Science around 4:30 PM on February 20, 2025. All applicants are notified of their results individually.

11. Procedures for Enrollment and Payment of Fees

All successful applicants are notified of the registration procedure at the time of notification of results.

Enrollment Fee: 282,000 yen (estimated)

* Applicants who are expecting to complete a Master's Course in the graduate schools of Hokkaido University are not required to pay the enrollment fee.

Tuition Fee: 267,900 yen for the first semester [Total annual tuition fee = 535,800 yen] (estimated).

*If the tuition fee is revised during the period of your enrollment, the revised fee becomes effective immediately.

12. Important Notice

- (1) Make sure to bring your admission ticket on the day of examination and put it on your desk.
- (2) After submitting the application documents, applicants are not allowed to change their selection of department for any reason.
- (3) If you need special considerations and/or arrangements in taking the examination due to physical difficulties, consult with the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section at the time of application.

13. Extending Enrollment Duration

It is possible to extend the standard years of study at the Graduate School of Science. Read “Extension of the Enrollment Duration” on page 11, and submit an application if you wish to take advantage of this scheme.

14. Other Information

The admission ticket for entrance examination will be sent around January 20, 2025, to all applicants whose application document is accepted.

© If you have any questions about the application procedure, please contact the following:

Graduate School Educational Affairs Section
Science and Life Science Administration Department
Hokkaido University
Kita-10 Nishi-8 Kita-ku, Sapporo 060-0810, Japan
(Office hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. weekday)
Tel: (011) 706 - 3675
E-mail: r-gakuin@sci.hokudai.ac.jp
Graduate School of Science, Hokkaido University
<https://www2.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/gs/en>

Extension of the Enrollment Duration

1. Aims

When students are under special circumstances such as having a job, etc. (including child and nursing care), they may apply for an extension of enrollment duration which exceeds the standard enrollment duration (3 years) (hereinafter referred to as "Extension of the Enrollment Duration"). The graduate school may approve such requests after reviewing their application.

2. Intended Students

Students who fall under one of the criteria below and for that reason, wish to set the study duration longer than the standard Enrollment Duration to complete an academic (research) course:

- (1) Have a full-time job in a public office or company (excluding those who are exempt from job duty but receive a salary), or are self-employed;
- (2) Have a part-time job that has a significant influence on the full-time academic work;
- (3) Are taking care of children or other family members, which has a significant influence on the full-time academic work; or
- (4) Are visually impaired, hearing impaired, physically handicapped, etc., which are deemed to have a significant influence on the academic work for an extended period of time.

3. Maximum Enrollment Duration

The maximum enrollment duration is 6 years for the doctor's degree program, and a student can apply for extension by the year. Students who have been approved of Extension of the Enrollment Duration may not continue their study beyond 6 years.

Students may take a temporary leave of absence from school for up to 3 years, the same as the students under the standard duration of study.

4. Application Procedure

(1) Application Period

As a general rule, application documents for Extension of the Enrollment Duration should be submitted at the time of application for entrance examination.

(2) Required Documents

- ① Application Form for Extension of the Enrollment Duration(Form 1).
- ② Research Plan Under Extension of the Enrollment Duration(Form 2).
- ③ Documents to prove that an applicant needs to apply for Extension of the Enrollment Duration

(3) Announcement of Results

The Graduate School of Science reviews each application individually and will notify the results to all the successful applicants who passed entrance examination.

5. Reducing or Extending the Duration of Enrollment

When regarded as necessary, the Graduate School of Science may approve Reduction or Extension of the Enrollment Duration only once. The maximum reduction of Extended Duration of Enrollment is the period of adding one year to the standard duration of study (3 years).

6. Annual Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for students with the extension of enrollment duration will be calculated by multiplying the annual tuition fee by the number of years equivalent to the standard duration of study (3 years), then dividing the resulting amount by the number of years approved for extended study. If the revision is made to the tuition fee or the changes to the Duration of Extended Enrollment are approved, the fee will be calculated accordingly. However, the adjustment will not be made to the tuition fee which has already been paid.

Students who have not received the results of their application for the Extension of Enrollment Duration must not pay the tuition fee before they receive the official notification of the results.

7. Other Information

For more details about Extension of the Enrollment Duration, please contact the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, Hokkaido University.