Academic Year 2027

Graduate School of Science
Hokkaido University

Doctoral Course

（Latter Period of Doctoral Program）

Winter Selection

Guidelines for Application for the Entrance Examination

For enrollment in April 2027 or October 2027

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

November 2026

Notes

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 pages 6 to 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 10 & 11, 2026) 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 with 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 with 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	Leaning 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 place great importance on evaluation / ○…Key element we will place importance on evaluation

General Category and Special Category for Working Adults

1. Admission Quota

Department	Admission Quota		Website's URL
	April 2027	October 2027	
Mathematics	13		https://www2.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/dept/math/en
Condensed Matter Physics	3		https://phys2.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/cond-mat/
Natural History Sciences	8		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	Approximately 24		

* For more details about each department, please contact the department concerned.
* 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.
* 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.
* There will be no Winter Selection for the Department of Cosmosciences.

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 Completed16 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 2027 must indicate so by checking the appropriate box on the application form.**

3. Pre-assessment of Eligibility

Application Period: November 26 – November 30, 2026

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.

[Notes]

*The results of the pre-assessment will be sent to applicants around December 11, 2026, by post. Once their eligibility has been confirmed, applicants must pay the examination fee in accordance with "7. Entrance Examination Fee," and submit the payment certificate by January 8, 2027. Applications 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 5 – January 8, 2027

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	○	○	[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 summary of study and research instead of a summary of research.
5	List of Research accomplishments and copy of principal research paper		○	[In any format]
6	Certificate of Research		○	[In any 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 from 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	○	○	①An 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.) ◎ Applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from a graduate school or equivalent institution in China (except Hong Kong, Taiwan, 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 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 Departments of Mathematics, and Condensed Matter Physics 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 2024) * A printed Digital Official Score Certificate could be submitted instead of the original Official Score Certificate. (2) TOEFL-iBT (Home Edition) (must have been taken in or after July 2024) Those who take TOEFL test as of spring 2026 are required to submit the printed Test Taker Score Report in PDF format downloaded from their ETS account. TOEFL-ITP, TOEIC-IP and TOEIC-Bridge are not accepted. (3) Those who are educated in the English language at the university (or graduate school) in Japan or abroad If documents, which prove that applicants were educated in the English language at the university (or graduate school) attended (e.g., Medium of Instruction certificate), are submitted, there is a possibility that the English score sheet will be exempted from submission. Applicants must contact the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section if applicable. Applicants who have already submitted a score sheet for the summer admission (August 10 & 11, 2026) 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.

(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.	○	○	[Prescribed form] 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.	○	○	[Prescribed form]
4	List of Research accomplishments and copy of principal research paper	○	○	[In any format]
5	Certificate of Research	○	○	[In any 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	○	○	①An 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 Departments of Mathematics and Condensed Matter Physics may submit this document (not mandatory).
12	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 2024) * A printed Digital Official Score Certificate could be submitted instead of the original Official Score Certificate. (2) TOEFL-iBT (Home Edition) (must have been taken in or after July 2024) Those who take TOEFL test as of spring 2026 are required to submit the printed Test Taker Score Report in PDF format downloaded from their ETS account. TOEFL-ITP, TOEIC-IP and TOEIC-Bridge are not accepted. (3) Those who are educated in the English language at the university (or graduate school) in Japan or abroad If documents, which prove that applicants were educated in the English language at the university (or graduate school) attended (e.g., Medium of Instruction certificate), are submitted, there is a possibility that the English score sheet will be exempted from submission. Applicants must contact the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section if applicable. Applicants who have already submitted a score sheet for the summer admission (August 10 & 11, 2026) 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.
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.

(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. Check the box of "修士学位等を取得または取得見込時期".

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
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 and students who will receive the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship* or the State-Sponsored Scholarship Program of the China Scholarship Council 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.

* Department of Natural History Science (Biodiversity) offers both online and face-to-face examinations. Please choose your preferred method and indicate it on both the "List of Preferred Supervisors (志望指導教員調査票) "and "Request Form for Online Oral Examination (オンライン口頭試問希望調査票)". The online oral examination will be conducted on the same day as the face-to-face oral examination.
  Please note: Only an online oral examination is available for the Science Communication department.
* 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 8 – 9, 2027
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 admission 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 19, 2027.

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.
The Graduate School may conduct identity verification. Please make sure to bring a form of identification bearing the applicant's name and date of birth, including a photo, and valid as of the examination date, such as the following items: Student ID, My Number Card (Individual Number Card), Passport, Driver's License Card, Residence Card.
(2) Once an application has been submitted, no change to the applicant's preference will be permitted under any circumstances.
(3) If false information or statements are provided in the application materials or if a photograph of a person other than the applicant or a photograph that has been altered to change the applicant's appearance is used as part of the application materials, such conduct is treated as misconduct, and admission may be rescinded.
(4) Cheating or assisting another applicant in cheating during the examination is treated as misconduct. In addition, the use of any of the following electronic devices is also treated as misconduct: cell phones, smartphones, wearable devices (such as smartwatches and smart glasses), tablet devices, electronic dictionaries, IC recorders, earphones, music players, and other similar devices. Earphones will be considered to be in use if they are worn in the ears.
However, the use of these devices will not be considered misconduct if prior permission has been granted. Failure to follow the instructions during the examination may be considered misconduct.
(5) If any misconduct is discovered, the applicant will be instructed to stop the examination and leave the examination room. The applicant will not be permitted to take any subsequent examinations, and the

institution may take measures such as invalidating the results of all subjects taken by the applicant. If misconduct is discovered after admission has been granted, the admission may be rescinded.

(6) If you need special assistance in taking the examination due to physical difficulties, consult with the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section at the time of application. *If you have considerations desired in terms of study, also consult with the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section.
[Reference] Information for Hokkaido University admission concerning providing reasonable accommodation
https://www.hokudai.ac.jp/admission/gouriteki-hairyo.html

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 12, 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 18, 2027, 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
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Extension of the Enrollment Duration

1. Aims

When students are under special circumstances, such as having a job, childcare, and nursing care, etc., they may request an extension of their enrollment duration beyond the standard three-year duration (hereinafter referred to as the "Extension of the Enrollment Duration"). The graduate school may approve such requests after reviewing their applications on an individual basis.

2. Intended Students

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

(1) Have a full-time job in a government office or a private company (excluding those who are exempt from job duty but receive a salary), or work as self-employed, etc.;

(2) Have a part-time job that has a significant influence on the full-time academic work;

(3) Are taking care of their children or 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 duration of the Extension Enrollment Duration shall not exceed six years for the doctor's degree program, and students can apply for an extension by year. For students who have been approved for an Extension of the Enrollment Duration, the maximum duration of enrollment is six years.

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

4. Application Procedure

(1) Application Period

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

(2) Required Documents

To apply for the Extension of the Enrollment Duration, please contact the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section in the Science and Life Science Administration Department and request the required forms/documents ahead of time.

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 the Extension of the Enrollment Duration

(3) Announcement of Results

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

5. Reducing or Extending the Extension of the Enrollment Duration

When deemed necessary, the Graduate School of Science may approve a reduction or extension of the Extension of the Enrollment Duration only once during the period of a course.

For more details about the Extension of Enrollment Duration, please refer to the guide of "理学院在学者用" after enrollment.

6. Annual Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for students granted 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 (two 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 Extension of the Enrollment Duration are approved, the fee will be calculated accordingly. However, the adjustment will not be made to the tuition fee that 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 the Extension of Enrollment Duration, please contact the Graduate School Educational Affairs Section, Science and Life Science Administration Department, Hokkaido University.