

Application Guidelines for

Medical Science Program for International Students

(Transfer admissions)

For enrollment in September 2027

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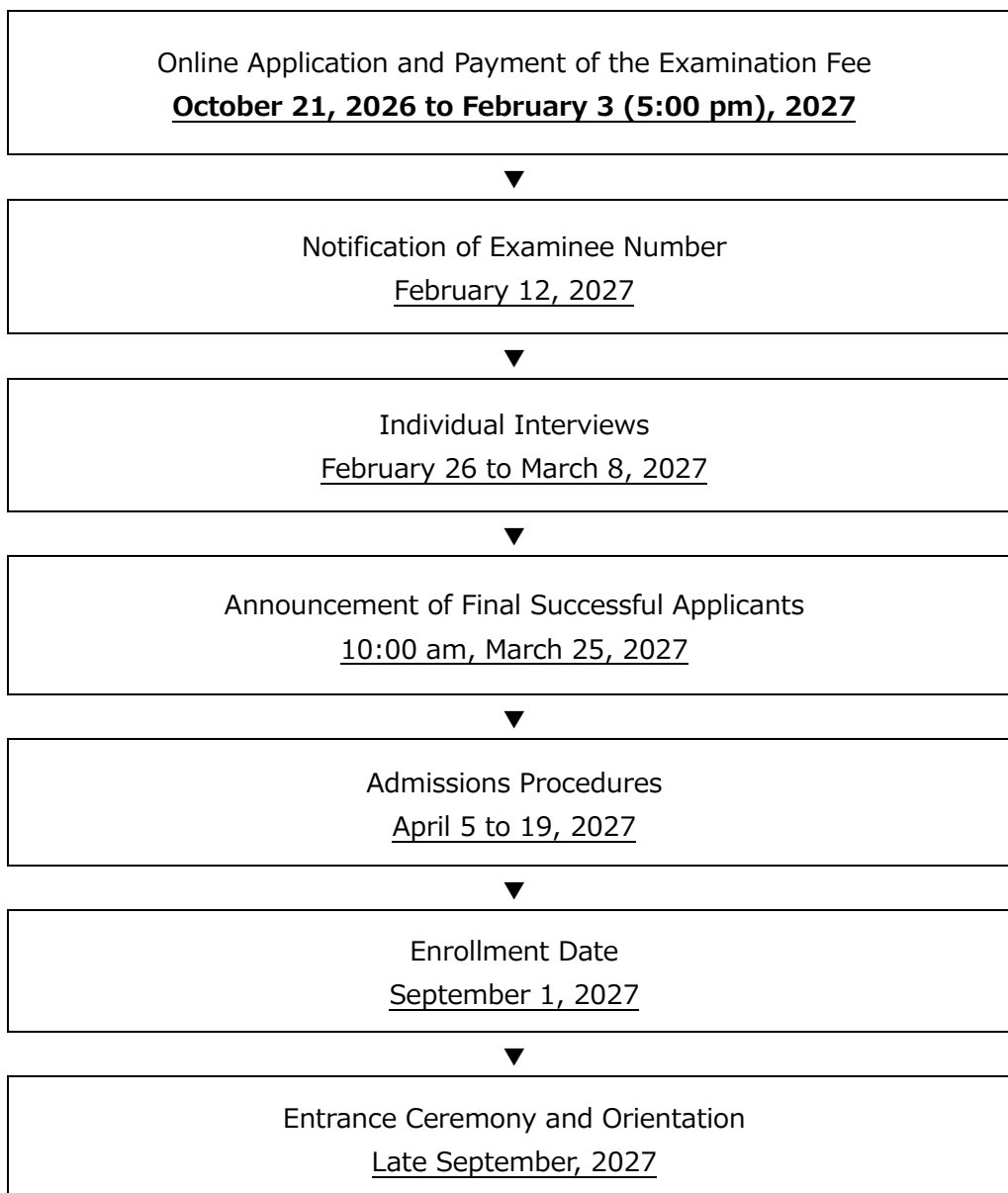
University of TSUKUBA

I. Program Overview

Undergraduate Medical Science Program for International Students

Academic Objectives	The objective of this program is to provide education for students to become research scientists in Medical Science and clinical laboratory professionals. We seek students who have a strong motivation to study medical science. Students are expected to work in an international setting and learn laboratory techniques in the field of medicine and medical care. We aim to train our students in basic knowledge, technical skills, and professional perspective that are essential to succeed in medical sciences.
Admissions Policy	1. General Qualifications Given the rapid change in the medical care system, students are expected to have a broad perspective, knowledge, and initiative in solving global medical problems and lifestyle diseases affecting human lives. 2. Student Evaluation and Selection The university will make a comprehensive evaluation of applicants based on submitted documents and individual interviews, proficiency in English, basic academic capability to acquire knowledge in their major fields of study, and their unique perspectives on various problems in the medical sciences.
School and Colleges	School of Medicine and Health Sciences College of Medical Sciences
Students Accepted	From the third year
Number of Students	Several students
Degree	Bachelor of International Medical Sciences
Inquiries about Application	E-mail Address: ac.intl@un.tsukuba.ac.jp
Inquiries about Program and Curriculum	E-mail Address: igaku-kyoumu@un.tsukuba.ac.jp

II. Entrance Examination Schedule (Japan Standard Time (JST))



III. Application Requirements

A. Applicant Eligibility

Persons who fall under any one of the categories 1 through 3 are eligible.

1. Persons who have completed or are expected to complete a four-year degree at a non-Japanese university in life sciences by August 31, 2027
2. Persons who have completed or are expected to complete a three-year degree at a non-Japanese university or college in life sciences by August 31, 2027
3. Persons who are currently enrolled at a non-Japanese four-year university in life sciences for at least two years by August 31, 2027 and have completed or are expected to complete at least 62 credits by August 31, 2027

* Applicants are required to have completed at least 14 years of school education by the time of admission.

* One credit equals 15 hours of coursework, 30 hours of practicum, or 45 hours of laboratory, training, or practice.

B. Conditions for Application

Conditions for application include a recommendation by the school principal or similar person, and an English test score such as TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, or an equivalent test.

➤ Recommendation (Reference Letter)

Please see “VI. Application Documents” for details.

➤ English test

- TOEFL (iBT):

[For tests taken before January 20, 2026] 61 or higher;

[For tests taken on or after January 21, 2026] 3.5 or higher

- TOEIC (Listening & Reading): 600 or higher

- IELTS (Academic): 5.0 or higher

*Applicants whose language of instruction at the high school (upper secondary) or higher levels was English for the most recent three years are not required to submit any English test scores.

C. Application Fees

JPY30,000

- You need to pay it via the application system when applying.

IV. Selection Method

- All submitted documents will be evaluated, and an interview (conducted by Zoom or other teleconferencing) will be conducted for the selection process. The interview will evaluate the applicant's English proficiency, basic academic ability to acquire knowledge in their major fields of study, and motivation to study medical sciences.
- The dates, times, and interview method will be arranged with applicants by email.
- The use of generative AI (Artificial Intelligence) in any application form is strictly prohibited.

V. Application Procedures

A. Application Procedures

1. Create your account for the application system
 - Access "University of Tsukuba English Programs Online Application" and create your account.
 - "University of Tsukuba English Programs Online Application":
<https://tsukuba-en.campus-p.jp/entry/>
2. Enter the necessary information
 - Enter the necessary information following the instructions in the application system.
3. Submit the "documents prepared by applicant"
 - Submit the necessary documents following the instructions in the application system.
 - Please refer to "VI. Application Documents" for details.
4. Submit the "documents prepared by person other than applicant"
 - "Documents prepared by a person other than the applicant" refer to documents submitted by a third party at the applicant's request through the application system. Please follow the instructions in the application system to submit your request.
 - Please note that "documents prepared by a person other than the applicant" must be submitted within the application period as "documents prepared by applicant". Applicants are advised to send their requests as early as possible.
5. Payment of examination fee
 - Pay the examination fee (JPY 30,000) through the application system. Payments can be made by credit card only.
 - *Administrative fee will be charged at the time of payment.

(Important Notes)

- Please click "Submit" to finish the submission process. Note that you cannot change the contents of the application after you submit it.

- You don't need to send anything via postal mail at this stage. When you pass the final exam, you will be requested to submit the original copies of "Qualification Certificate" and "Official Transcript" by August 31, 2027.

B. Application Period and Due Dates (JST)

The online application system will be available from **October 21, 2026 to February 3, 2027 (5:00 pm)**. Applicants must complete the online registration, submit the required documents, and pay the examination fee through the application system by the end of this period.

C. Notes

1. You may apply for only one of the following programs:
 - Undergraduate Program of International Social Studies
 - Interdisciplinary Program of Life and Environmental Sciences (first year/transfer)
 - Undergraduate Medical Science Program for International Students (only for transfer students)
 - Bachelor's Program in Interdisciplinary Engineering
 - Bachelor's Program in Global Issues

*You cannot change the program or college after you apply.
2. Incorrect entries and incomplete applications can void your application.
3. If you need any special consideration for study due to disabilities or other issues, please contact us before the application period.
4. Application documents and examination fees already paid will not be returned.
5. **If any falsification, fabrication, or factual discrepancies are found in the application materials, or any examination misconduct is identified, admission may be revoked before or after enrollment.** Any editing or alteration of the photograph uploaded to the application system may be regarded as misconduct. In serious cases, any such misconduct may be reported to the police or may be subject to legal action.
6. Your admission will be denied if you cannot meet applicant eligibility by **August 31, 2027**.
7. For all of the documents uploaded to the application system, the **university may ask the applicant to send the original documents** if needed. Please keep the originals with you.

VI. Application Documents

A. "Documents prepared by applicant"

Documents	Notes
Study Plan (Form 1)	- Describe your study plan at the university on form 1 and upload it in PDF format. - The study plan should be written in 800 to 1,200 words. - See the attached "How to write your study plan" for details.
Financial Plan (Form 2)	- Describe in detail how you plan to cover tuition and living expenses after your enrollment on Form 2 and upload it in PDF format. - See the attached "How to write your financial plan" for reference.
Qualification Certificate	- Scan and upload the certification of your Applicant Eligibility in PDF format. * The required documents differ depending on your educational status, whether being currently enrolled in university/college or having graduated from university/college. Please <u>see table 1</u> on page 9.
Official Transcript	- Scan and upload the official transcripts of the last university/college that you attended in PDF format.
Copy of Passport	- Scan and upload a copy of the ID page of your passport in PDF format. * If you do not have a passport, please submit a copy of a certificate of your name and the date of birth.
English test score	- Scan and upload a copy of the English test score (TOEFL iBT, TOEIC Listening & Reading, or IELTS Academic) in PDF format, or request the testing organization send your score directly to the university. * If you request that the testing organization send you score directly, the university must receive the score by the final date of the application period. * For TOEFL iBT, the institution code of the University of Tsukuba is "C238".
"Syllabi"	- Submit a course catalogue describing the curricula, graduation requirements, etc. - It should describe the content of all courses that you are taking or have taken and that are listed on your transcript.

School Profile/Brochure	- Submit a profile or brochure of the last university/college that you attended. - It should provide an overview of the university or college and its educational content. - A website link of the profile page can be accepted.
Other documents to support your application (optional)	- You can upload other documents that show your strengths as a candidate (SAT, EJU, awards, etc.) in PDF format. - If you have multiple documents, please combine them into a single file to be uploaded.

B. "Documents prepared by person other than applicant"

Documents	Notes
Reference Letter	- Ask a professor or teacher who knows you and your academic skills well to write the reference letter for you in advance, and then request that they submit it via the application system. - Please follow the instructions in the application system during the submission process.

(IMPORTANT)

You don't need to send anything via postal mail at the stage of applying. Only those who passed the final exam will be required to submit the original copies of "Qualification Certificate" and "Official Transcript" by August 31, 2027.

Notes:

- Form 1-2 are available on the website below.
(<https://ac.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/examinations/application-guidelines/#global>)
- All documents uploaded to the application system should be in PDF format.
- Submitted application documents will not be returned.
- All the documents must be written in English. If any documents issued by your school are in a language other than English, translate these documents into English, have your school certify the translation, and attach the translation to the original. Optional documents supporting your application can be translated by the applicant.
- For all documents uploaded to the application system, the university may ask the applicant to send the original documents if needed. It is recommended that you keep the originals with you.

Table 1: Qualification Certificate

(Choose <u>1</u> or <u>2</u> and <u>A</u> to <u>C</u> to check your necessary document)		1: I have completed	2: I am expected to complete
A: a four-year degree at a non-Japanese university or college in life sciences		1-A	2-A
B: a three-year degree at a non-Japanese university or college in life sciences		1-B	2-B
C: at least two years education and 62 credits at a non-Japanese four-year university in life science that you are currently enrolled		1-C	2-C

1-A or 1-B: Certificate of the degree you obtained

1-C: Official transcript and/or certificate which shows that you have been currently enrolled at the university for two years or more and have obtained 62 or more credits

2-A or 2-B: Certificate which proves your expected completion of the degree issued by the university/college

2-C: Official transcript and/or certificate which shows that you are expected to have been currently enrolled at the university for two years or more and to obtain 62 or more credits

VII. Announcement of the Screening Results

- Examinee numbers of the successful applicants will be announced on **March 25, 2027, 10:00 am (JST)** on the Undergraduate Admissions website below:
(<https://ac.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/>)
- The “Letter of Acceptance” and the other documents necessary for admission procedures will be sent to the successful applicants.

VIII. Admission Procedures

A. Period for Admission Procedures

1. The admission procedure period is **from April 5 to 19, 2027 (JST)**.
2. You need to complete the admission procedures within the above period.
 - *There are some documents to be sent via postal mail while the other items need to be registered on the online admission procedures website. More details will be sent along with the Letter of Acceptance.

B. Admission Fee and Tuition Fee

1. The admission fee is JPY282,000.
2. The tuition fee differs depending on whether you are an international student or not.
 - Tuition fee (For international students)
 - Fall Semester (October – March): 304,400 Japanese yen
 - Spring Semester (April – September): 304,400 Japanese yen
 - (Annual: 608,800 Japanese yen)
 - Tuition fee (Non-international students)
 - Fall Semester (October – March): 267,900 Japanese yen
 - Spring Semester (April – September): 267,900 Japanese yen
 - (Annual: 535,800 Japanese yen)
 - *International students refer to individuals residing in Japan under the ‘Student’ residence status as specified in Table (4) of Appended Table I of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Cabinet Order No. 319 of 1951).
 - *This program begins in September. Therefore, tuition fees will be charged starting from September, when your enrollment officially takes effect.
3. If any fees are revised at the time of admission or during enrollment, the new amounts will be applied from the time of revision.
4. Tuition should be paid by bank transfer through a Japanese financial institution in May (first period) and November (second period) from the Spring Semester in the following year after your enrollment.
 - The university offers a full or partial tuition fee waiver for those students who are deemed to find it difficult to pay the tuition for financial reasons or who are in other unavoidable circumstances.

IX. Disclosure of Information about Entrance Examinations

The university discloses the information about entrance examinations for the 2027 Undergraduate English Programs to applicants upon their requests from September 1 to October 31, 2027. For detailed information, please contact the "XI. Contact Desk."

X. Handling of Personal Information

The University of Tsukuba is committed to the proper management of personal information in accordance with the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information" and the University of Tsukuba's Personal Information Protection and Management Regulations.

The names, date of birth, genders, and other personal information of applicants and examinees at the time of application and admission procedures will be handled strictly and used for the following purposes.

- Selection, announcement of successful candidates and admission procedures
- Post-entrance services for successful applicants, including academic affairs (student registration, academic guidance, etc.), student support (health management, scholarship applications, etc.), and tuition fees.
- Research, analysis and study for improvement of admission selection methods, etc. and public relations
- Processing and use of statistical data in a form that does not allow individuals to be identified
- We will not provide personal information to any third party without the consent of the individual, except as stipulated in each item of Article 27, Paragraph 1 of the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information".

The University's handling of personal information is described below.

(<https://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/about/privacy-policy/>)

XI. Contact Desk

Admissions Center, University of Tsukuba
1-1-1 Tennodai, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8577 Japan
E-mail Address: ac.intl@un.tsukuba.ac.jp

*Please refrain from making inquiries by phone.

2027 University of Tsukuba Student Support Scholarship “Tsukuba Scholarship” for Undergraduate Students in English Programs

The University of Tsukuba offers the following scholarships in faculties offering English Programs.

Only students who have applied for English Programs can apply for this scholarship.

1. University of Tsukuba Student Support Scholarship “Tsukuba Scholarship”

The scholarship is provided for students with outstanding academic records. Eligible students will be selected from applicants who have passed the entrance examination for each program and also from university students who are currently enrolled in the program. The details of the scholarship are as follows:

Application Qualifications and Conditions

Applicants for this scholarship must fulfill the following conditions:

- (1) Nationality: Applicants with non-Japanese nationalities.
- (2) Applicants who, upon entering the University of Tsukuba, do not receive nor expect to receive a scholarship or scholarships from any other scholarship-granting organizations or bodies for the purpose of studying abroad.
- (3) As a general rule, applicants who are certain to obtain a “Student” visa before entering Japan.
- (4) Applicants who fulfill the qualifications for entering the Degree Programs in English in any of the following undergraduate schools:

(Reference) Programs to be offered in 2027

- Undergraduate Program of International Social Studies, School of Social and International Studies
- Interdisciplinary Program of Life and Environmental Sciences, School of Life and Environmental Sciences
- Medical Science Program for International Students, School of Medicine and Medical Sciences

Scholarship Amount

A living allowance of ¥60,000 per month (From September 2027 to March 2028)

Selection Process for Scholarship Students

Year of Initial Admission: Selection is based on entrance examination scores, etc.

From successive years: Selection is based on the previous year’s grades during enrollment, etc.

*Acceptance Letter for Tsukuba Scholarship will be sent only to the scholarship recipients by email after March 25, 2027. Please note that there will be no notification if you are not selected.

Number of Tsukuba Scholarship Students in 2026

(Undergraduate Program of International Social Studies)

First-year Students: 2, Second-year Students: 2 Third-year Students: 2, Fourth-year Students: 2,
Fifth-year Students:1

(Interdisciplinary Program of Life and Environmental Sciences)

First-year Students: 5, Second-year Students: 2, Third-year Students: 2, Fourth-year Students: 2,
Fifth-year Students:2

(Medical Science Program for International Students)

Second-year Students: 1

2. [Important] How to Apply for the Tsukuba Scholarship

The University of Tsukuba will send a Tsukuba Scholarship application guide and an application form by email **between 12th February 2027 and 17th February 2027 (JST)** to all those who pass the first stage screening. For the Medical Science Program for International Students, as there is no first stage screening, all applicants will be eligible to apply. Please use the designated application form if you plan to apply for the scholarship. **In case if you don't receive the application guide and the application form by 17th February 2027 (JST), please inform us by email immediately.** The deadline for applications is 5 p.m., 22nd February 2027 (JST).