

III Guidelines for Screening for Advancement (Time of Advancement: October 2020/ April 2021)

1 Eligibility for Application

Okayama University Students who are expected to complete the master's program or masters' course at the graduate school by March 2021, or by September 2020 for applicants for October 2020 Advancement.

2 Application Procedures

1. How to Apply

Applicants for advancement must bring all the "Documents Required for Application" during the acceptance hours (8:30–17:00) during the "Application Period."

(No examination fee is needed. Do not transfer it by mistake.)

Please note that some application documents can be downloaded from the website. Applicants must obtain other application documents, etc. directly by the office in charge (page 18 "7 Other" (6)) or by mail (page 18 "7 Other" (4)).

Applicants for advancement must, in advance, contact a prospective supervisor who will teach after advancement.

2. Application Periods

Examination for October 2020 Advancement	August 3, 2020 to August 4, 2020
Examination for April 2021 Advancement (First Submission Period)	
Examination for April 2021 Advancement (Second Submission Period)	January 28, 2021 to January 29, 2021
Examination for April 2021 Advancement (Third Submission Period)	February 15, 2021 to February 16, 2021

3. Address for Submission

Graduate School Section Academic Affairs Division Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science Okayama University 3-1-1, Tsushima-naka, Kita-ku, Okayama 700-8530, Japan Phone: 086-251-8011
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4. Notes on Application

- (1) No change shall be permitted after submission in terms of the contents of the submitted documents.
- (2) No document shall be returned for any reason after the application documents are accepted.
- (3) Please note carefully that admission might be withdrawn even after advancement if the contents of the submitted documents are found to include false entries.

5. Documents Required for Application

Documents Required for Application	Remarks
〈1〉 Application for Admission, Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Admission Ticket for the Examination	Fill out necessary items on the forms prescribed by Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science personally by the applicant.

〈2〉 Photograph	Affix a photograph (4 cm long × 3 cm wide, upper body, no headwear, facing forward, taken within the three months before application) on the prescribed space on the “Application for Admission” and the “Admission Ticket for Examination.” Before affixing, write the name of the intended major course of study and your name on the back of the photographs.
〈3〉 Transcript of Graduate School	Submit a certificate issued by the master’s program (master’s course)
〈4〉 Report of Research Progress Report	Use the form (approx. 2,000 words) prescribed by the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science
〈5〉 Research Planning Sheet	Use the form prescribed by Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science.
〈6〉 Sticker of Address	Fill out the necessary items.

6. Purpose of Use of Personal Information

Application documents submitted and personal information written on them are used for affairs related the selection of advancement and the selection of Cross-School Flex BMD Course.

However, regarding advancing students, we use their personal information written on the application form, including name, gender, date of birth, current address, and schools graduated from, as registry data for basic student information in the academic affairs system at Okayama University.

In addition, successful applicants’ personal information, examinee number and name (kanji/ kana), are used for the clerical systems for tuition fee debt management and tuition fee exemption at Okayama University.

When application for tuition fee exemption, or scholarships such as those of Japan Student Services Organization was made, the applicant’s entrance examination results and academic transcript might be used to handle academic ability judgment related to affairs such as tuition fee exemption.

3 Issue of Admission Ticket for Examination

Admission tickets for examination will be sent to your prospective supervisor around date stated below. Please receive it from your prospective supervisor.

Examination for October 2020 Advancement	Around August 6, 2020
Examination for April 2021 Advancement (First Submission Period)	
Examination for April 2021 Advancement Enrollment (Second Submission Period)	Around February 2, 2021
Examination for April 2021 Advancement Enrollment (Third Submission Period)	February 18, 2021

4 Methods for Screening for Advancement

Selection of advancing students shall be made in a comprehensive manner on the basis of results of an oral examination and document screening.

The oral examination will be conducted mainly concerning the applicant's progress report of research and the research plan document.

If necessary, we will present questions related to English language ability (or Japanese language ability for international students) during the oral examination.

When an applicant's ability can be fully assessed by document screening, etc., the applicant's oral examination might be omitted.

(1) Examination for October 2020 Advancement and for April 2021 Advancement (First Submission Period)

Date	Examination Category	Time	Place of Examination
August 24, 2020	Oral Examination	9:30 a.m. –	A prospective supervisor will notify applicants of the location later.

Note 1: The date and time of the oral examination above might be changed after applicants are contacted.

Note 2: If no information about the date, time, or place of the oral examination has been received by August 19, please inquire to the office in charge (P. 18).

(2) Examination for April 2021 Advancement (Second Submission Period)

Date	Examination Category	Time	Place of Examination
February 8, 2021	Oral Examination	9:30 a.m. –	A prospective supervisor will notify applicants of the location later.

Note 1: The date and time of the oral examination above might be changed after applicants are contacted.

Note 2: If no information about the date, time, or place of the oral examination has been received by February 3, please inquire to the office in charge (P. 18).

(3) Examination for April 2021 Advancement (Third Submission Period)

Date	Examination Category	Time	Place of Examination
February 19, 2021	Oral Examination	9:30 a.m. –	A prospective supervisor will notify applicants of the location later.

Note 1: The date and time of the oral examination above might be changed after applicants are contacted.

Note 2: If no information about the date, time, or place of the oral examination has been received by February 18, please inquire to the office in charge (P. 18).

5 Announcement of Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will be announced on a bulletin board.

Examination	Date	Place of Bulletin Board
Examination for October 2020 Advancement	10:00 a.m. on September 4, 2020	The bulletin board in front of the office of Graduate School Section, Academic Affairs Division, Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science, Okayama University (1F, Building No. 1, Faculty of Engineering)
Examination for April 2021 Advancement (First Submission Period)		
Examination for April 2021 Advancement (Second Submission Period)	10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2021	The bulletin board in front of the office of Graduate School Section, Academic Affairs Division, Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science, Okayama University (1F, Building No. 1, Faculty of Engineering)
Examination for April 2021 Advancement (Third Submission Period)	10:00 a.m. on March 5, 2021	

Note 1. The examinee numbers of successful applicants will be announced on the bulletin board. A letter of acceptance and other materials will be sent directly to successful applicants dated on the day of the announcement.

Note 2. After the announcement on the bulletin board, the examinee numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the homepage (<http://www.gels.okayama-u.ac.jp/admission/index.html>).

Note 3. We will never under any circumstances respond to inquiries by phone, etc. concerning passing or failing the examination.

6 Admission Procedures

(1) Method of Admission Procedures

Successful applicants will be accepted into the program after having completed the admission procedures. Details will be separately informed to successful applicants later.

(2) Period of Admission Procedures

The period of admission procedures has been scheduled as follows. However, successful applicants will be informed about details later.

October 2020 Entrants: September 15, 2020 to September 16, 2020

April 2021 Entrants: March 15, 2021 to March 16, 2021

7 Other

(1) Admission Fee and Tuition Fee

No Admission fee is needed.

Tuition fee: 267,900 yen (for half a year); 535,800 yen (for a year) (expected amount)

※ When the amount was revised at the time of admission or while at school, the new amount will be applied from the time of the revision.

In addition, a premium for Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research, etc. will be needed as an additional expense.

(2) Study Assistance

We have many systems for study assistance: tuition fee exemptions, and scholarships.

- (3) Okayama University has established the “Security Export Control Regulations of Okayama University” under the Security Export Control System based on the “Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA)”, and conducts strict screening when accepting foreign students. If you are subjected to this regulation or FEFTA, you may not be accepted or your desired research activities may be restricted.

For details concerning the Security Export Control System in Japan, please refer to the following website.

URL; <https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/anpo/englishpage.html>

(4) How to request application documents by mail

1) Write “Request for Application Documents of Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology, Doctoral Program” in red on the envelope surface.

2) Please enclose the following things with the envelope;

-A stamped and self-addressed envelope. (Stamp: 210yen, Envelope size:240mm×332mm)

-A memo written your contact (phone number and e-mail address) and name of your prospective professor who has accepted / will accept.

3) Send the envelope with all submissions to the office in charge.

Please note that the mailing address is limited to Japan. (No shipping to foreign countries)

- (5) Due to COVID-19, the entrance examinations which require you coming to university will be deferred if the state of emergency declared and the designation as special alert is NOT canceled in all prefectures in Japan.

In case the examination is deferred, we will announce it on the following website;

URL; http://www.gels.okayama-u.ac.jp/admission/shikenbi_henkou.html

Examination will be carried out according to schedule, if the state of emergency declared and the designation as special alert is canceled in all prefectures.

Including the case the examination is deferred, please keep infection prevention as bringing and wearing a face mask by yourself on the day of the examination.

- (6) If there is anything unclear about application, please inquire to the office in charge below.

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