2026 Special International Student's Entrance Examination for Kitasato University Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences (Division of Veterinary Medicine) Doctoral Program

Number of Accepted	A few
Applicants	
Application Period	October 22 (Wed.) to November 5 (Wed.), 2025
Examination Dates	December 3 (Wed.) and 4 (Thu.), 2025
Acceptance	10 a.m., December 23 (Tue.), 2025
Announcement	
Enrollment	January 23 (Fri.), 2026
Procedure Deadline	
Application	Non-Japanese citizens that meet any of application qualifications (1) through (11)
Qualifications	of the general admission examination for the doctoral program of the Graduate
	School of Veterinary Sciences and have been approved after an interview by a
	professor in a specialized field in the desired course program.
Examination Method	The applicant's ability, aptitude and the like will be comprehensively judged based
	on the written examination, interview and application documents, etc.
	(1) Written examination
	1. Specialized subject: One main subject in their desired specialized field (exam
	conducted in either Japanese or English)
	2. Foreign language: English (answers to be given in Japanese or English)
	(2) Interview* (conducted in either Japanese or English)
	*Some applicants may be screened based solely on their application documents.
	Note: Admission will be denied to applicants who due to illness or other reasons
	are clearly incapable of taking university courses to fulfill our educational
	objectives, even with health guidance and other support after enrollment.
Application	Prepare your documents in either Japanese or English.
Documents	(1) Application form: Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences designated form
	(signed and sealed by a professor in a specialized field in the desired course
	program)
	(2) Resume: Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences designated form
	(3) Name and photo sheet, examination fee payment slip, entrance examination
	card: Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences designated forms
	(4) Certificate of graduation/completion or certificate of expected
	graduation/completion from the last university and graduate school attended;
	must be issued within three months prior to application for prospective
	graduates, or issued after graduation for graduates
	(5) Transcript from the last university and graduate school attended; must be
	issued within three months prior to application for prospective graduates, or
	issued after graduation for graduates

- (6) Two letters of recommendation from the last university or graduate school the applicant graduated from (any format). One letter is required for each recommender; joint letters of recommendation are not acceptable.
- (7) Reason for application: Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences designated form
- (8) Letter of approval from professor in a specialized field in the desired course program (any format)
- (9) Health examination form (any format)

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- 1. For foreign government-sponsored students, Japanese government-sponsored students under the MEXT scholarship program, and students who receive aid from other organizations, a certification of such support
- 2. A letter of guarantee for privately financed students. (The guarantor must be a person who currently resides in Japan and will vouch for the student's identity and pay his/her study expenses during the period of study in Japan.)
- (11) Essay on the theme "Research achievements to date and future research topics and plans" (two pages on A4 paper, 10.5-point font size, written in English or Japanese). This is only necessary for those applying for the special scholarship for international students in master's program and doctoral program at Kitasato University Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences.
- (12) A copy of your residence record if you are residing in Japan. Must include nationality, etc.; status of residence; period of stay; expiration date of the period of stay; katakana notation of name; history of aliases; residence card/special permanent resident certificate number, etc., or
 - Proof of status of residence (for those residing outside of Japan; a document to confirm status of residence as "Student" or "Pre-college student" according to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, or a document to confirm status of residence as "Short-Term Stay").
- (13) Two color identification photos: 4 cm high × 3 cm wide; frontal photo (no hat) taken within three months prior to application; attach the same photos to the application form and name and photo form
- (14) Entrance examination fee: \(\frac{\pma}{2}\)0,000
 Payment method: Bank transfer or bring cash to the application counter.
 If you pay by bank transfer, submit a copy of the bank transfer statement.
- (15) Return envelope: Only for applicants applying by mail; submit an envelope addressed to you, since it will be used to send the entrance examination card (stamp not required).
 - Note: If the necessary certificates are in a language other than Japanese or English, please attach a translation in Japanese or English certified by your school, embassy or official institution.

Notes for Filling Out

(1) Write clearly in block letters using a black ballpoint pen (do not use erasable

Application Forms	ballpoint pens).	
	Unless otherwise specified, forms may also be completed on a computer and	
	printed out.	
	(2) Use the same name on all application documents. If you have changed your	
	family name, you must also attach a certificate of family register.	
	(3) Your admission will be revoked if any information in the application documents	
	is falsified.	
	(4) Incomplete application docume	nts will not be accepted.
Submission Methods	Submit your application docume	nts to the Admissions Office of the Graduate
	School of Veterinary Sciences by m	ail or in person by the designated date to receive
	an entrance examination card.	
		lication documents by mail, please attach the
		loaded from the university website to a 240 mm
	• •	at via registered mail or express delivery. (Must
	arrive by the deadline.)	
		on fee by bank transfer or bring cash to the
	application counter.	
		ents and entrance examination fee have been
	received, they will not be retur	
Mailing		chool of Veterinary Medicine Office), Graduate
Address/Application	School of Veterinary Sciences, Kita	•
Counter	35-1, Higashi-23bancho, Towada-s	•
	Tel: +81-176-23-4371	
	Hours: 9 to 11:10 a.m. and 12:10 to 3 p.m. (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and	
	national holidays)	
Exam Venue	School of Veterinary Medicine Building, Kitasato University Towada Campus (35-	
	1, Higashi-23bancho, Towada-shi, Aomori)	
Exam Schedule	First day: Written exam	
	Arrival of examinees: 9:10 a.m.	
	1st period English	9:30 to 11 a.m.
	2 nd period Specialized subjection	ets 1 to 2:30 p.m.
	Second day: Interview	
	Arrival of examinees: 9:10 a.m.	
	Interview From 9:30 a.	m.
Notes on	(1) Be sure to bring your entrance	examination card.
Examination	(2) Examinees who arrive more th	an twenty minutes after the exam starts will not

	be permitted to take it.
	(3) No one may leave the examination room until at least twenty minutes after the
	start of the exam.
	(4) No late arrivals will be permitted to take the interview.
	(5) Follow the instructions of the exam supervisor and other staff members.
Acceptance	(1) The examination numbers of the applicants accepted will be posted on the
Announcement	bulletin board in the School of Veterinary Medicine Building. (From the
	announcement date to 5 p.m. of the enrollment procedure deadline.)
	(2) The applicants accepted will receive an acceptance notification and enrollment
	procedure documents in exchange for their entrance examination cards. These
	documents will be mailed to applicants who are unable to come to campus.
	(3) The university will not respond to any inquiries regarding the acceptance status
	of applications.
Enrollment	(1) The applicants accepted must send the designated enrollment procedure
Procedures	documents and pay tuition (via bank transfer) by the enrollment procedure
	deadline.
	(2) Documents necessary for the enrollment procedure:
	1. Enrollment procedure documents (issued by the university)
	2. A copy of your residence record (must include nationality, etc.; status of
	residence; period of stay; expiration date of the period of stay; katakana
	notation of name; history of aliases; residence card/special permanent
	resident certificate number, etc Only necessary if you applied using proof of status of residence.
	3. Two color ID photos: 4 cm high × 3 cm wide; frontal photos (no hat) taken within the past three months
	4. Certificate of graduation or certificate of completion (new graduates only; submit after graduation)
	(3) Once enrollment procedure documents are received, they will not be returned.
	(4) Those who complete the enrollment procedures will receive an enrollment
	certificate.
	(5) Fees on entrance
	Education expenses:
	Admission fee: 200,000 yen (first year only)
	Tuition fee: 450,000 yen (annually)
	Membership fee for club activities: 4,000 yen (annually)
	Total: 654,000 yen
Refunds after	If you must withdraw your application, you must submit the designated
Completing	withdrawal form along with the enrollment certificate the university issued you by
Enrollment	the deadline noted below. All fees except your admission fee will be refunded.
Procedures	Refunds will not be made after the deadline.

	Withdrawal deadline: noon on March 31 (Tue.), 2026 (by mail or if bringing the
	documents in directly)
Entrance Ceremony	You will be notified of the date and time after completing the enrollment
	procedures.
Academic Degree	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
Other	If you are taking the special international student's entrance examination
	Kitasato University conducts security export control based on the Foreign
	Exchange and Foreign Trade Act to ensure that the educational and research
	contents provided to international students does not interfere with the
	maintenance of international peace and security. Please be aware that the
	university may ask you to change the content of your desired education/research
	due to the above reason.
About the	Details will be posted on the Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences website.
Scholarship Program	

Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences

Subjects Taught in the Doctoral Program (Division of Veterinary Medicine) of the Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences

As of July 1, 2025

Main subjects

Special Studies in Veterinary Anatomy | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Anatomy | Research on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Anatomy

Special Studies in Veterinary Physiology | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Physiology | Research on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Physiology

Special Studies in Veterinary Biochemistry | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Biochemistry | Research on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Biochemistry

Special Studies in Veterinary Pharmacology | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Pharmacology | Research on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Pharmacology

Special Studies in Veterinary Pathology | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Pathology | Research on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Pathology

Special Studies in Veterinary Microbiology | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Microbiology | Research on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Microbiology

Special Studies in Veterinary Internal Medicine | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Internal Medicine | Research on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Internal Medicine

Special Studies in Veterinary Surgery | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Surgery | Research on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Surgery

Special Studies in Theriogenology | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Theriogenology | Research on Advanced Topics in Theriogenology

Special Studies in Large Animal Medicine | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Large Animal Medicine |

Research on Advanced Topics in Large Animal Medicine

Related subjects

Special Studies in Zoonosis | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Zoonosis | Research on Advanced Topics in Zoonosis

Special Studies in Veterinary Parasitology | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Parasitology | Research on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Parasitology

Special Studies in Veterinary Radiology | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Radiology | Research on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Radiology

Special Studies in Animal Hygiene | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Animal Hygiene | Research on Advanced Topics in Animal Hygiene

Special Studies in Veterinary Infectious Diseases | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Infectious Diseases | Research on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Infectious Diseases

Special Studies in Veterinary Public Health | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Public Health | Research on Advanced Topics in Veterinary Public Health

Special Studies in Laboratory Animal Science | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Laboratory Animal Science | Research on Advanced Topics in Laboratory Animal Science

Special Studies in Toxicology | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Toxicology | Research on Advanced Topics in Toxicology

Special Lecture in Veterinary Science

Course Programs in the Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences Doctoral Program (Division of Veterinary Medicine) That Are Recruiting

As of July 1, 2025

Specialized fields	Instructors	
Veterinary Anatomy	YOSHIOKA Kazuki	
	Professor	
Veterinary Physiology	KURUSU Shiro	
	Professor	
Veterinary Biochemistry	YOSHIKAWA Yasunaga	
	Associate Professor	
Veterinary Pharmacology	YAMAWAKI Hideyuki	
	Professor	
Veterinary Pathology	KAWAGUCHI Hiroaki	
	Professor	
Veterinary Microbiology	TANABE Taishi	
	Professor	
Veterinary Internal Medicine	KANAI Kazutaka	
	Professor	

	KAMESHIMA Satoshi
	Associate Professor
Veterinary Surgery	OKANO Shozo
	Professor
	SAKONJU Iwao
	Professor
Theriogenology	KIKUCHI Kazuhiro
	Professor
Large Animal Medicine	TAKAHASHI Fumiaki
	Professor
Zoonosis	HU Dong-Liang
	Professor
Veterinary Parasitology	IKADAI Hiromi
	Professor
Veterinary Radiology	NATSUHORI Masahiro
	Professor
Animal Hygiene	KAKUDA Tsutomu
	Professor
Veterinary Infectious Diseases	TAKANO Tomomi
	Professor
Veterinary Public Health	KASHIMOTO Takashige
	Professor
Laboratory Animal Science	SASAKI Nobuya
	Professor
Toxicology	KAMATA Ryo
	Professor

Inquiries: Admissions Office (within the School of Veterinary Medicine Office), Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences, Kitasato University

35-1, Higashi-23bancho, Towada-shi, Aomori 034-8628, Japan

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Application	Non-Japanese citizens that meet any of the following requirements and have been
Qualifications	approved for application after an interview by a professor in a specialized field in
	the desired course program:
	(1) Have a master's or professional degree (a professional degree as described in
	Article 5-2 of the Degree Regulations, based on Article 104, Paragraph 1 of the
	School Education Act; the same shall apply hereinafter), or those expected to
	receive such a degree by March 31, 2024.
	(2) Have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree
	from a foreign country, or expected to receive such a degree by March 31, 2024.
	(3) Others recognized by the Kitasato University Graduate School of Veterinary
	Sciences as having academic ability equivalent or superior to those who have
	been awarded a master's or professional degree.
Examination Method	The applicant's ability, aptitude and the like will be comprehensively judged
	based on the written examination, interview and application documents, etc.
	(1) Written examination
	1. Specialized subject: One main subject in their desired specialized field (exam
	conducted in either Japanese or English)
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Documents	(1) Application form: Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences designated form
	(signed and sealed by a professor in a specialized field in the desired course
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	(2) Resume: Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences designated form
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- card: Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences designated forms
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- (14) Entrance examination fee: \prec{\pma}{20,000}

	Payment method: Bank transfer or bring cash to the application counter.
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	addressed to you, since it will be used to send the entrance examination card
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	English, please attach a translation in Japanese or English certified by your
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	family name, you must also attach a certificate of family register.
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	documents is falsified.
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Submission Methods	Submit your application documents to the Admissions Office of the Graduate
	School of Veterinary Sciences by mail or in person by the designated date to
	receive an entrance examination card.
	(1) If you are sending your application documents by mail, please attach the
	application address label downloaded from the university website to a 240 mm
	× 332 mm envelope and send it via registered mail or express delivery. (Must
	arrive by the deadline.)
	(2) Pay the entrance examination fee by bank transfer or bring cash to the
	application counter.
	(3) Once the application documents and entrance examination fee have been
	received, they will not be returned.
Mailing	Admissions Office (within the School of Veterinary Medicine Office), Graduate
Address/Application	School of Veterinary Sciences, Kitasato University
Counter	35-1, Higashi-23bancho, Towada-shi, Aomori 034-8628, Japan
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	(4) Those who complete the enrollment procedures will receive an enrollment
	certificate.
	(5) Fees on entrance
	Education expenses:
	Admission fee: 200,000 yen (first year only)
	Tuition fee: 450,000 yen (annually)
	Membership fee for club activities: 4,000 yen (annually)
	Total: 654,000 yen
Refunds after	If you must withdraw your application, you must submit the designated
Completing	withdrawal form along with the enrollment certificate the university issued you
Enrollment	by the deadline noted below. All fees except your admission fee will be refunded.
Procedures	Refunds will not be made after the deadline.
	Withdrawal deadline: noon on March 31 (Tue.), 2026 (by mail or if bringing the
	documents in directly)
Entrance Ceremony	You will be notified of the date and time after completing the enrollment
	procedures.
Academic Degree	Doctor of Agriculture
Other	If you are taking the special international student's entrance examination
	Kitasato University conducts security export control based on the Foreign
	Exchange and Foreign Trade Act to ensure that the educational and research
	contents provided to international students does not interfere with the
	maintenance of international peace and security. Please be aware that the
	university may ask you to change the content of your desired education/research
	due to the above reason.
About the Scholarship	Details will be posted on the Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences website.
Program	

Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences

Subjects Taught in the Doctoral Program (Division of Animal Science) of the Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences

As of July 1, 2025

Main subjects		
Special Studies in Animal Reproduction Seminar on Advanced Topics in Animal Reproduction		
Special Studies in Animal Feeding and Management Seminar on Advanced Topics in Animal Feeding		
and Management		
Special Studies in Animal Nutrition Seminar on Advanced Topics in Animal Nutrition		
Special Studies in Food Science Seminar on Advanced Topics in Food Science		
Special Studies in Environmental and Biological Chemistry Seminar on Advanced Topics in		
Environmental and Biological Chemistry		

Special Studies in Sustainable Agriculture | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Sustainable Agriculture Special Studies in Ecological Environment | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Ecological Environment Special Studies in Remediation Environment | Seminar on Advanced Topics in Remediation Environment Special Lecture in Animal Science

	Related subjects
Special Studies in Animal Physiology	
Special Studies in Animal Hygiene	

Course Programs in the Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences Doctoral Program (Division of Animal Science) That Are Recruiting

As of July 1, 2025

Specialized fields	Instructors
Animal Reproduction	NAGANO Masashi
	Professor
	KUBOTA Hiroshi
	Professor
Animal Feeding and Management	MATSUURA Akihiro
	Associate Professor
	NABENISHI Hisashi
	Associate Professor
Animal Nutrition	HAMANO Yoshio
	Professor
Food Science	KOMIYA Yusuke
	Associate Professor
Environmental and Biological Chemistry	MUKAI Takao
	Professor
Sustainable Agriculture	BABA Mitsuhisa
	Professor
Ecological Environment	SHINDO Junji
	Professor
	OKADA Ayumi
	Professor
	TOKUTSU Ryutaro
	Professor
Remediation Environment	MORI Atsushi
	Professor
	MAIE Nagamitsu
	Professor
	TAGO Kanako

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