

KITASATO UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF VETERINARY SCIENCES

***A Guide to Foreign Postgraduate Student Applications for
Admission to the Master's and Doctoral Programs***



Academic Year 2026

Kitasato University provides 9 postgraduate schools. The postgraduate school for Veterinary Sciences is one of them, and located in Towada City, Aomori Prefecture, which is the northernmost prefecture on mainland Japan. The postgraduate school started in 1970 as Master's program in Veterinary Science, and in Animal Sciences. In 1972, the university established a doctoral program. Postgraduate study in Bio-production and Environmental Sciences was established in 1987.

At present, the postgraduate school is composed of a master's program and a doctoral program. The master's program provides postgraduate study in Animal Science and Environmental Bioscience, while the doctoral program provides postgraduate study in Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine.

The school term for the master's program is 2 years, while that for the doctoral program is 3 years for Animal Science and 4 years for Veterinary Medicine. In Japan, the number of foreign postgraduate students has been increasing rapidly. The objective of these programs is to contribute through our postgraduate course to the whole world while positively inviting foreign students.

Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences

2026 Special International Student's Entrance Examination for Kitasato University Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences (Division of Animal Science and Division of Environmental Bioscience)

Master's Program

Number of Accepted Applicants	Division of Animal Science: A few Division of Environmental Bioscience: A few
Application Period	October 22 (Wed.) to November 5 (Wed.), 2025
Examination Dates	December 3 (Wed.) and 4 (Thu.), 2025
Acceptance Announcement	10 a.m., December 23 (Tue.), 2025
Enrollment Procedure Deadline	January 23 (Fri.), 2026
Application Qualifications	Non-Japanese citizens that meet any of application qualifications (1) through (12) of the general admission examination for the master's 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 Division of Animal Science Specialized subject One subject in their desired field from the following six subjects (exam conducted in either Japanese or English): Animal Reproduction, Animal Feeding and Management, Animal Nutrition, Food Science, Environmental and Biological Chemistry, Animal Cell Biotechnology Division of Environmental Bioscience Specialized subject One subject in their desired field from the following five subjects (exam conducted in either Japanese or English): Environmental Land Reclamation, Landscape Architecture and Conservation, Water Environment, Wildlife Science, Environmental Informatics For both majors 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 Documents	Prepare your documents in either Japanese or English. (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 or certificate of expected graduation from the last 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 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 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) (10) 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

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Notes for Filling Out Application Forms	(1) Write clearly in block letters using a black ballpoint pen (do not use erasable 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 documents will not be accepted.													
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 Address/Application Counter	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 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)													
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Refunds after Completing Enrollment Procedures	If you must withdraw your application, you must submit the designated withdrawal form along with the enrollment certificate the university issued you by the deadline noted below. All fees except your admission fee will be refunded. 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	Master 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.
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Subjects Taught in the Master's Program of the Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences

Division of Animal Science

As of July 1, 2025

Main subjects
Advanced Animal Reproduction Research on Advanced Topics in Animal Reproduction Advanced Animal Feeding and Management Research on Advanced Topics in Animal Feeding and Management Advanced Animal Nutrition Research on Advanced Topics in Animal Nutrition Advanced Food Science Research on Advanced Topics in Food Science Advanced Environmental and Biological Chemistry Research on Advanced Topics in Environmental and Biological Chemistry Advanced Animal Cell Biotechnology Research on Advanced Topics in Animal Cell Biotechnology

Related subjects
Advanced Farm Management and Environmental Economics Advanced Ecology of Grassland Advanced Landscape Architecture and Conservation Advanced Wildlife Science Advanced Animal Physiology Advanced Animal Hygiene

Division of Environmental Bioscience

Main subjects
Advanced Environmental Land Reclamation Research on Advanced Topics in Environmental Land Reclamation Advanced Landscape Architecture and Conservation Research on Advanced Topics in Landscape Architecture and Conservation Advanced Water Environment Research on Advanced Topics in Water Environment Advanced Wildlife Science Research on Advanced Topics in Wildlife Science Advanced Environmental Informatics Research on Advanced Topics in Environmental Informatics

Related subjects
Advanced Environmental Soil Science Advanced Ecology of Grassland Advanced Environmental Water Resources Advanced Ecological Mitigation Advanced Environmental Information Advanced Agricultural Facilities Advanced Farm Management and Environmental Economics Advanced Sustainable Animal Production

Course Programs in the Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences Master's Program That Are Recruiting

Division of Animal Science

As of July 1, 2025

Specialized fields	Instructors
Animal Reproduction	NAGANO Masashi 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
Animal Cell Biotechnology	KUBOTA Hiroshi Professor

Division of Environmental Bioscience

As of July 1, 2025

Specialized fields	Instructors
Environmental Land Reclamation	MORI Atsushi Professor TAGO Kanako Professor
Landscape Architecture and Conservation	BABA Mitsuhiisa Professor TOKUTSU Ryutaro Professor
Water Environment	MAIE Nagamitsu Professor
Wildlife Science	SHINDO Junji Professor OKADA Ayumi Professor
Environmental Informatics	NAGASAKA Yoshisada Associate Professor

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Academic Degree	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
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About the Scholarship Program	Details will be posted on the Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences website.

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

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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	
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Notes for Filling Out Application Forms	(1) Write clearly in block letters using a black ballpoint pen (do not use erasable 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 documents will not be accepted.
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 Address/Application Counter	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 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 <table><tr><td colspan="3">Arrival of examinees: 9:10 a.m.</td></tr><tr><td>1st period</td><td>English</td><td>9:30 to 11 a.m.</td></tr><tr><td>2nd period</td><td>Specialized subjects</td><td>1 to 2:30 p.m.</td></tr></table> Second day: Interview <table><tr><td colspan="2">Arrival of examinees: 9:10 a.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Interview</td><td>From 9:30 a.m.</td></tr></table>	Arrival of examinees: 9:10 a.m.			1 st period	English	9:30 to 11 a.m.	2 nd period	Specialized subjects	1 to 2:30 p.m.	Arrival of examinees: 9:10 a.m.		Interview	From 9:30 a.m.
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Notes on Examination	(1) Be sure to bring your entrance examination card. (2) Examinees who arrive more than 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 Announcement	(1) The examination numbers of the applicants accepted will be posted on the 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 Procedures	(1) The applicants accepted must send the designated enrollment procedure 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 Completing Enrollment Procedures	If you must withdraw your application, you must submit the designated withdrawal form along with the enrollment certificate the university issued you by the deadline noted below. All fees except your admission fee will be refunded. 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 Program	Details will be posted on the Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences website.

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 Mitsuhsa 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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