

Meiji Pharmaceutical University
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Life and Pharmaceutical Sciences Major (Doctoral Course)
2026 Guidelines for Overseas Applicants for April Enrollment

1. **No. of slots available:** A few

2. **Laboratories offered**

Course: Life and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Laboratory:

Organic and Medicinal Chemistry
Synthetic Organic Chemistry
Physical Chemistry
Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry
Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry
RNA Pathobiology and Therapeutics
Infection Control Science
Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Chemistry of Functional Molecules
Microbiology

Note:

- Applications to Pharmacodynamics is not accepted
- In general, only (1) student will be admitted to each laboratory.

3. **Qualifications**

Graduates of a master's course or those who have completed abroad a course recognized as being equivalent to or higher than the Master's course at Meiji Pharmaceutical University Graduate School, or students who are expected to graduate from such a course by **March, 2026**.

4. **Period and place of application**

(1) Period of application: **Wednesday 5 November, 2025** to **Friday, 21 November, 2025**

(Saturdays, 9 November and 16 November are excluded)

(2) Place of application: Office of the Graduate School, from 9 am to 11 am, and from 1 pm to 4 pm (The office is open until noon on Saturdays. No applications are accepted on Sundays.)

5. **Application procedures**

The following documents must be submitted to the University. Documents submitted by post must be sent by registered mail and have "Graduate School Overseas Application" written in red on the front of the envelope.

- (1) Application form (use the University's format)
- (2) Diploma or certificate of (prospective) completion from last educational institution attended
- (3) Transcript of records from last educational institution attended
- (4) Master's thesis (one (1) copy of thesis and one (1) copy of summary [not more than 1200 words, A4 size bond paper])
- (5) Medical examination certificate (The form is available from the University. To be completed by the examining physician within three months prior to application. In the event of doubt, the applicant may be required to undergo a re-examination at the University.)
- (6) Two (2) photographs (upper body, full face without a hat, size: 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm, taken within three (3) months prior to application. To be affixed to the application form and the examination admission card.)
- (7) Letter of recommendation or its equivalent from a supervisor/professor at the last educational institution attended (in English or Japanese) and letter of approval from a professor at Meiji Pharmaceutical University
- (8) Official certificate of proficiency in Japanese or English (The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test Certificate of Results and Scores, TOEIC Official Score Certificate, etc.)
- (9) Letter of guarantee (Should be signed and sealed by the guarantor. The guarantor should be a resident of Japan and be responsible for guaranteeing the student's moral character and study expenses while in Japan.)
- (10) Certificate of Items Stated in Resident Register, a Copy of Resident Card (or Alien Registration Card)

(If the applicant is a resident of Japan, the above should be submitted at the time of application. If the applicant is a non-resident, registration must be completed immediately after entering Japan and the certificate submitted.)

(Certificate of Items Stated in Resident Register: must include nationality, status of residence, period of stay, and date of expiration. Resident Card or Alien Registration Card: submit one copy each of front and back of the card.)

6. Examination fee

30,000 yen (To be paid at the time of application for the second selection, payable by postal money order)

7. Selection method

Selection shall be based on overall research ability in the field of Life and Pharmaceutical Sciences (examination of Master's thesis and research papers), interview, medical examination, etc.

8. Selection dates, examination subjects and venue

- (1) First selection

Date: mid-December, 2025

Subject: Screening of documents only

Venue: Meiji Pharmaceutical University

(2) Second selection

Date: Saturday, 14 February, 2026

Subject & examination time: English language test 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Interview From 1 pm

Venue: Meiji Pharmaceutical University

(Note) The interview includes 15 minutes of presentation of research achievements by applicant and 15 minutes of question-and-answer period. (Use of PC, etc. is permitted.)

9. Notification of results

(1) First selection: Applicants shall be notified in writing by the end of December, 2025.

(2) Second selection: Results shall be announced at 1:00 pm at the University on Monday, 15 February, 2026 and successful applicants shall be notified in writing.

10. Entrance procedures

After the applicant has been accepted for admission to the University, the applicant must provide the name of his/her guarantor, submit the required documents, and pay the fees no later than the designated date in March, 2026. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of admission to the University.

11. Fees

Admission fee: 200,000 yen

Tuition fee: 680,000 yen (payable in two installments of 340,000 yen each semester)

Insurance(as of 2025): 2,600 yen (three-year student insurance for education, accident, and injury or illness)

Additional insurance cost may be incurred if a student participates in special training programs outside the University.

Note that students may apply for tuition exemption for overseas students offered by Meiji Pharmaceutical University.

12. Research Assistant system

Students can apply for the position of Research Assistant at Meiji Pharmaceutical University.

13. Special Examination Arrangements and Academic Accommodations

Applicants requiring special examination arrangements due to physical reasons (such as illness, injury, or disability) must complete the prescribed application procedures with the Graduate School Office prior to submitting their application. Applicants are required to notify the Graduate School Office by email no later than one month before the application deadline. Based on the submitted request, the University will review and determine the appropriate arrangements and subsequently notify the applicant of the decision. Applicants must confirm the details of the arrangements before submitting their application.

Prior consultation regarding the application for special examination arrangements, as well as

consultation concerning academic accommodations, must be conducted via email with the Graduate School Office before application submission, regardless of the aforementioned timeline.

Applicants intending to use assistive devices during the examination, such as hearing aids or wheelchairs, must also submit an application.

Please be advised that failure to submit the required application by the specified deadline may result in the inability to provide accommodations on the day of the examination. In cases of unavoidable or sudden circumstances, applicants must promptly contact the Graduate School Office.

(Important Notes)

Please note that the University may not be able to accommodate all requests.

Furthermore, examination fees will not be refunded even if an applicant withdraws their application due to dissatisfaction with the approved arrangements.

14. Notes:

- (1) Applicants who pass the first selection are required to pay 30,000 yen as examination fee for the second selection (payable by postal money order).
- (2) Applicants must consult in advance with the professor under whom they wish to study.
- (3) Admission may be cancelled in the event of omission of important entries on the application form or the entry of false information.
- (4) No documents shall be returned once submitted. No examination fees shall be refunded.
- (5) Smoking is prohibited on the university premises and on surrounding roads, and a 'Non-Smoking Pledge' must be submitted at the time of enrollment procedures.

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