

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 2022

Kitasato University provides 7 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.

MASTER'S PROGRAM

The Master's program consists of two courses; one administered by the Division of Animal Science and the other the Division of Environmental Bioscience. The duration for each program is 2 years.

1. Number of Applicants to be accepted (募集人員)

Division of Animal Science: A few foreign students are accepted every year.

Division of Environmental Bioscience: A few foreign students are accepted every year.

2. Qualifications for Application (出願資格)

Applicants who are not Japanese citizens are required to meet one of the following criteria and to be previously interviewed by a professor in the specialized field for the desired subject for final application approval. Please ask our administration office the criteria if you wish to enroll before application.

- 1) Be an applicant who has graduated or is expected to graduate from a university in March, 2022.
- 2) Be an applicant who has received a Bachelor's Degree according to paragraph 4, Article 104 of the School Education Act from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation or is expected to receive such a degree on or before March 31, 2022.
- 3) Be an applicant who has completed 16 years of education in a foreign country or is expected to complete on or before March 31, 2022.
- 4) Be an applicant who has completed 16 years of education in the said overseas education system by taking its correspondence course in Japan or is expected to complete such a curriculum on or before March 31, 2022.
- 5) Be an applicant who has completed 16 years of school curriculum at an educational institute established under the school education system of a foreign country in Japan, and who has completed a curriculum specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan or who is expected to complete such a curriculum on or before March 31, 2022.
- 6) Be an applicant who has an academic degree equal to a bachelor's degree in foreign university or other institute (limited to the facilities which the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology appoints as a facility which received the evaluation about the general situation such as the education research activities or a facility which follows it by the person who received the certification of the foreign government or the related organization) by completing the course that are 3 years or more in length (including completing the courses in Japan by completing corresponding classes offered by a foreign school and the course specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at an educational institute established by a school education system of foreign country) or is expected to have such a degree on or before March 31, 2022.
- 7) Be an applicant who has completed a specialized course at a special training college (whose term of study is 4 years or more and which satisfies other criteria separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) and who have completed education programs separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, after the date designated by the said minister or is expected to complete such a specialized course on or before March 31, 2022.
- 8) Be an applicant who has been recognized as having a level of academic ability equal to or superior to the average university graduate by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- 9) Be an applicant who has been enrolled in a graduate school of a different university stipulated in Paragraph 2 of Article 102 of the School Education Act and those have been

recognized by our graduate school as having equivalent academic ability to receive an education at a graduate school.

- 10) Be an applicant who will reach 22 years of age on or before March 31, 2022 and have been recognized as having the academic ability equivalent to or superior to the qualifications of those who have graduated from a university by a preliminary qualification screening of our graduate school
- 11) Be an applicant who has studied for 3 years or more in a university or completed a 15-year curriculum of school education at a foreign country, with acquisition of the credits designated by our university with high marks which is recognized by our graduate school.
- 12) Be an applicant who has been recognized as having a level of academic ability equal to or superior to the average university graduate by a preliminary qualification screening of our graduate school

Applicants who fall under criteria (9), (10), (11) and (12) of the application requirement above must refer to “Application Requirement Approval” and apply for application requirement approval to the administration office on or before 1 week of the start accepting.

3. Examinations for Admission (選抜方法)

The prospective applicant's ability and aptitude, etc. are collated and appraised by the written examination, interview, and the application document, etc.

1) Written examination (questions in Japanese and answers in either Japanese or English)

(i) Subjects of study

Division of Animal Science

Applicants must choose one subject from following six subjects in each major field of study including the subject to which he/she has applied.

Animal Reproduction, Animal Feeding and Management, Animal Nutrition,
Food Science, Environmental and Biological Chemistry, Animal Cell Biotechnology.

Division of Environmental Bioscience

Applicants must choose one subject from following five subjects in each major field of study including the subject to which he/she has applied.

Environmental Land Reclamation, Landscape Architecture and Conservation,
Water Environment, Wildlife Science, Environmental Informatics.

(ii) Foreign language

English (answers in Japanese)

2) Oral examination (conducted in English or Japanese)

※ Depending on the circumstances of the applicant applying for entrance, selection may be made by submitted application form only.

4. Course Programs (募集専門分野)

Division of Animal Science

- Animal Reproduction (**Prof. M. Nagano**)
- Animal Feeding and Management (**Associate Prof. A. Matsuura, Associate Prof. A. Yamazaki and Associate Prof. H. Nabenishi**)
- Animal Nutrition (**Prof. Y. Kurose and Prof. Y. Hamano**)
- Food Science (**Prof. K. Arihara**)
- Environmental and Biological Chemistry (**Prof. T. Mukai**)
- Animal Cell Biotechnology (**Prof. H. Kubota**)

Division of Environmental Bioscience

- Environmental Land Reclamation (**Prof. A. Mori**)
- Landscape Architecture and Conservation (**Prof. K. Tanaka**)
- Water Environment (**Prof. H. Taruya**)
- Wildlife Science (**Prof. J. Shindo**)
- Environmental Informatics (**Prof. K. Tanaka**)

5. Subjects Taught (授業科目)

Division of Animal Science

Main Subjects (advanced lectures):

Animal Reproduction, Animal Feeding and Management, Animal Nutrition, Food Science, Environmental and Biological Chemistry, and Animal Cell Biotechnology.

Related Subjects (advanced lectures):

Farm Management and Environmental Economics, Ecology of Grassland, Landscape Architecture and Conservation, Wildlife Science, Animal Physiology, and Animal Hygiene.

Division of Environmental Bioscience

Main Subjects (advanced lectures):

Environmental Land Reclamation, Landscape Architecture and Conservation, Water Environment, Wildlife Science, and Environmental Informatics.

Related Subjects (advanced lectures):

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

6. Academic Degree (学位)

Master of Agriculture

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The Doctoral program is administered by Division of Animal Science and Division of Veterinary Medicine. The duration of the doctoral program in Division of Animal Science is 3 years. The duration of doctoral program in Division of Veterinary Medicine is 4 years

Division of Animal Science

1. Number of Applicants to be accepted (募集人員)

A few foreign students are accepted every year.

2. Qualifications for Application (出願資格)

Applicants who are not Japanese citizens are required to meet one of the following criteria and to be previously interviewed by a professor in the specialized field for the desired subject for final application approval. Please ask our administration office the criteria if you wish to enroll before application.

- 1) Be an applicant who has a master's degree or a professional degree according to paragraph 2, Article 5 of the Degree Regulation based on paragraph 4, Article 104 of the School Education Act or is expected to have on or before March 31, 2022.
- 2) Be an applicant who has a master's degree or a professional degree from a foreign university or is expected to have on or before March 31, 2022.
- 3) Be an applicant whose academic achievements is approved as being equivalent to or higher than a master's degree or professional degree in the judgement of our graduate school.

3. Examinations for Admission (選抜方法)

The prospective applicant's ability and aptitude, etc. are collated and appraised by the written examination, interview, and the application document, etc.

1) Written examination (questions in Japanese and answers in either Japanese or English)

(i) Special subject for study

Applicant must choose one subject from following major subjects for study (desired specialized course).

Animal Reproduction, Animal Feeding and Management, Animal Nutrition, Food Science, Environmental and Biological Chemistry, Ecological Environment, Remediation Environment, Sustainable Animal Production.

(ii) Foreign language

English (answers in Japanese)

2) Oral examination (conducted in English or Japanese)

※ Depending on the circumstances of the applicant applying for entrance, selection may be made by submitted application form only.

4. Course Programs (募集専門分野)

- Animal Reproduction (**Prof. M. Nagano and Prof. H. Kubota**)
- Animal Feeding and Management (**Associate Prof. A. Matsuura, Associate Prof. A. Yamazaki and Associate Prof. H. Nabenishi**)
- Animal Nutrition (**Prof. Y. Kurose and Prof. Y. Hamano**)
- Food Science (**Prof. K. Arihara**)
- Environmental and Biological Chemistry (**Prof. T. Mukai**)
- Sustainable Animal Production (**Associate Prof. M. Baba**)
- Ecological Environment (**Prof. K. Tanaka and Prof. J. Shindo**)
- Remediation for Environment (**Prof. H. Taruya and Prof. A. Mori**)

5. Subjects Taught (special advanced lectures, seminars and experiments) (授業科目)

1) Main Subjects (advanced lectures and seminars)

Animal Reproduction, Animal Feeding and Management, Animal Nutrition, Food Science, Environmental and Biological Chemistry, Sustainable Animal Production, Ecological Environment, Remediation for Environment and Animal Science.

2) Related Subjects (advanced lectures)

Animal Physiology and Animal Hygiene.

6. Academic Degree (学位)

Doctor of Agriculture

Division of Veterinary Medicine

1. Number of Applicants to be accepted (募集人員)

A few foreign students are accepted every year.

2. Qualifications for Application (出願資格)

Applicants who are not Japanese citizens are required to meet one of the following criteria and to be previously interviewed by a professor in the specialized field for the desired subject for final application approval. Please ask our administration office the criteria if you wish to enroll before application.

- 1) Be an applicant who has graduated from a university whose course term is six years of Veterinary Sciences or is expected to graduate such a course in March 2022.
- 2) Be an applicant who has graduated from a university whose course is six years of Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy or is expected to graduate until March 31, 2022.
- 3) Be an applicant who had completed 18 years of school education (the last curriculum taken should be Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences or Veterinary Sciences) or is expected to graduate such a school education on or before March 31, 2022.
- 4) Be an applicant who has completed 18 years of education in a foreign country (the last curriculum taken should be Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences or Veterinary Sciences) by taking a correspondence course in Japan which is offered by a school in the said country.
- 5) Be an applicant who got a degree equivalent to bachelor degree or is expected to graduate at a foreign university or school by completing a curriculum for 5 years or more on or before March 31, 2022. It is also allowed to complete a curriculum by taking a correspondence course in Japan which is offered by a school in the said country or to complete a curriculum at an educational institution in Japan, which has been positioned in the education system of the said foreign county and are designated in the item
- 6) Be an applicant who have attained a master's degree or professional degree from foreign educational institutions (the curriculum taken should be Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences or Veterinary Sciences) in Japan offering graduate courses that conform with the educational system of the relevant country and designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- 7) Be an applicant who is equivalent to those who has completed six years curriculum of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine and has been specially selected by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
 - a. A person who has taken and completed a course of Medical Sciences or Dental Sciences in a university under the old University Ordinance (Imperial Ordinance No. 388 of 1918)
 - b. A person who has completed the National Defense Medical College under the Act for Establishment of the Ministry of Defense
 - c. A person who was enrolled in a master course, a professional graduate school as stipulated in Paragraph 2 of Article 99 of the School Education Act or a doctoral course that does not divide master's and doctoral courses for more than two years, obtained more than 30 credits, and received the necessary research guidance, and have been recognized as having the academic ability equivalent to or superior to that of those who completed a Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical Sciences or Veterinary Sciences courses.
 - d. A person who has graduated from a university (except for a course in which students study Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, or Veterinary Sciences), or those who were engaged in research for more than two years at a university or research institution after completing 16 years of academic education outside Japan, and has been recognized as

having the academic ability equal to or superior to those who have graduated a university course in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences or Veterinary Sciences in the judgement of our graduate school.

- 8) Be an applicant who has been enrolled in a graduate school (limited to a doctoral course in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences or Veterinary Sciences) of a different university and those have been recognized by our graduate school as having equivalent academic ability to receive an education at a graduate school.
- 9) Be an applicant whose academic achievements are approved as being equivalent to or higher than the bachelor of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences or Veterinary Sciences in the judgement of our graduate school; also, the applicants should be more than 24 years of age by March 31, 2022.
- 10) A person who is enrolled in a university more than 4 years (only Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences or Veterinary Sciences) or has completed 16 years of school curriculum outside Japan by taking a correspondence course offered by a foreign school in Japan, and is recognized as having completed the specified course with outstanding marks by our graduate school.
- 11) Be an applicant whose academic ability is equivalent to or superior to those who have graduated the curriculum of Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical Sciences or Veterinary Medicine by a preliminary qualification screening of our graduate school.

Applicants who fall under criteria (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11) of the application requirement above must refer to “Application Requirement Approval” and apply for application requirement approval to the administration office on or before 1 week of the start accepting.

3. Examinations for Admission (選抜方法)

The prospective applicant's ability and aptitude, etc. are collated and appraised by the written examination, interview, and the application document, etc.

1) Written examination (questions in Japanese and answers in either Japanese or English)

(i) Special subject for study

Applicant must choose one subject from following major subjects for study (desired specialized course).

Veterinary Anatomy, Veterinary Physiology, Veterinary Biochemistry, Veterinary Pharmacology, Veterinary Pathology, Veterinary Microbiology, Veterinary Internal Medicine, Veterinary Surgery, Theriogenology, Large Animal Medicine, Zoonosis, Veterinary Parasitology, Veterinary Radiology and Radiation biology, Animal Hygiene, Veterinary Infectious Diseases, Veterinary Public Health, Experimental Animal Science, and Toxicology.

(ii) Foreign language

English (answers in Japanese)

2) Oral examination (conducted in English or Japanese)

※ Depending on the circumstances of the applicant applying for entrance, selection may be made by submitted application form only.

4. Course Programs (募集専門分野)

- Veterinary Anatomy (**Prof. K. Yoshioka**)
- Veterinary Physiology (**Prof. S. Kurusu**)
- Veterinary Biochemistry (**Prof. K. Orino**)
- Veterinary Pharmacology (**Prof. H. Yamawaki**)
- Veterinary Pathology (**Prof. H. Kawaguchi**)
- Veterinary Microbiology (**Associate Prof. T. Tanabe**)

- Veterinary Internal Medicine (**Prof. N. Ito and Prof. K. Kanai**)
- Veterinary Surgery (**Prof. S. Okano and Prof. I. Sakonju**)
- Theriogenology (**Prof. M. Sakaguchi**)
- Large Animal Medicine (**Associate Prof. H. Takahashi**)
- Zoonosis (**Prof. Hu. D.-L**)
- Veterinary Parasitology (**Prof. N. Kudo**)
- Veterinary Radiology and Radiation biology (**Prof. M. Natsuhori**)
- Animal Hygiene (**Associate Prof. T. Kakuda**)
- Veterinary Infectious Diseases (**Prof. T. Takano**)
- Veterinary Public Health (**Prof. S. Ueno**)
- Experimental Animal Science (**Prof. N. Sasaki**)
- Toxicology (**Associate Prof. R. Kamata**)

5. Subjects Taught (special advanced lectures, seminars and experiments) (授業科目)

Veterinary Anatomy, Veterinary Physiology, Veterinary Biochemistry, Veterinary Pharmacology, Veterinary Pathology, Veterinary Microbiology, Veterinary Internal Medicine, Veterinary Surgery, Theriogenology, Large Animal Medicine, Zoonosis, Veterinary Parasitology, Veterinary Radiology and Radiation biology, Animal Hygiene, Veterinary Infectious Diseases, Veterinary Public Health, Experimental Animal Science, Toxicology and Veterinary Science.

6. Academic Degree (学位)

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

I . Period for Application, Examination Dates and Date for Announcement of Successful Applicants, etc. (受付期間、試験日、合格発表日、入学手続締切日)

	1st stage examination
Examination dates	December 1 (Wed.) and 2 (Thu.), 2021
Application period	October 20 (Wed.) ~ November 4 (Thu.), 2021
Date for announcement of successful applicants	December 21 (Tue.), 2021
Deadline for enrollment	January 21 (Fri.), 2022

II . Application Materials (出願書類)

Application Form is available via the following website:

http://www.kitasato-u.ac.jp/nyuusi/daigakuin/yoko_v_in.html

Please ask our administration office if you have a question to fill out the application form.

Please fill out in English or Japanese.

- 1) Application Form
- 2) Curriculum Vitae
- 3) Name and Photo Sheet, Payment and Examination Fee Sheet and Exam Admission Ticket
- 4) A diploma or a certificate promising graduation from the last school attended (**Form A** or an optional form) issued less than 3 months before the application is submitted.
- 5) A transcript of the applicant's academic record from the last school attended (**Form B** or an optional form) issued less than 3 months before the application is submitted.
- 6) A letter of recommendation by a teacher at the last school (**Form C** or an optional form).
- 7) Statement of Purpose including the applicant's aspirations.
- 8) A Certification of approval of Japanese language proficiency made by a professor in the specialized field of the desired subject or by another qualified person (an optional form).
- 9) Acceptance Letter by your supervisor
- 10) Certificate of health (**Form D** or an optional form) issued less than 3 months before the application is submitted.
- 11) Certificate of scholarship and identification card
 - (i) Concerning foreign students on a scholarship granted by their government or the Japanese government, or supported by another party, the certificate for such scholarship.
 - (ii) The identification card of private-expense foreign students (the guarantor who signed this card must be resident in Japan and must act as an responsibly guarantee the applicant's identification and school charges) (**Form E**).
- 12) Alien Registration Certificate (for applicants who reside in Japan) or a Certificate of Status of Residence (for applicants who are outside of Japan, or are short-term residents to attend school, should be obtained issued according to the Immigration Law or Refugee Acceptance Act).
- 13) Document for certificate of resident status
- 14) Two portrait photos: Photos of upper body, no hat/cap, and front face, taken less than 3 months before the application is submitted. Size - 4 cm long by 3 cm wide.
- 15) Entrance examination fee: 20,000 Japanese yen. (If sent from outside of Japan, please

use a Japanese Yen bank check. However, at that time, please do not fill in the acknowledgment column).

- 16) Return envelope: This envelope is used to send the entrance examination card to applicants who submit their applications by mail. Thus, please enclose a self-addressed envelope with your name and address completed and with a postage stamp (either standard or express) attached.

III. Notes for the Filling out of Applications, etc. (入学願書等記入上の注意)

- 1) Use black ink (ballpoint pen can be used) and write legibly.
- 2) Giving false information will result in the university canceling the entrance application.
- 3) The university will not accept incomplete applications.

IV. Method for Submission of Applications (出願方法)

When submitting the application, please ensure to include the entrance examination fee and send it by mail or take it directly to the office in charge of entrance examinations of the Graduate School by the deadline.

- 1) If the application is sent by mail, it must be sent by registered mail. The prescribed envelope should carry the following notice in red: "Application for Admission to the Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences". We will then mail the applicants an entrance examination card. If this card does not arrive in time, please collect it directly from the officer in charge of examinations one day before the examination is to be conducted.
- 2) Once an application is received, the documents will not be returned and the entrance examination fee will not be refunded.

V. Place of Application and Mailing Address (願書受付場所)

Nyushigakari (register's office)
Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences
Kitasato University, 35-1, Higashi 23-bancho, Towada-shi, Aomori 034-8628, Japan
The office is open every day from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM., except Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays.

VI. Place of Examination (試験場)

Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences, Kitasato University
35-1, Higashi 23-Bancho, Towada-shi, Aomori

VII. Dates and Times for Examination (時間割)

1st day, written examinations

Meeting time for examinees: -----	9:10 a.m.
1st hour: foreign language (English) -----	9:30 — 11:00 a.m.
2nd hour: speciality subject -----	13:00 — 14:30 p.m.

2nd day, Oral examination

Meeting time for examinees: -----	9:10 a.m.
Oral examination: -----	9:30 a.m.

VIII. Notes on the Examinations (受験上の注意)

- 1) Examinees must present their entrance examination card.
- 2) Entrance more than 20 minutes after the start of an examination is not permitted, as a mandatory rule.
- 3) It is not permitted to leave the examination room more than 20 minutes after the start of an examination.
- 4) For all other items, instructions by the examiner or person in charge must be followed.

IX. Announcement of Successful Applicants (合格発表)

- 1) A notice announcing the seat numbers of successful applicants will be posted at a designated place in the office of the Graduate School.
- 2) A notice of success and papers for the enrollment procedure will be granted upon receipt of the entrance examination card. The university will also send this notice with papers for procedure by mail to successful applicants who cannot come to the school to receive them.

X. Enrollment Procedure (入学手続)

- 1) Successful applicants must pay the following fees and submit the required documents by the prescribed date:
- 2) Required documents:
 - (i) Documents for enrollment procedure. (Forms prescribed by the graduate school.)
 - (ii) Alien Registration Certificate. (For applicants who take the examinations who have a Certificate of Status of Residence, please submit it by **March 2022**.)
 - (iii) Five portrait photos. (Photos of upper body, no hat/cap, and front face, taken less than 3 months before the application are submitted. Size: 4 cm long by 3 cm wide.)

3) Fees on Entrance

Education expenses:

Admission fee:	200,000 yen (first year only)
Tuition fee:	350,000 yen (annually)
Laboratory fee:	100,000 yen (annually)
Membership fee for club activities:	4,000yen (first year only)

Total: 654,000 yen

Notes:

- (i) Education expenses are generally via a lump-sum payment.
 - (ii) Education expenses during and after the next fiscal year may be revised based on the current situation.
- 4) Once the enrollment form is received it will not be returned.
 - 5) The university will admit applicants who have completed the enrollment procedure.

XI. Return Payment After Completing Enrollment Procedure (入学辞退者の納付金返還)

If an individual chooses to decline matriculation after completing the admission procedure, he/she should present a written explanation with the written permission for entrance issued by this school by the deadline indicated below. The school will then return all payments except the admission fee. **Deadline: March 31 (Thu), 2022, 12:00 p.m.**

XII. Entrance Ceremony (入学式日時場所)

The school will provide a notification of the date and location of the ceremony for students that have completed the enrollment procedures.

Contact

For enquiries in English, please contact School of Veterinary Medicine, Kitasato University

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