

Graduate School of Medicine, Hyogo Medical University
Application Guidelines for Graduate Programs, FY 2026
(Early and Late Admission Rounds)

Mission, Purpose, and Educational Objectives of the Graduate School of Medicine, Hyogo Medical University

Mission

The Graduate School of Medicine, Hyogo Medical University carries forward the founding principles of “Service to the Welfare of Society,” “Profound Love for Humanity,” and “Broad Scientific Understanding of Humanity.” From an advanced scientific perspective, we explore the truth about health and disease and contribute to societal welfare through the outcomes of our research.

Purpose

The Graduate School of Medicine aims to cultivate advanced research skills by equipping students with specialized knowledge and techniques in medicine, fostering high ethical standards in medical care and research, and developing the ability to design and carry out innovative research. Through disseminating research findings globally and contributing them to society, we nurture individuals who can advance medicine and medical care.

Educational Objectives

The Graduate School of Medicine aims to cultivate individuals with the following abilities:

1. Develop advanced research and development skills, as well as specialized knowledge and techniques related to medicine.
2. Foster compassionate humanity, ethical awareness, broad collaboration with society, the qualities of a global citizen, and the ability to engage in lifelong advanced learning through educational and research activities.

[Admissions Policy]

The Graduate School of Medicine, Hyogo Medical University provides an environment for learning and advancing medical theories and their applications, based on the founding spirit of “service to the welfare of society,” “profound love for humanity,” and “broad scientific understanding of humanity.” Specifically, by cultivating advanced research skills, a wealth of knowledge as a foundation, and a profound spirit of human compassion, the institution aims to develop creative and independent researchers, healthcare professionals with advanced expertise and skills, and educators who contribute to the inheritance and advancement of these values. Additionally, the school strives to give back the results of its research activities to society at large, thereby contributing to the progress of medicine and healthcare.

To achieve these goals, the school seeks students with the following qualities.

[Desired Characteristics of Applicants]

1. Individuals with a spirit of profound human compassion and a strong aspiration to contribute to society through research activities.
2. Individuals rich in intellectual curiosity and committed to lifelong learning.
3. Individuals who understand diverse cultures, possess a spirit of cooperation, and are eager to cultivate an international perspective.
4. Individuals with a scientific inquisitiveness and the drive to produce innovative medical research outcomes.
5. Individuals with the desire to acquire deep and broad expertise in advanced medical knowledge.
6. Individuals aspiring to become altruistic healthcare professionals, researchers, or educators capable of selflessly mentoring others.
7. Individuals eager to cultivate a wealth of knowledge and high ethical standards.
8. Individuals aiming to develop, master, and disseminate cutting-edge medical technologies.
9. Individuals with ambitions to thrive globally through international research activities.

[Selection Process]

Candidates are evaluated on their ability to excel in research and study across a wide range of medical fields. Basic reading and comprehension skills in medical English are assessed through an English proficiency test. Additionally, interviews are conducted to gauge fundamental knowledge of the chosen research field, clarity of thought, enthusiasm for learning, logical reasoning, and the ability to apply knowledge. These evaluations are used to select qualified applicants for admission.

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Number of Students to Be Admitted: 60 students

Major	Fields	Subject categories	Number of Students
Medicine	Organ and Metabolic Regulation System	Biochemistry Bioorganic Chemistry Cardiology Gastrointestinal Diseases Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Medicine Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolism Hematology Nephrology Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery Pediatric Surgery Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery Lower Gastrointestinal Surgery Breast and Endocrine Surgery Cardiovascular Surgery Thoracic Surgery Obstetrics and Gynecology Urology Oral Medicine and General Internal Medicine Community-based Comprehensive Medicine Clinical Laboratory Medicine Inflammatory Bowel Disease Studies	60
	Advanced Neural Control System	Neurobiology Neuroanatomy and Pain Neuroscience Neurophysiology Neuropharmacology Neurology Neuropsychiatry Neurosurgery Orthopedics Anesthesiology and Pain Management Science Ophthalmology Developmental Biology Otorhinolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery Rehabilitation Medicine *Palliative Medicine	
	Biological Response Regulation System	Biological Function Studies Immunology Pathogenic Parasitology Pathogenic Microbiology Infection Control Molecular Pathology Pathological Diagnostics Molecular Genetic Medicine Allergy and Rheumatology Respiratory Pathophysiology	

		Pediatrics Dermatopathology Radiology Emergency and Critical Care Medicine Transfusion and Cellular Therapy Thoracic Oncology *Radiation Oncology *Medical Physics *Clinical Oncology Pharmacology *Cancer Interventional Radiology (IVR) and Radiation Therapy *Cancer Immunology and Genomic Medicine Practical Applications
	Biological Regeneration Control System	Cardiovascular Regenerative Medicine Organ Regenerative Medicine Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Neural Regenerative Medicine
	Environmental Pathophysiology Control System	Environmental Pathophysiology Public Health Forensic Medicine Disaster Medicine Medical Education Healthcare Quality Management Clinical Research Studies Biostatistics

*For the FY 2025, the Advanced Medical Sciences program will not be accepting applications.

(Notes)

1. For details on the departments responsible for each course, please see **attached table**.
2. Applicants must select a research field and course and indicate them in the designated section of the application form.

○ Course offerings are subject to change.

*** Subject categories: “Cancer Professional” training program**

☆ Day and Night Course Systems

To accommodate working professionals, the “Special Provisions for Educational Methods under Article 14 of the Graduate School Establishment Standards” will be applied. In cases where special educational needs are recognized, education is provided through methods such as evening classes or research guidance during specific times or periods, allowing students to continue their employment without interruption. Evening classes will be held during the 6th period (18:00–19:30) and the 7th period (19:40–21:10).

Working professionals are defined as individuals employed at hospitals, educational or research institutions, companies, or similar organizations who retain their employment status after enrollment.

☆ Tuition Fee Waiver System

1. Ful Exemption

In accordance with the Internal Regulations for Tuition Reduction and Exemption of the Graduate School of Medicine, Hyogo Medical University, tuition fees for both the regular and extended enrollment periods may be exempted for students who are not in regular employment and who meet one of the following conditions, provided they primarily attend classes and receive research supervision during daytime hours.

1) Students whose supervising professor belongs to Departments of Basic Sciences, the Institute for Advanced Medical Sciences, or Departments of Liberal Arts (see attached table)

2) International special students who hold the “Student” status of residence as defined in Appended Table I of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act

2. Reduction

In accordance with the Internal Regulations for Tuition Reduction and Exemption of the Graduate School of Medicine, Hyogo Medical University, tuition fees and educational enhancement fees will be reduced for students who can prove that their monthly base salary (including part-time income) is 250,000 yen or less, regardless of whether they have a full-time job.

*In both cases, annual applications must be submitted, and approval from the Dean of the Graduate School of Medicine is required.

Eligibility for Application

1. Individuals who have graduated or are expected to graduate by March 2026 from a course that includes studies in medicine, dentistry, or a veterinary or pharmaceutical program lasting six years.
2. Individuals who have completed a 18-year educational program abroad, (with the final stage being in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, or pharmacy).

*In some countries, the total education duration may not be 18 years; such cases will require a separate qualification review.

3. Those Designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology

[The following individuals are considered to be designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology]:

- ① Those who completed studies in medicine or dentistry under the former university regulations (Imperial Ordinance No. 388, 1918) and graduated from medical or dental faculties.
- ② Those who have completed a master’s program or are eligible to be awarded a master’s degree.

③ Those who have been enrolled in a doctoral program that does not differentiate between a two-year and three-year system for more than two years, have earned at least 30 credits, and have received the required research guidance (including those who meet the criteria outlined in Article 6, Paragraph 1 of the previous Degree Regulations, amended by Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 29 of 1974). Applicants are further required to be recognized as having academic abilities equivalent to or higher than graduates of university courses in medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine, based on education at a graduate school or specialized program.

④ Those who have graduated from a university (excluding courses in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine with a six-year curriculum, or pharmacy with a six-year curriculum) or completed 16 years of formal education abroad. Additionally, they must have engaged in research at a university, research institute, or similar institution for at least two years. Applicants are further required to demonstrate, through the outcomes of their research or equivalent achievements, academic abilities recognized by the Graduate School of Medicine as being equal to or exceeding those of graduates of university programs in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine with a six-year curriculum, or pharmacy with a six-year curriculum.

⑤ Those who are recognized by the Graduate School of Medicine, through an individual admission qualification screening, as having academic abilities equal to or higher than those of graduates from university programs in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine with a six-year curriculum, or pharmacy with a six-year curriculum. Additionally, applicants must be at least 24 years old as of April 1, 2026.

Application Eligibility Screening

A. Applicants who fall under the “Eligibility for Application” criteria 3.④ or 3.⑤, as well as international special students, are required to undergo an application eligibility screening prior to applying. The following documents must be submitted to the Nishinomiya Academic Affairs Division within the specified period. The results of the eligibility screening will be notified to the applicants.

a. Eligibility Screening Document Submission Period

For the Early Application Period	July 1, 2025 (Tuesday) – July 11, 2025 (Friday)
For the Late Application Period	November 10, 2025 (Monday) – November 21, 2025 (Friday)

The submission hours are from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on weekdays. (Submissions will not be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays, or public holidays.) For postal submissions, the date of the postmark within the submission period will be considered valid.

b. Application Documents

The application must be submitted using the Admission Qualification Review Application Form (Form 1).

B. Applicants for admission as international special students must meet one of the criteria outlined in “Eligibility for Admission” sections 2 or 3, and must have a recommendation from a supervising professor.

C. For applicants who are physicians (or dentists) and whose supervising professor is from a clinical department, it is desirable that the applicant has completed or is expected to complete clinical training as specified by the Medical Practitioners Act (or the Dentists Act).

Applicants with Physical Disabilities or Impairments

Applicants with physical disabilities or impairments who require special accommodations for the entrance exam or academic studies should, in principle, contact the Nishinomiya Academic Affairs Division (Graduate School Section) at least one month prior to each exam (TEL: 0798-45-6163). Additionally, applicants may be asked to submit documentation such as a medical certificate from a specialist to indicate the extent of their disability.

Application Period

Early Application Period	July 28, 2025 (Monday) – August 8, 2025 (Friday)
Late Application Period	December 15, 2025 (Monday) – December 25, 2025 (Thursday)

The submission hours are from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on weekdays. (Submissions will not be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays, or public holidays.) For postal submissions, the date of the postmark within the application period will be considered valid.

Application Procedure

1. Application Submission or Mailing Address (Inquiries also to the same address):

Hyogo Medical University
 University Administration Division, Nishinomiya Academic Affairs Section, Graduate School
 Section (Education and Research Building, 2nd Floor)
 1-1 Mukogawa-cho, Nishinomiya-shi, Hyogo 663-8501, Japan
 Tel: 0798-45-6163 (Direct)
 (From Mukogawa Station on the Hanshin Electric Railway, approximately a 5-minute walk from the West Exit)

2. Application Documents (*Required for Both Daytime and Evening Applicants)

*	Application Form	Completed by the applicant using the prescribed form for the graduate school.
*	Resume	Completed by the applicant using the prescribed form for the graduate school.
*	Examination Ticket	Completed by the applicant using the prescribed form for the graduate school.
*	Transcript (Academic Record)	Issued by the dean of the applicant's previous university (department). The format is not specified, and it must be issued within three months prior to application.
*	Two Photographs	4 cm (height) x 3 cm (width), photographs taken within three months prior to the application date, showing a color image of the applicant's upper body from the front without a hat. The photo should be affixed to the designated photo attachment sections on the application form (examination ticket and name card).
*	Graduation (or Expected Graduation) Certificate	Issued by the dean of the applicant's undergraduate university (or faculty), within three months of the application date.
	Certificate of Completion (or Expected Completion)	For those who have completed (or are expected) to complete a master's program in a graduate school, a certificate of completion (or expected completion) along with an academic transcript must be submitted, issued within three months of the application date.

	Physician (or Dentist) License	A copy of the physician's (or dentist's) license, if applicable.
	Clinical Training Completion Certificate	A certificate of completion of clinical training, or a copy of the clinical training completion registration certificate, if applicable.
Evening Applicants Only	Examination and Enrollment Consent Form (Form 4)	For applicants who are currently employed and intend to maintain employment at the same institution after admission.
	Tuition Fee Exemption Recommendation Form (Form 5) and Tuition Fee Exemption Application Form (Form 6)	For applicants who are eligible under the Graduate School of Medicine's fee exemption guidelines.
	Tuition Fee Reduction Recommendation Form (Form 7) and Tuition Fee Reduction Application Form (Form 8)	For applicants who are eligible under the Graduate School of Medicine's fee reduction guidelines
*	Application Fee	30,000 yen (A copy of the payment receipt must be submitted). * The application fee must be paid by the applicant under their own name within the application period. (Please bear the transaction fees.) * Please include "DS" at the beginning of the payer's name. (Example: "DS Hiyogo Taro") Bank: Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Branch: Nishinomiya Branch Account Type: Ordinary Account Account Number: 0901084 Account Name: Hyogo Medical University, School Fees Account (Kana): ガクヒョウゴイカダイガク

Notes

- 1) When filling out the forms, if handwritten, please use clear, legible block letters and write with black ink or a ballpoint pen. Incomplete or illegible documents will not be accepted.
- 2) Applicants must submit all required documents either in person within the application period or by registered mail.
- 3) If you would like the admission ticket to be returned to you, please enclose a return postage stamp.
- 4) Once the application documents and entrance examination fee are received, they will not be returned under any circumstances, regardless of the reason.

Admission Selection Procedure

Admission will be determined through a comprehensive evaluation of the entrance examination results and the academic transcript from the applicant's previous university.

1. Examination Subjects
Foreign Language (English) [An English-Japanese dictionary may be used (electronic dictionaries with full translation functions and smartphones are not permitted).]
Interview [In some cases, the interview may be waived if the applicant has already had an interview with the supervising professor.]

2. Examination Date and Location

Date		Examination Subjects and Time	Location
Early Admission	August 27, 2025 (Wednesday)	Foreign Language (English): 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Hyogo Medical University, Nishinomiya Campus
Late Admission	January 21, 2026 (Wednesday)	Oral Examination (Interview): 12:00 PM –	

★The Foreign Language (English) exam will consist of two English-to-Japanese translation questions and two English-to-English answering questions. Applicants are required to choose and answer two out of the four questions. This applies to foreign special students as well.

*Any changes to the admission process or selection procedures will be announced on the Hyogo Medical University website.

Announcement of Successful Candidates

Early Admission	October 3, 2025 (Friday)
Late Admission	February 24, 2026 (Tuesday)

★The results will be published on the university's website at 10:00 AM. Successful candidates will also receive their acceptance letter and enrollment procedure documents by mail.

Enrollment Procedure

1. Procedure Period and Documents

Early Admission	October 6, 2025 (Monday) –October 17, 2025 (Friday)
Late Admission	February 25, 2026 (Wednesday) –March 10, 2026 (Tuesday)

Successful candidates must submit the required documents between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays).

Tuition and Other Fees	General Applicants	350,000 JPY (Breakdown: Admission Fee: 100,000 JPY, Annual Tuition: 150,000 JPY, Annual Education Enhancement Fee: 100,000 JPY)
	Tuition Exemption Applicants	100,000 JPY (Admission Fee only)
	Tuition Reduction Applicants	200,000 JPY (Breakdown: Admission Fee: 100,000 JPY, Annual Tuition: 50,000 JPY, Annual Education Enhancement Fee: 50,000 JPY)
Letter of Guarantee	Must designate two guarantors and fill out the designated form.	
Student Card	Must designate two guarantors and fill out the designated form.	
Photographs (2 copies)	Each measuring 4 cm in height and 3 cm in width, taken within three months prior to submission. The photos must show the applicant's upper body from the front, without a hat. (Color)	

Study Approval Form (Form 10)	For applicants who did not have a confirmed place of employment at the time of application but secure one before enrollment. *If still undecided, the form must be submitted by March 31, 2026.
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2. Failure to complete the above procedures by the specified deadline will be considered a forfeiture of intent to enroll, and acceptance will be revoked.
3. For those who formally decline admission by the final day of the enrollment procedure period, fees such as tuition and education enhancement fees will be refunded, excluding the admission fee.

Disclosure of Individual Scores for Entrance Examinations (Early/Late Admission) and Foreign Language Tests Without Course Completion

Individual scores for entrance examinations (Early/Late Admission) and foreign language tests without course completion will be disclosed only upon request from the examinee, following the guidelines outlined below.

1. Eligible Applicants: those who failed the entrance examination for the FY 2026 and those who failed the foreign language test without course completion.
2. Disclosed Information: Foreign language test scores.
3. Application Period: April 1, 2026 (Wednesday) to April 3, 2026 (Friday) (postmark valid).
4. Disclosure Date: From May 1, 2026 (Friday).
5. Application Procedure: Write “Request for Examination Results Disclosure” in red ink on the envelope and send the following documents by mail:

- ① “Application for Examination Results Disclosure”: Fill out the required information.
- ② Self-addressed Return Envelope

(A long envelope (23.5 cm × 12 cm) with a stamp (general registered mail) attached.)

- ③ Examination Ticket

[Mailing Address] Hyogo Medical University

Nishinomiya Academic Affairs Section, Graduate School Office

1-1 Mukogawa-cho, Nishinomiya-shi, Hyogo 663-8501, Japan 663-8501

[Contact Information] TEL: 0798-45-6163, FAX: 0798-45-6168

Scholarship System

Japan Student Services Organization (as of the FY2025)

Monthly Loan Amount and Loan Periods

Loan Types	Type 1 (Interest-Free)	Type 2
Monthly Loan Amount	¥80,000 or ¥122,000	Options: ¥50,000, ¥80,000, ¥100,000, ¥130,000, or ¥150,000

Research Assistant (RA) Program

To further enhance the research support system that contributes to the advancement of academic research, this program recruits a limited number of research assistants from among non-physicians and international special students (excluding those enrolled in evening programs). Selected individuals will engage in auxiliary tasks for research projects conducted by the university and receive a stipend of approximately ¥100,000 per month.

Teaching Assistant (TA) Program

To enhance the quality of university education and cultivate future educators, a limited number of teaching assistants will be recruited from among students who primarily attend classes and receive research supervision during daytime hours. Teaching assistants will perform educational support duties and receive an annual stipend of up to 180,000 yen.

Student Education and Research Accident Insurance (Managed by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services Foundation)

This insurance provides coverage for accidents or disasters occurring during experiments, practical training, official school events, or extracurricular activities while enrolled in graduate school. Students can join the program by paying a premium of ¥3,370 for four years (as of the FY2025).

Handling of Personal Information

- ◎ Our university complies with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information and ensures the proper and secure management of personal information.
- ◎ Personal information provided during the application and enrollment process (e.g., name, address, and other personal details) will be used for necessary procedures such as processing applications, conducting entrance examinations, announcing results, handling enrollment procedures, managing academic records and coursework, and other related operations.
- ◎ Personal information obtained by the university will not be disclosed or shared with third parties without the individual's consent, except as required by law.

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