

2026

## **Research Student Application Guidelines**

Niigata University Graduate School of  
Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

Medical Program

This is the English translation of the Japanese Application Guide.  
The official version is the Japanese Application Guide.

# Application Guidelines

## 1. eligibility for admission

Persons who are not students of the University, who wish to study a specific field of specialty, and who meet any of the following criteria will be accepted as research students at the Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences after selection.

- (1) Individuals who have graduated, or are expected to graduate by March 2026, from a university course defined in Article 83 of the School Education Act that specializes in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at cultivating practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine.
- (2) Individuals who have been awarded, or are expected to be awarded by March 2026, a bachelor's degree under Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Act (limited to those who studied medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine).
- (3) Individuals who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, an 18-year course of school education overseas (with the final course specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine).
- (4) Individuals who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, an 18-year course of school education overseas (with the final course specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) through correspondence education provided by a foreign institution and taken in Japan.
- (5) Individuals who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, a course at an educational institution in Japan that is positioned within a foreign school education system and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and whose graduates are considered to have completed an 18-year course of school education overseas (with the final course specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine).
- (6) Individuals who have been awarded, or are expected to be awarded by March 2026, a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by completing a program of at least five years (specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) at a foreign university or other foreign institution (limited to those evaluated by the foreign government or relevant agencies, or designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and

Technology). This includes correspondence education taken in Japan and programs at designated educational institutions within the foreign education system.

(7) Individuals designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. (Please refer to the Note.)

(8) Individuals who have entered a graduate school (limited to doctoral programs specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (only those based on six-year undergraduate programs), or veterinary medicine) under Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act, and who are deemed to have sufficient academic ability to receive graduate education at this Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences.

(9) Individuals who have studied for four years or more by March 2026 in a university course defined in Article 83 of the School Education Act specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at cultivating practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine, or individuals who have completed or are expected to complete by March 2026 a 16-year course of school education overseas (limited to programs specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (with a clinical focus), or veterinary medicine), and who are recognized by this graduate school as having earned the required credits with excellent academic performance.

(10) Individuals who are recognized by this graduate school, through individual qualification screening, as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of a graduate from a university course specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (with a clinical focus), or veterinary medicine, and who will reach the age of 24 by March 31, 2026.

Note: "Persons designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology" under Application Qualification (7) refers to individuals who fall under any of the following categories:

1. Individuals who have studied medicine or dentistry at a university under the former University Ordinance (Imperial Ordinance No. 388 of 1918) and graduated from a faculty of medicine or dentistry.
2. Individuals who have graduated from the National Defense Medical College established under the Act for Establishment of the Defense Agency (Act No. 164 of 1954).
3. Individuals who have completed a master's program or a professional graduate school program under Article 99, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947), and those who are eligible to be awarded a master's degree.
4. Individuals who have been enrolled for at least two years in a doctoral program that does not distinguish between first and second stages, have earned at least 30 credits, and have received necessary research guidance (including those who fall under Article 6, Item 1 of the

Degree Regulations prior to the amendment by Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 29 of 1974), and who are recognized by this graduate school as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of graduates of a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (with a focus on developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine.

5. Individuals who have graduated from a university (excluding programs in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy with a focus on developing practical clinical skills, or veterinary medicine), or who have completed 16 years of formal education abroad, and who have engaged in research for at least two years at a university or research institute, and who are recognized by this graduate school, based on the results of their research, as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of graduates of a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (with a focus on developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine.

\*Any students with qualifications other than the above as stipulated in Article 4 of the Niigata University Research Student Regulations will be accepted as a research student at the Faculty of Medicine after selection.

## 2. Application Procedures

Applicants who wish to apply should bring the submitted documents to the School of Medicine, Student Affairs Division at the time of application.

## 3. Application period

As a general rule, applications must be submitted two weeks prior to the second Tuesday of every month except August.

Applicants who will be admitted on April 1, 2026 should submit their applications by Monday, February 2 (Mon), 2026.

Applicants who need to obtain a certificate of eligibility should submit the application at least 4 months prior to the month in which they wish to enroll.

<b>Example</b>	<b><u>Submission Deadline</u></b>	<b>April 2026 Admission</b>	<b>: 2025/11/21</b>
		<b>October 2026 Admission</b>	<b>: 2026/5/22</b>

## 4. Screening Method

The selection will be based on the submitted application documents and related materials.

## 5. Documents to be submitted

Documents in languages other than English must be accompanied by a Japanese or English translation.

- (1) Application Form for Admission as a Research Student
  - (a) Approval (seal) of the supervising professor must be obtained.
  - (b) The research period must be within one year (from admission to March of the following year).
- (2) Application Form for admission as a Research Student  
(Prescribed form for international student)
- (3) Certificate of Graduation  
Transcript of Academic Record
  - (a) Original Japanese or English translation with the university's official seal must be submitted.
  - (b) Applicants who have completed a graduate course must also submit a certificate of completion and transcript of the graduate course.
  - (c) Persons who have graduated from the Faculty of Medicine or the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences at Niigata University are not required to submit these certificates.
- (4) Copy of medical or dental license
  - (a) Only those who hold a medical or dental license should submit this document.
  - (b) Please make a photocopy in A4 size.
- (5) Copy of resident card
  - (a) Resident card holders are required to submit a copy of their resident card.
  - (b) Please make a photocopy of the front and back of the card in A4 size.
- (6) Copy of passport
  - (a) Passport holders are required to submit a copy of their passport.
  - (b) Please make a photocopy of the page showing your face photo, your name, and the page status of residence in A4 size.
- (7) A copy of family register or certificate of residence such as civil registration issued by a public institution in the applicant's country of origin

- (a) Persons who cannot submit (5) and (6) should submit these documents.
- (b) Please submit the original of the certificate.
- (8) Certificate of Scholarship
  - (a) Applicants who have been approved to receive a scholarship should submit this certificate.
- (9) Medical Certificate (prescribed form for international student)
- (10) Envelope for sending the Letter of Permission
  - (a) Only applicants residing in Japan at the time of application are required to submit this envelope with the mailing address.
  - (b) It is not necessary to affix a stamp.
- (11) Application fee (9,800 yen)

**\*Payment of the examination fee**

Fill in the necessary items on the "Request form for bank transfer" (to be handed out separately) and send it to the following address. Fill in the necessary items on the "Application Form for the Examination Fee (9,800 yen)" and bring it to the nearest financial institution (except Japan Post Bank) without detaching it, and transfer the prescribed examination fee at the counter. Please be sure to have the seal of the financial institution stamped in the bank account box.

The transfer fee is to be paid by the applicant.

- (a) The applicant's name must be written in the "Client's Name" column.
- (b) The examination fee must be paid by bank transfer within the designated period.
  - (\*Transfers cannot be made on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays.)
- (c) ATMs (Automated Teller Machine) transfers are not accepted.
- (d) Please submit the receipt (copy) to the School of Medicine, Student Affairs Division.
- (e) In principle, the examination fee already paid is non-refundable.

\*Foreign residents can pay by the "Flywire" payment system.

Please let us know if you wish to use this system and we will send you instructions by e-mail.

\*If you are residing abroad at the time of application and wish to apply for a certificate of eligibility to study in Japan, please consult with your academic advisor and contact the School of Medicine, Student Affairs Division.

## Enrollment procedures

Applicants who are accepted must pay the admission fee and submit the following documents to the School of Medicine, the Student Affairs Division within the designated period.

If the admission procedure is not completed within the designated period, the applicant will be considered to have declined admission and will not be admitted.

- (1) Written Oath  
(prescribed form)
- (2) Student Record  
(prescribed form)
- (3) Application for Medical Treatment Practice  
(prescribed form)
  - (a) The faculty advisor will certify if it is necessary to engage in medical treatment work, so please consult with your faculty advisor when submitting this form.
  - (b) Please submit this form if you need to engage in medical work for research at the University Medical and Dental Hospital.
  - (c) Even if you are not required to engage in medical services at the time of application, if such a need arises during your research period, please follow the procedures at that time.
  - (d) If there are any changes in the information after submitting the Application for Engagement in Clinical Services, please submit a new Application for Engagement in Clinical Services.
  - (e) Those who do not have a medical license but wish to engage in medical services such as consultations at the University Hospital should submit an Application for Engagement in Medical Services.
- (4) Copies of medical license and insurance medical registration card
  - (a) Persons who submit (3) must submit
  - (b) Persons who submit the Application for Medical Service should submit documents equivalent to the medical license.
  - (c) Please make a photocopy in A4 size.
- (5) ID Card Application Form
  - (a) Applicants who wish to have an identification card issued should submit this document.
  - (b) Please write your name on the back of the 4 cm x 3 cm, hatless, upper body photo.

- (6) Entrance fee  
(84,600 yen)

**\*Payment method of the admission fee**

Fill in the necessary items on the payment slip and bring it to the nearest financial institution (including Japan Post Bank) without detaching it, and pay the prescribed entrance fee at the counter.

- (a) The applicant's name must be written in the "Client's Name" column.
- (b) The entrance fee must be paid by bank transfer within the prescribed period.  
(\*Transfers cannot be made on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.)
- (c) Transfers cannot be made using ATMs (Automated Teller Machines).
- (d) If you make a transfer from a bank other than the designated financial institution, the transfer fee will be borne by the applicant.
- (e) In principle, the entrance fee already paid will not be refunded.
- (f) After transferring the fee, please submit the "Certificate of Acceptance of Transfer Payment (for customers)" to the School of Medicine, Student Affairs Division .

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# Tuition Fees

## 1. Tuition fee (monthly) 29,700 yen

- (1) Tuition fees depend on the period of study, but in principle, payment slips for 6 months will be sent by mail.
- (2) If the tuition fee is revised during your enrollment, the new tuition fee will be applied from the time of the revision.

## 2. Method of payment of tuition fees

Please pay the tuition fee with the payment slip sent by the University, paying attention to the following points.

- (a) You cannot use ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) to transfer tuition fees.
- (b) If you transfer the tuition fee from a bank other than the designated financial institution, the transfer fee will be borne by the payer.
- (c) Tuition fees already paid will not be refunded.
- (d) Students who are late in paying tuition fees and who do not pay after repeated reminders will be expelled from the class.
- (e) Even if a student is expelled for non-payment of tuition fees, the unpaid tuition fees will not be waived.
- (f) When a student withdraws from the university, he/she must pay the unpaid tuition during the period of enrollment. If the student does not follow the procedures for withdrawal, tuition will be charged according to the period of enrollment.
- (g) If you change your mailing address, please notify the Academic Affairs Division as soon as possible.

Please inquire about the **extension and withdrawal procedures** for research students when necessary. We will provide you with the documents to submit.