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Academic Year 2022 April

Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative

Kanazawa University

(Doctoral Level Section of the Integrated Course)

Application Guidelines

First to third round

Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative

Kanazawa University

April 2021

Note

- It is the responsibility of the applicant to confirm all matters relating to the student selection process they have applied to by thoroughly reviewing the application guidelines for the selection.

- The English texts are for complementary use only. English expressions do not change the Japanese content.

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The Schedule from Application Procedures to Admission

	First round	Second round *4	Third round *4
Application *1 *2	From 9:00 am on Mon, June 14, 2021 to 4:30 pm on Fri, June 18, 2021	From 9:00 am on Wed, September 15, 2021 to 4:30 pm on Wed, September 22, 2021	From 9:00 am on Mon, December 13, 2021 to 4:30 pm on Fri, December 17, 2021
Exam Admission Ticket available for download *3	From 9:00 am on Wed, June 30, 2021	From 9:00 am on Wed, October 6, 2021	From 9:00 am on Tue, January 4, 2022
Examination	Mon, July 12, 2021 through Fri, July 16, 2021, on the date designated by the division	Mon, October 18, 2021 through Fri, October 22, 2021, on the date designated by the division	Mon, January 17, 2022 through Fri, January 21, 2022, on the date designated by the division
Result announcement	Fri, August 6, 2021	Fri, November 12, 2021	Thu, February 10, 2022
Admission procedures	Mid-September 2021	Mid-March 2022	
Admission	October 1, 2021	April 1, 2022	

*1 Those who wish to apply by 6), 7), or 8) of "3. Eligibility for Application" must undergo a separate screening process. Please refer to "4. Application Procedures for Confirming Applicant Eligibility".

*2 Pre-registration is possible one week before application period on the web application system.

*3 Please download the exam admission ticket by the day of the examination on the web application system.

***4 Depending on the number of applications received for the first round, we may not hold the second or third round. Please check the Graduate School website regularly regarding whether they will be held.**

Graduate School website <https://gsinfiniti.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/>

1. Overview of the Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative

Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences	Admission Policy https://gsinfiniti.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/en/kyoudou/policy/
	Supervisors: https://gsinfiniti.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/en/kyoudou/policy/
	Academic degree earned: Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy in Science or Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering
Division of Nano Life Science	Admission Policy https://gsinfiniti.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/en/nano/policy/
	Supervisors: https://gsinfiniti.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/en/nano/faculty/
	Academic degree earned: Doctor of Philosophy in Nanoscience

2. The Number of Students Accepted

	Academic year 2021 October Admission	Academic year 2022 April Admission
Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences	A few people	14 people
Division of Nano Life Science	A few people	6 people

3. Eligibility for Application

Those who fall under one of the following conditions from 1) to 8) are eligible to apply to the Doctoral Level Section of the Integrated Course.

Please note that **the day prior to admission to KU is September 30, 2021** when applying for the October 2021 entrance examinations, and **March 31, 2022** when applying for the April 2022 entrance examinations.

- 1) Applicants who have a master's degree or professional degree or are expected to earn a master's degree or professional degree by the day prior to admission
- 2) Applicants who have earned a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree in a foreign nation or are expected to earn a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree in a foreign nation by the day prior to admission to KU
- 3) Applicants who have completed a curriculum designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at an education facility located in Japan that is positioned in a foreign nation's school education system as providing a foreign nation's graduate school-level

curriculum and have earned a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree or are expected to earn a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree by the day prior to admission to KU

- 4) Applicants who, by taking the class subjects of a correspondence education course of a foreign nation's school in Japan, have earned a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree or are expected to earn a master's degree or a degree equivalent to a professional degree by the day prior to admission to KU
- 5) Applicants who have completed the curriculum of the United Nations University established in accordance with the United Nations General Assembly resolution of December 11, 1972, set forth in Article 1, paragraph (2) of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72 of 1976), and have earned a degree equivalent to a master's degree or are expected to earn a degree equivalent to a master's degree by the day prior to admission to KU
- 6) Applicants who have completed the curriculum at the school of a foreign nation, an educational facility that received the designation of 3) above, or the United Nations University, and have passed an examination equivalent to the examination or screening process set forth in Article 16-2 of Graduate School Establishment Standards, or are expected to pass by the day prior to admission to KU, and whom the Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative has recognized as being at least the same academic level as a person who has a master's degree or professional degree
- 7) Applicants who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
 - 1) Applicants who graduated from university and has been engaged in research at a university or research institute for more than two years and have been recognized by a graduate school as being the same academic level as a person who has a master's degree
 - 2) Applicants who have been engaged in research at a university or research institute for more than two years after completing a 16-year-long school curriculum at an education facility in a foreign nation, or have done so after completing a 16-year-long school curriculum of a foreign nation by taking the class subjects in Japan of a correspondence education course of a foreign nation's school, and due to the outcomes of said research have been recognized by a graduate school as being at least at the same academic level as a person who has a master's degree
- 8) Applicants whom the Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative has recognized being at least the same academic level as a person who has a master's degree or professional degree through a separate screening process at, and will reach the age of 24 by the day prior to admission to KU

Any person who wishes to apply by 6), 7), or 8) must undergo a separate screening process before applying. Please refer to "4. Application Procedures for Confirming Applicant Eligibility" (pages 5 to 6)

4. Application Procedures for Confirming Applicant Eligibility

(1) How to apply for confirmation of applicant eligibility

For those who wish to apply by 6), 7), or 8) of "3. Eligibility for Application" (pages 4-5), during each

application period for confirming applicant eligibility, please submit the documents for confirming applicant eligibility by email to the address listed on "13. Contact Information" (page 14). When doing so, please write "Application for Confirming Applicant Eligibility, Doctoral Level Section of the Integrated Course: (name of the applicant)" in the subject line of the email.

*If the attached files exceed 5GB, please use a file transfer service.

(2) Application Period for Confirming Applicant Eligibility

First round	Second round	Third round
From Mon, May 31, 2021 to 4:30 pm on Fri, June 4, 2021	From Wed, September 1, 2021 to 4:30 pm on Tue, September 7, 2021	From Mon, November 29, 2021 to 4:30 pm on Fri, December 3, 2021

(3) Documents for Confirming Applicant Eligibility

- 1) All applicants: Application Form for Confirming Entrance Exam Applicant Eligibility (Form I), Research Achievement Report (Form II), and a set of items to be uploaded to "5. Application Procedures" (pages 7 to 10) > (3) Documents for Application, > 1) What to upload to the web application system
- 2) Only those who wish to apply by 6) of "3. Eligibility for Application" (pages 4 to 5) Documents and cover letter etc. written by the president of your university that contains the following contents (for foreign languages, please attach a Japanese translation)
[Sample entries]
As (University name), we recognize and report that our student (student's name) has passed "(name of screening process)" and that they have at least at the same academic level as a person who holds a master's degree. In addition, we have included the following attachments regarding the screening process.
[Example of attached documents]
 - A) The criteria for passing the screening process
 - B) Documents indicating the relationship between passing the screening processes and the requirements for earning a master's degree at the university
 - C) Documents indicating the relationship between applicants who have passed the screening process and the processing in programs that award doctoral degrees at the university for those who possess a master's degree from another university and have transferred to the university
- 4) Only those who wish to apply according by 8) of "3. Eligibility for Application" (pages 4 to 5): Assignments related to specialized basic subjects (regarding assignments, please confirm with your preferred supervisor before applying)

(4) Results of the Screening Processes for Confirmation

The results of the screening process for confirmation will be notified by email to the applicant.

After being confirmed as having eligibility for application, please proceed with "5. Application Procedures" (pages 7 to 10).

5. Application Procedures

(1) How to Apply

After registering the necessary information online (Web application system) for each application period, uploading the documentation, and paying the application exam fee, submit "Application Checking Form (for submission)" electronically to the address listed on "13. Contact Information" (page 14). When doing so, please write "Application for the Doctoral Level Section of the Integrated Course, Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative: (name of the applicant)" in the subject line of the email.

* Applicants currently belonging to Kanazawa University (those who have completed a master's course or master's Level Section of the Integrated Course at any of the Kanazawa University graduate schools and are attempting to enroll in the Doctoral Level Section of the Integrated Course at Kanazawa University Graduate School) and MEXT scholarship students do not have to pay the application exam fee. Please contact the address listed at "13. Contact Information" (page 14) as the application method on the web application system will differ.

Web application system

<http://www.guide.52school.com/guidance/net-kanazawa-u/>

(2) Application Period

As listed on the Schedule from Application Procedures to Admission (page 3)

*Registration of required information on the web application system, uploading of documentation and payment of application exam fee can be made one week before the application period. However, the submission of the "Application Checking Form (for submission)" is limited to the application period.

(3) Documents for Application

1) What to upload to the web application system

◆ **Scan carefully to ensure that the contents are readable. Also, you must submit the original documents at the time of admission procedure, so please store them safely until then.**

Number	Document	Remarks
1	Portrait photograph	A photograph in which the applicant can clearly be identified. Please use a photograph taken within the last three months, in color, of the upper body, unedited, without a hat, front-facing, with a plain background, in jpg or png format between 100kB to 5MB.
2	Applicant's Record (Form 1)	Please fill in the required information.
3	Academic Transcript ◆	i. For those who fall under 1), 2), 3), 4,) or 5) of "3. Eligibility for Application" (pages 4 to 5) an academic transcript written by the dean (or president) of your graduate school.

Number	Document	Remarks
		<p>ii. For those who fall under 7) of "3. Eligibility for Application" (pages 4 to 5) an academic transcript written by the dean (or president) of your university.</p> <p>iii. For those who fall under 6) or 8) of "3. Eligibility for Application" (pages 4 to 5), an academic transcript written by the school principal of the most recent school you attended (must list the name of subjects and the number of credits obtained).</p>
4	Certificate of (expected) completion ◆	<p>A certificate of (expected) completion for a graduate school master's course or Master's Level Section of the Integrated Course from your university</p> <p>However, those who fall under 6), 7) or 8) of "3. Eligibility for Application" (pages 4 to 5) the certificate of (expected) completion must be written by the school principal of the most recent school you attended.</p> <p>A certificate of (expected) completion is not required for those expected to complete the master's course or Master's Level Section of the Integrated Course at KU.</p>
5	Master's Degree-Seeking Thesis	<p>For those who fall under 1), 2), 3), 4), or 5) of "3. Eligibility for Application" (pages 4 to 5) and have (or have earned) a master's degree or professional degree (or equivalent degree), "Master's Thesis Overview (free format)" or "Overview of Research and Development Work (Form 2)." Either in Japanese or English. A4 format up to 5 pages. No supporting documentation is attached.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>For those who fall under 1), 2), 3), 4), or 5) of "3. Eligibility for Application" (pages 4 to 5) and are expected to earn (or have earned) a master's degree or professional degree (or equivalent degree), a "Research Progress Report (free format. A summary of the research subject of the master's thesis and the progress of the research)." Either in Japanese or English. A4 format up to 3 pages. No supporting documentation is attached.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>For those who fall under 6), 7), or 8) of "3. Eligibility for Application" (pages 4 to 5), "Overview of Research and Development Work (Form 2)." Either in Japanese or English. A4 format up to 5 pages. No supporting documentation is attached.</p> <p>-----</p>

Number	Document	Remarks
		Materials showing evidence of theses written and presentations at academic conferences (free format) ----- Please attach any other materials concerning research projects, such as reprints of published papers (only those that have been accepted) or other documents (transcripts) that you think are useful for reference.
6	Oral Presentation Summary (Form 3)	Outline of the content to be announced at the oral examination. Either in Japanese or English. A4 format up to 1 page. No supporting documentation is attached.
*The following is only applicable for those whom it applies to		
7	Written Permission to Take Entrance Exam (Form 4) ◆	If you wish to remain in employment at a government office, corporation, or organization, please submit a Written Permission to Take an Entrance Exam prepared by your section head (or advisor). If submission is not possible at the time of application, then the letter of acceptance, etc., is to be submitted during the admission procedure. Before submission, please contact the address listed on "13. Contact Information" (page 14).
8	A copy of your passport	If you are a foreign citizen, please submit a copy of your passport (the page containing your name). In addition, any person residing in Japan should submit a copy of the residence card (front and back) at the time of application.
9	A copy of your residence card	
10	A copy of your family register abstract	Those who, due to change in name, their name differs from that on the certificates etc., should submit a copy of their family register abstract which can prove the fact of the change.

2) What to submit to the address listed on "13. Contact Information" (page 14)

Number	Document	Remarks
11	Application Checking Form (for submission)	Please submit the application checking form by downloading it from the application confirmation page. Note 1: The application confirmation form cannot be downloaded until the necessary information has been registered, the documents have been uploaded, and the application exam fee has been paid. Note 2: Please note that this is different from the application checking form (for confirmation).

(4) Precautions for Application and Examinations

- 1) Before applying (when applying for confirming applicant eligibility, before doing so), please obtain approval for acceptance by contacting your preferred supervisor.
- 2) Please check all registration information and submission documents for any inadequacies. If there are deficiencies, the application may not be accepted.
- 3) If you live abroad and have difficulty getting to Japan on the day of the examination, please mention this at the time of application.
- 4) If you wish to have the thesis you submitted returned, please mention this at the time of application.
- 5) **The passing and admission permission may be canceled if the registration information or submission documents are found to be incorrect after the passing and admission procedures or if original documents that are required to be submitted are not submitted during the admission procedures.**

(5) Preliminary Counseling Services for Persons with Disabilities

For those who have a disability and require special care for examinations and school attendance, please contact the address listed at "13. Contact Information" (page 14) with the following document before applying.

- 1) Preliminary counseling form (free format)
 - Name
 - The type and degree of disability
 - Matters that require special care for examinations and school attendance
 - Care that was taken by universities and other institutions
 - Daily living situation
 - Other reference information
- 2) Medical certificate issued by a doctor
- 3) Other supporting documents (copy of physical disability certificate etc.)

(6) Other

Applicants who have been accepted into the Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative with expected completion at the time of application must submit a diploma or certificate of completion at the time of the admission procedure. However, those who are expected to pass the Master's Level Section of the Integrated Course or master's course at KU are excluded.

6. Students Selection Process

(1) Date and Location of the Examination

Date	Examination subjects	Examination location
As listed on the Schedule from Application Procedures to Admission (page 3)	Oral examination	Kanazawa University

*We will separately inform applicants of specific meeting times and meeting locations after the printing of exam admission tickets has begun.

* For those who live abroad and have indicated that it is difficult to get to Japan on the day of the examination, the exam will be conducted online.

(2) Details of the Examination

Selection will be carried out by combining academic achievement test programs (oral examination) and the official transcript.

Oral examination	An oral presentation (around 20 minutes) and Q&A regarding either "Master's Thesis," or "Research Progress Report," or "Overview of Research and Development Work," and Aspirations After Entering the Doctoral Level Section of the Integrated Course
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*Those who wish to bring your laptop and use an LCD projector for the oral examination should place a
○ in the appropriate category in the appropriate space of the applicant's record.

*Written academic performance checks may be conducted. In that case, you will be contacted by your preferred supervisor after the application.

7. Result Announcement

Around 10 am on the day indicated on the Schedule from Application Procedures to Admission (page 3)

As well as posting a list of examination numbers of successful applicants on the Graduate School website, successful applicants will also be notified by post (sent out on the day). Also, applicants can check whether they have been accepted on the online pass/fail inquiry system. We will not respond to acceptance or rejection inquiries by phone or email.

Graduate School website > to Candidates

<https://gsinfiniti.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/examinee/>

Online pass/fail inquiry system

<https://www.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/education/admission/goukakusyhappyou>

8. Admission Procedures

(1) Admission Procedures Period

As listed on the Schedule from Application Procedures to Admission (page 3)

*We will inform applicants separately about specific procedure methods one week before the procedure period.

(2) Necessary Expenses for Admission

- Payment of tuition and other fees

Admission fee: ¥282,000 (estimated)

Tuition fee: Cost for half a year, ¥267,900 (estimated) Cost per year, ¥535,800 (estimated)

*The above payment amounts are estimations. If admission fees or tuition fees are revised at the time of admission or while enrolled, the new admission fee and tuition fee will apply from the time of revision.

*Applicants currently belonging to Kanazawa University (those who have completed a master's course or master's Level Section of the Integrated Course at any of the Kanazawa University graduate schools and are attempting to enroll in the Doctoral Level Section of the Integrated Course at Kanazawa University Graduate School) and MEXT scholarship students are not required to pay admission fee.

*MEXT scholarship students are not required to pay tuition fee.

● Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research

Fee for Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research:

For three years ¥2,600 (estimated)

Fee for Liability Insurance coupled with PAS: Three years ¥1,020 (estimated)

*Applicants have to pay the above via bank transfer at the time of application procedures.

9. Personal Information Protection

At Kanazawa University, we have established the "The Personal Information Policy of National University Corporation Kanazawa University," and we strive to manage personal information held by KU appropriately.

The personal information KU obtains through the student selection process and all of the personal information listed on documents that are required to be submitted at the time of application will be used for the following tasks.

- Tasks related to the student selection process and admission procedures
- Tasks related to registrar management and student support after admission and health administration, such as medical checkups
- Tasks related to internal services such as the use of the university's portal site after admission, using the internal LAN, use of the library, and book lending services
- Tasks related to academic support such as admission fee exemption, tuition fee exemption, and scholarship recipient selection
- Tasks related to the payment of admission and tuition fees along with necessary tasks at financial institutions contracted with receipt and disbursement services
- Anonymous research tasks related to the student selection process
- Tasks related to publication relations targeted at current students or their families along with tasks related to fundraising (donations)
- Tasks related to outcomes assessment for graduates, support for the alumni association and foundation activities, and information services and information provision through KU
- Other anonymously conducted statistical tasks related to the student selection process
- Tasks for students of the Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences can receive the same internal services as KU at the Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology.

10. Economic Support System

(1) Admission and tuition fee exemptions

For those who have applied for exemption, we may waive all or half of the admission fee and all, half, or some of the amount of tuition for the semester to be paid. For details regarding how to apply, please refer to the Graduate School Admission Procedures and Requirements which are provided prior to the admission procedure period.

(2) Scholarship Programs

① Scholarship programs unique to the Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative

The Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative has established a grant-type scholarship system for students who have no recurring income, and have received the recommendation of their academic advisor. The students will receive ¥100,000 a month. Details will be provided with the acceptance letter.

② Japan Student Services Organization and private scholarship associations scholarships

There are scholarship loans that require repayment after completion and scholarship grants which do not, that are presided over by JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization), prefectural and municipal governments, and private scholarship associations. For more information, see the websites of each organization.

③ Scholarship programs unique to KU targeted at international students

At Kanazawa University, we have established our own scholarship system for self-financed international students. For more information, see the websites below.

<http://www.adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/ie/e/abroad/scholarship.html>

11. Points of Note Regarding the Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences

The Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences is an inter-university curriculum between Kanazawa University and the Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (JAIST). Please apply upon confirmation of the following.

- Please apply to the university to which your preferred supervisor belongs, take the examinations for the student selection process at that university, and complete the admission procedures. Applicants that have completed admission procedures for one of the universities cannot conduct admission procedures for the other university even if they pass the examinations for the student selection process at that university.
- Student's home university will be the component university that their preferred supervisor (academic staff primarily responsible for research guidance) belongs to. Students receive guidance and advice on education, research, and student life through a system of several academic advisors that include student's supervisor at their home university and second supervisors at the other component university

- Students who have completed the prescribed course at KU will be awarded a Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy in Science or Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering in the names of KU and JAIST. Students must complete a lab rotation at JAIST (JAIST), and those entering from the doctoral course must earn a minimum of 10 credits at JAIST as a requirement for completion.
- As a general rule, subjects held at JAIST are to be taken by commuting to JAIST campus. However, we have introduced a system that reduces the burden of commuting through the use of media-based remote lecture streaming systems and holding lectures in an intensive lecture format.
- KU students can also use facilities and equipment at JAIST, such as libraries. However, some facilities and equipment may have restrictions on their use.

12. Employment Promotion Program for International Students Hokuriku-Shinshu Employment Promotion Program for International Students

Why don't you consider working and building your career in Japan?

Among those who took this program, all students who wish to work in Japan have received job offers from Japanese companies.

Kanazawa University offers the program, which is financially supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology under "Employment Promotion Program for International Students" policy. This program is an appended education program with a focus on business Japanese, career education and internships in Japanese companies for international students who are interested in working in Japan. By taking this program, students can acquire not only advanced expertise or skills but also deep understanding of Japanese corporate culture and regional characteristics. Through this, we have developed highly-skilled professionals who are flexible and mentally strong and root themselves in the community. They lead Japanese economic development, especially energizing industries in the Hokuriku and Shinshu regions.

This program has been published in The Financial Times, one of the most prestigious British economic newspapers. An orientation meeting on the program is to be held in April and October at the time of enrollment periods. The exact dates will be announced after your enrollment. We look forward to your active participation.

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