

Admission in October 2026

Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative

Kanazawa University

(Master's Course)

Application Guidelines

First and Second Round

Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative, Kanazawa University

November 2025

Note: It is your own responsibility to check all matters related to the selection of enrollees by carefully reading the Application Guidelines for the entrance examination category that you are applying for.

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Schedule of Application Procedure up to Enrollment

	First round	Second round
Application *1, *2	9:00 am, Dec. 15 (Mon), 2025 - 4:30 pm , Dec. 19 (Fri), 2025	9:00 am, Jun. 8 (Mon), 2026 - 4:30 pm , Jun. 12 (Fri), 2026
Examination Ticket available for download *3	9:00 am, Jan. 14 (Wed), 2026 -	9:00 am, Jul. 1 (Wed), 2026 -
Examination	Jan. 24(Sat),2026	Jul. 11(Sat),2026
Announcement of results	Feb. 6(Fri), 2026	Jul. 24(Fri), 2026
Admission procedure	Mid-September 2026	
Enrollment	October 1, 2026	

*1 An applicant who wishes to apply according to 6), 9), 10), or 11) of “4. Eligibility Requirements” will be screened by a separate process before applying. See “5. Eligibility Screening”.

*2 Pre-registration is available through the web application system one week prior to the start of the application period.

*3 Download the Examination Ticket by the day of the examination from the web application system.

*4 Depending on the number of successful applicants in the first round of entrance examinations, subsequent rounds may not be conducted. For information regarding whether additional rounds will be held, check the website of the Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative regularly.

Graduate School Website: <https://gsinfinity.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/>

“For applicants who are victims of natural disasters”

To reduce the financial burden on victims from natural disasters and provide the opportunity for their further their education, Kanazawa University adopts a measure to waive entrance assessment fees. Please visit the following Kanazawa University website for details, such as applicable disasters and disaster-hit areas.

*This target is disasters in Japan only.

Kanazawa University website>admission>Exemption and Refund of Examination Fee

https://www.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/admission/kenteiryo_henkan



If you would like to have your admission assessment fee waived, contact Admission Division, Educational and Student Affairs Department.

Email: boshu@adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp

1. Overview of Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative (GRAFiNiti)

Educational and research aims of Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative

The aim of the course is to contribute to the creation of new academic fields by providing graduate education based on the results of interdisciplinary research that leads to the creation of innovative and new academic and industrial fields and areas, and on interaction with society, and to train researchers and industrialists who are interdisciplinary, comprehensive, and international in their approach.

Division	Human resource development we are aiming for	Degrees awarded
Division of Convergence Science	A person who, with a broad perspective and deep knowledge, can accurately judge social changes and apply the various knowledge gained in this major to problems occurring in society.	Master of Philosophy
Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences	A person who can perceive the needs and trends of global society and contribute to scientific and technological innovation in a collaborative and co-creative manner on the basis of various scientific findings and advanced science and technology.	Master of Philosophy
Division of Nano Life Science	A person who, with an insatiable spirit of pursuit and a high ambition to contribute to people, science and society, combining knowledge of the world's most advanced nano dynamic measurement and control with opinions and sensitivity in the fields of life and material	Master of Nanoscience

2. Admission Policy (New Student Admission Policy)

Division	Admission Policy
Division of Convergence Science	A person who wishes to contribute to society by utilizing various knowledge they learn anew, in addition to the foundation of expertise acquired in their undergraduate studies.
Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences	The Master's course accepts students who, in addition to the basic expertise in the fields they have mastered in their bachelor's and other course, are also interested in fields in which they have different specializations and engage in collaborative activities with others, solve complex and difficult problems through the power of interdisciplinary integration, and have a strong desire to actively create new values for the development of society.
Division of Nano Life Science	The master's course accepts applicants who have acquired specialized knowledge in their bachelor's course and possess advanced the English-language skills that are necessary for independent research. The applicants must have the disposition, inquisitiveness, intuition, and ethical standards that are required of an outstanding researcher.

3. The Number of Students to be Accepted

Division • Selection		Enrollment
Division of Convergence Science	General Selection	Limited numbers
	Special Selection for Working Adults	Limited numbers
	Special Selection for International Students	Limited numbers
Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences		Limited numbers
Division of Nano Life Science		Limited numbers

Division of Convergence Science conducts general selection and special selection to accept diverse talent. Special selection consists of special selection for working adults and special selection for international students.

- Special Selection for Working Adults

This selection is aimed at people with work experience after graduating from a bachelor's degree program, who wish to gain the skills they need to prepare for new developments through work experience in a company, government agency, or startup, or who wish to improve their skills to adapt to major changes in their current workplace.

- Special Selection for International Students

This selection is for those who do not have Japanese nationality and have not received a bachelor's degree in Japan. Japanese language ability is not required.

4. Eligibility Requirements

Those who can apply for the Master's course of the Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative, GRAFiNiti, must fulfill any of the following requirements, 1) to 11).

However, for the Special Selection for Working Adults and the Special Selection for International Students, you must also meet the following application qualifications.

- Special Selection for Working Adults

Those who are currently employed at an educational research institution, government agency, company, etc. at the time of application, or those who have worked at an educational research institution, government agency, company, etc. for three years or more at the time of enrollment.

- Special Selection for International Students

Those who do not have Japanese nationality and have not received a bachelor's degree in Japan.

- 1) A person who graduated from a university stipulated in Article 83 of the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947) or is expected to graduate by September 30, 2026.
- 2) A person who has been awarded a Bachelor's degree in accordance with Paragraph 7 of Article 104 of the School Education Act or is expected to be awarded a Bachelor's degree by September 30, 2026;
- 3) A person who has completed a 16-year educational curriculum in a foreign country or is expected to complete the curriculum by September 30, 2026;
- 4) A person who has completed a university education level curriculum from a foreign-affiliated educational institution in Japan that is based on that country's school education system and that is designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, or is expected to complete said curriculum by September 30, 2026;
- 5) A person who has completed a 16-year educational curriculum of a foreign country by taking a remote course in Japan that is offered by a school from said country or is expected to complete said curriculum by September 30, 2026;
- 6) A person who was awarded a degree equivalent to a Bachelor's degree from a foreign university or other school (restricted to those schools evaluated by an authority certified by said foreign country's government or a related organization responsible for comprehensive activities such as education and research activities and designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan) after completion of an educational course of three years or more (including completion of an education course by taking a remote course in Japan that is offered by a school of said country and completion of an education course offered by an educational institution that is based on that country's school education system and designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan) (see Note 1);
- 7) A person who is determined to be eligible by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan;
- 8) A person who completed a course at a specialized training school (restricted to those schools that meet requirements approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan including a training period of four years or more) approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan after the date designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, or is expected to complete said course by September 30, 2026;
- 9) A person who was admitted to a graduate school other than GRAFiNiti in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Article 102 of the School Education Act and who is recognized to possess academic ability suitable for graduate school education at GRAFiNiti (see Note 1);
- 10) A person who meets one of the following 4 requirements and is recognized by GRAFiNiti to have obtained necessary credits with an excellent grade (see Note 1);
 - i) A person who will have stayed at a university as defined in Article 83 of the School Education Act for

- three years or more by September 30, 2026 (see Notes 2 and 3);
- ii) A person who completed a 15-year educational curriculum in a foreign country or is expected to complete by the September 30, 2026;
- iii) A person who has completed a university level curriculum from a foreign-affiliated educational institution in Japan that is based on that country's 15-year school education system and that is approved by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan or is expected to complete said curriculum by September 30, 2026;
- iv) A person who has completed a 15-year curriculum offered by a foreign country by taking a remote course in Japan that is offered by a school from said country or is expected to complete by September 30, 2026;
- 11) A person who is recognized to have academic ability equivalent to or superior to that of a person, who meets Eligibility requirement 1) by individual screening and who will be 22 years old by September 30, 2026 (Note 1).

Note 1	An applicant who wishes to apply according to 6), 9), 10) or 11) is required to undergo a separate screening process. See "5. Eligibility Screening" on Pages 6-7.
Note 2	Application qualification 10) - i) does not apply to those who have "transferred" to a university (for those who have graduated from a junior college, College of technology, etc.) based on the provisions of the School Education Act. Note that a period of leave of absence will not be included in the period of enrollment. In addition, the following requirements must be met: A) He/she must have obtained 80% or better evaluation in 90% or more credits earned as described in his/her transcript of academic records at the time of application and is expected to obtain an equivalent record at the end of the third year; B) He/she is expected to obtain all the credits without any sign of failure for the qualification of graduation by September 30, 2026, except for obligatory subjects to be completed in the fourth year.
Note 3	A person who enters GRAFiNiti according to Eligibility Requirement 10) - i) without completion of ordinary process will have the official status of "withdrawal from university." Be aware of this, since such a person is not eligible, for example, in various state examinations that require graduation from university as one of the eligibility requirements.

5. Eligibility Screening

1) How to confirm eligibility requirements

Those who wish to apply according to Eligibility Requirements 6), 9), 10) or 11) (pages 5-6) are required to submit a document for Eligibility Screening electronically in electric format (PDF) by email to during each Eligibility Screening period. The subject of the email should be "Eligibility Screening for Master's course application at the Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative: Applicant's Name (e.g. Juliette Kanazawa)."

Note: Use a file transfer service if the size of your document files is too large to send by email.

2) Eligibility Screening Period

	Eligibility Screening Period
First round	Dec. 1 (Mon), 2025 - 4:30 pm on Dec. 5(Fri), 2025
Second round	May 25 (Mon), 2026 - 4:30 pm on May 29(Fri), 2026

3) Documents to be submitted for Eligibility Screening

- i) All applicants: a set of files to be uploaded using the Web application system, i.e. Application Documents defined on "7. Application Procedures" (pages 7-11).
- ii) Only those who wish to apply according to 10) - 1) of "4. Eligibility Requirements" (page 5-6):
 - A) Recommendation (free format, written by a relevant faculty member, recommended by the President or the Department Head, strictly sealed);
 - B) Course Handbook (including a list of the contents of classes. Not required for students currently enrolled in Kanazawa University);
 - C) Enrollment Period Certificate (A document issued on or after October 1, 2025 indicating the period of leave of absence. Not required for students currently enrolled in Kanazawa University).

4) Results of Eligibility Screening

The results of Eligibility Screening will be notified by email to the applicant.

Those who are confirmed to meet the Eligibility Requirements should proceed according to “7. Application Procedures” (pages 7-11).

6. Application Period

	Application Period
First round	9:00 am on Dec. 15 (Mon), 2025 - 4:30 pm on Dec. 19 (Fri), 2025
Second round	9:00 am on Jun. 8 (Mon), 2026 - 4:30 pm on Jun. 12 (Fri), 2026

Note 1: Depending on your eligibility, you may be required to undergo an eligibility assessment prior to application. The deadline for submitting the documents required for the screening is earlier than the above application period. For details, see “5. Eligibility Screening” (pages 6-7).

Note 2: The registration of required information and uploading of items using the web application system as well as the payment of the entrance examination fee can be made one week before the application period.

7. Application Procedures

Applications at our university can only be made online. We do not distribute paper versions of the application guidelines (booklets).

Note that once the application information has been confirmed, no changes can be made to the registered information.

1) Application method



i) Web application system

You can access the Web application system from ;

Top page of the university > Admission > Pick Up Information / Web 出願

https://www.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/admission/admission-information/internet_entry

《Internet application demonstration site》

A demonstration site that allows you to experience the web application is posted on the same page.



ii) Where to Submit Application Documents

Graduate School Affairs Section, Student Affairs Division, Transdisciplinary Sciences Administration Department, KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY

Kakuma, Kanazawa, Ishikawa 920-1192 JAPAN

<Attention>

The online application is not completed only after you have registered your application information and paid the application fee. The application is considered complete when the applicant has uploaded a certified photograph and a set of application documents, and has brought or mailed (*) the documents listed in (2) “Application Documents” on pages 8 to 10 to the office by the end of the application period.

If you live outside Japan and your application documents cannot reach the office by the end of the application period due to postal reasons or other reasons, you are required to confirm us before paying the application fee, as separate instructions will be given on how to submit the application documents.

(*) The application documents must be sent by registered express mail. (*) Application documents must arrive by registered express mail by the last day of the application period. (*) Application documents received after the application period will be accepted if they are sent by registered

express mail with a date stamp of the sending office in Japan on the day two days before the last day of the application period.

2) Application documents

i) Documents to be uploaded using the web application system

Portrait photograph	After registering on the online application system and paying the examination fee, upload a photo of yourself using the URL provided in the registration completion email. Note: A photograph for identification of the applicant. Use a color photograph taken within the last three months of the upper body, <u>unedited</u>, without a hat, front-facing, with a plain background, in jpg or png format between 0.1 to 5 MB.
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Upload the data set of “iii) Other necessary documents to be submitted” as well.

ii) Printed from the web application system (Make sure that the information printed is correct.)

* Bring or mail it to the office.

Application Confirmation Form (for submission) and Resume	After registering on the Web Application System, print out an A4-size color printout of the application confirmation page and submit it. Note: The Application Confirmation Form cannot be printed until the payment of the application fee and uploading of a certified photograph are completed. The Application Confirmation Form is different from the “Application Confirmation Form (for confirmation).”
Mailing label	After registering on the Web Application System, you can print out an A4-size color printout from the application confirmation page. It can be attached to the envelope when sending from within Japan, but is not necessary when sending from abroad. Note: Use a commercially available envelope (240mm x 332mm) and send it by registered express mail. Use commercially available envelopes (240 mm x 332 mm) and send them by registered express mail.

iii) Other necessary documents to be submitted

* Upload the application through the web application system and bring or mail it to the office.

Item	Remarks
1. Application form (Form 1)	Fill in the required information.
2. Academic transcript	Issued by the President or Department Head of a university, President of a junior college, President of a College of technology. If the transcript of academic records certifies graduation or expected graduation, a certificate of graduation/completion or a certificate of expected graduation/completion is not necessary. Note 1: An applicant who has completed or is expected to complete a major course at a junior college or a college of technology must submit a certificate for the major course and a certificate for regular courses. Note 2: An applicant who has completed or is expected to complete a course at a foreign university or an equivalent school must submit a certificate written in Japanese or English.
3. Certificate of graduation (completion) or certificate of expected graduation (completion)	

Item	Remarks
4. Short project description	Assignment 1: “What you have learned so far/Content of your research” (Form 2 - i))
Division of Convergence Science (Form 2 - i), 2 - ii))	Assignment 2: “Research content/plan of what you wish to work on after admission (Including the perspective of convergence knowledge creation)” (Form 2 - ii))
Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences (Form 2 – iii), 2-iv)	Assignment 1: “What you have learned so far/Content of your research” (Form 2 - iii))
Division of Nano Life Science (Form 2 – v)	Assignment 2: “Research content/plan of what you wish to work on after admission (Including the perspective of transdisciplinarity creation)” (Form 2 - iv))
	Assignment : What kind of research activities have you been engaged in so far (including before entering graduate school) and what kind of research topics do you want to work on after entering graduate school? What research projects do you want to work on after entering graduate school? (Form 2-v)
The following are applicable in individual cases where relevant:	
5. External English exam scores	Be sure to bring and present the original TOEIC L&R or TOEFL-iBT (including Home Edition) score report on the day of the test. Only the following will be accepted as valid proof.
* Only applicants for the Division of Convergence Science.	i) TOEIC L&R
* File upload is not required.	-An official score certificate, either in paper form (formally issued and mailed) or in digital format.
	-Only the Original Score Report (Individual Score Sheet) from the TOEIC L&R IP test administered by Kanazawa university.
	Note1: Scores from the TOEIC S&W, TOEIC Bridge, and TOEIC L&R IP tests not administered by the university will not be accepted.
	Note2: If you present a digital official certificate, the print must be clear; always check in advance that the QR code can be read reliably
	ii) TOEFL iBT (including Home Edition)
	-Either the original paper Test Taker Score Report sent by mail or a printed PDF version downloaded from the test taker’s account.
	However, if submitting a PDF of the Test Taker Score Report, ensure that the score report is also sent directly from ETS to the university. [Institution Code : G170]
	Paper score reports will no longer be issued after January 2026.
	Note1: TOEFL-ITP scores will not be accepted.
	Note2: Only Test Date Scores (Test Taker (Examinee) Score Report) of the TOEFL-iBT (including Home Edition) will be accepted, not My Best Score.
	Scores from both tests (i and ii) are valid only if taken on or after April 1, 2022.
	If the official score (Digital Official Score Certificate or Test Taker Score Report) cannot be displayed in time on the day of the examination, a printed copy of the score from the online confirmation screen or a similar source will be accepted.
	However, in such cases, you must promptly submit the official score by email to “16. Contact Information” (page 14).
	Failure to submit the required scores, or any irregularities in the submitted documents, will result in disqualification.

Item	Remarks
	Original score certificates will be returned after verification. Printed copies, however, will not be returned.
6. Certificate of Bachelor's degree	Those who will apply according to 2) of "4. Eligibility Requirements" (page 5-6) must submit the following: For an applicant who has been awarded a Bachelor's degree - A certificate of the awarded degree issued by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education For an applicant who has applied for the award of an academic degree - Certification that an application for a Bachelor's degree award issued by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education has been received An applicant who is planning to apply for the award of an academic degree - A certificate issued by the President of a junior college, College of technology or school stating that the applicant is planning to apply for award of a degree (free format) Note: That if the applicant does not apply for a Bachelor's degree after completing the application, or if he/she cannot obtain a Bachelor's degree, contact the President of the junior college, College of technology or school to notify the President of Kanazawa University about the issue immediately.
7. Summary of Career (Job experience) * Only applicants for Special Selection for Working Adults in Division of the Convergence Science	Applicants for the Special Selection for Working Adults should provide the name, affiliation, period of employment, and main duties of the educational and research institution, government agency, or company where they work (free format, A4 size). This includes entrepreneurs, self-employed individuals, and homemakers.
8. Summary of research and development or summary of practical work experience	Those who will apply according to 11) of "4. Eligibility Requirements" (page 5-6) must submit a "summary of research and development" or "summary of practical work experience" (free format, maximum 3 pages on A4 sheets.)
9. Passport copy	An international applicant must submit a copy of his/her passport showing his/her name. An international applicant who is a resident in Japan at the time of the application must submit a copy of his/her residence card (front and back sides).
10. Residence card copy	
11. Copy of an extract from applicant's family register	If the applicant's name is different from that appearing on the applicant's certificate, etc. due to a change of name, the applicant must submit a document that certifies the change such as an extract from the family register.

iv) Additional items required prior to the entrance exam

Presentation materials to be used for the oral presentation (refer to "10. Admission Selection Method" on page 13) must be submitted in electronic format (PDF) no later than two days prior to the examination date.

3) Prerequisites for application and examination

i) An applicant must make direct contact with one of the faculty members of GRAFiNiti, Kanazawa University, under whose supervision he/she wishes to study and do research, and must obtain their approval to apply for the entrance examination in generally at least two weeks before the application deadline (if the applicant undergoes the Procedures of Eligibility Screening, before the Procedures)

Refer to the list of faculty members posted on the Website.;

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

- ii) An applicant must confirm that all necessary documents have been filled in properly. Incomplete application documents may make the applicant ineligible;
- iii) The email address registered at the time of application will be used for payment completion notifications, various communications after application, and correspondence related to enrollment procedures.
- iv) Accepted application documents will not be returned for any reason, and we will not accommodate changes to the registered information.
- v) An overseas applicant who cannot attend on the day of examination due to unavoidable circumstances must contact “16. Contact Information” (page 16) when making an application;
- vi) **If fraud is discovered in the application documents and/or information registered, or if original documents that are required cannot be submitted during the admission procedure, admission may be refused.**

4) Individualized support for applicants with disabilities

An applicant with a disability who needs special consideration for the examination and for his/her study and research should contact “16. Contact Information” (page 15) with a submission of the following documents before application.

- i) Request for advance consultation (free format):
 - Name;
 - Type of disability and its severity;
 - Items to be specially considered for the examination and for study and research;
 - Considerations made at his/her university;
 - Daily life condition;
 - Other items to be submitted.
- ii) Medical certificate by his/her physician;
- iii) Other references (a copy of handicapped person’s passbook, etc.).

5) Others

A successful applicant admitted to GRAFiNiti who was expected to graduate or complete the necessary curriculum at the time of application must submit a certificate of graduation or completion at the time of admission procedure.

8. Payment of Examination Fee

1) Examination fee JPY 30,000

In addition to the examination fee, applicants must pay the burden service charge (JPY 990).

2) Payment period

	Payment period
First round	Dec. 8 (Mon), 2025 - Dec. 19 (Fri), 2025
Second round	Jun. 1 (Mon), 2026 - Jun. 12 (Fri), 2026

3) Payment method

Any of the following methods can be used: Credit card (VISA, MasterCard, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, Diners Club), convenience stores in Japan, bank ATMs in Japan (payment via Pay-easy) and net banking with Japanese banks (PayPay Bank and Seven Bank cannot be used).

Note:

- i) When payment is completed, application information may not be revised. Before completing payment, make sure to check that there are no errors in the application information (particularly e-mail addresses and phone numbers).
- ii) Payment is not accepted at bank teller windows.
- iii) Payment using bank ATMs in convenience stores is not possible.
- iv) A credit card or bank account held by somebody other than the applicant may be used for payment.
- v) If you need a receipt, select “Convenience Store” and use the receipt issued by the convenience store.
- vi) After the application documents are accepted, the examination fee will not be returned for any reason. However, applicants who have paid the examination fee but did not complete their application, or those who are found to be ineligible after the application has been accepted, may request a refund. The first

refund application period ends on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, and the second period ends on Wednesday, March 31, 2027. Ensure that the refund procedures are completed by the respective deadlines.

Check the following URL for the procedure for the refund of the examination fee.

https://www.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/admission/kenteiryō_henkan

* Monbukagakusho (MEXT) scholarship recipients are not required to pay the examination fee. Email to the "16. Contact Information" (page 15) before registering for the internet application system.

9. Printing-out of Exam admission ticket

	Printable period
First round	9:00 am on Jan. 14 (Wed), 2026 - Jan. 24 (Sat), 2026
Second round	9:00 am on Jul. 1 (Wed), 2026 - Jul. 11 (Sat), 2026

It will be possible to print the exam admission ticket (受験票) from the internet application system.

Log in from the "Application Confirmation Screen (申込確認画面)" and print in A4 size.

- 1) The exam admission ticket has a URL and a 2D code for a website where you can check the precautions and information concerning the examination venue. Make sure to access the website and check the details before the date of the examination.
- 2) If your name is misspelled, contact "16. Contact Information" (page 15).
- 3) Ensure you bring your printed exam admission ticket on the day of the examination.
- 4) The examinee number is required for admission procedures. Keep the exam admission ticket until then.

10. Admission Selection Method

1) Date and place of examination

	Date	Contents of examination	Place
First round	Jan.24 (Sat), 2026	Oral presentation	Kakuma Campus, Kanazawa University
		Oral examination	
Second round	Jul.11 (Sat), 2026	Oral presentation	Kakuma Campus, Kanazawa University
		Oral examination	

Note 1: Applicants will be informed of the examination date and meeting time and location after printing of Examination Tickets has begun.

Note 2: For those who have difficulty coming to the university on the exam date due to living abroad, etc., the exam may be conducted online on one of the exam dates. The online exam will be conducted using Zoom, Webex, etc. in the same manner as the selection method described in (2) below.

2) Details of Examination

Admissions are based on the essay (Short project description) required at the time of application, academic achievement tests (documents required at the time of application, oral presentation and oral examination), academic transcripts, etc. The admission for the Division of Convergence Science also includes scores from external English test scores,

The applicant for the Division of Convergence Science required to be sure to bring and present the original external English test scores on the day of the exam. **Note that you will be disqualified if you do not present them.**

If the scores are not mailed in time and you are unable to present either the original score report or the Digital Official Score Certificate with QR code on the day of the exam, you may submit a printed copy of your scores from the online confirmation screen. However, in such cases, you must promptly bring the original score report to the office listed under "16. Contact Information" (page 15) or send it by mail along with a stamped return envelope.

Oral presentation (within 10 mins)	Oral presentation of the short project description submitted at the time of application. • Presentation materials to be used for the oral presentation must be submitted in electronic format (PDF) no later than two days prior to the examination date. • The presentation data you submitted will be saved on the computer in the examination room. You will use it to deliver your presentation.
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	• Prepare 5 printed copies of the presentation (A4 size vertical, 2 slides per page, double-sided printing, upper left stapled) in case the applicant cannot make the presentation due to a connection problem. • An applicant living abroad, etc., will be given separate instructions.
Oral examination (within 20 mins)	• Questions and answers regarding the content of the presentation (If the applicant has work experience, he/she may also be asked about this.) • Oral questions on the specific research field you require to receive guidance on from the applicant's preferred supervisor. Applicants for the special selection for working adults will also receive questions about the content of their practical experience. The applicant will be informed of the specific areas to be addressed after printing of the admission ticket has started.

3) Acceptance and rejection criteria and evaluation criteria

Applicants will be evaluated comprehensively based on their fundamental expertise obtained during their undergraduate studies and the motivation described in "2. Admission Policy" (page 4), including the results of the essay, oral presentation, and oral examination. In addition, the applicant for the Division of Convergence Science will be evaluated the external English test scores.

In the special selection for working adults, practical experience in society will be taken into consideration. Judgments will be made based on the criteria for each selection category: general selection, special selection for working adults, and special selection for international students.

11. Announcement of Examination Results

	Date
First round	Around 10:00 am on Feb. 6(Fri), 2026
Second round	Around 10:00 am on Jul. 24(Fri), 2026

The examinee numbers of the successful applicants will be shown on the GRAFiNiti web site and the "Online Pass/Fail Inquiry System". The notification of acceptance should be downloaded from the system (No notification will be sent). Inquiries by telephone or email will not be answered.

GRAFiNiti Web site > to applicants
<https://gsinfiniti.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/examinee/>
 Online pass/fail inquiry system
<https://examination.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/admission/goukakusyahappyu/>

12. Admission Procedures

1) Admission procedure

The admission procedures will be conducted through the "Admission procedure system" on the university's website. Check the admission procedure details that will be published later on the following website.

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

2) Expenses for admission

Admission fee, 282,000 yen (estimated);

3) Tuition fee

Tuition for half a year, 267,900 yen (estimated) (annual tuition, 535,800 yen (estimated)).

Note 1: Tuition payments are made through the "direct deposit account transfer system" whereby Kanazawa University's designated financial institution will automatically transfer tuition fees from your account. Refer to the enrollment procedure guidelines to be announced at a later date for details on procedures such as account transfers, etc.,

Note 2: These amounts are estimated ones, and if they are revised, the revised amounts will be applied on the revision date.

Note 3: These payments are exempted in the case of MEXT Scholarship students.



4) Fee required for international students regarding the procedures for their arrival in Japan.

35,000 yen (estimated)

*This fee is primarily required for obtaining a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE). This fee does not apply to international students who do not require a CoE and government-sponsored international students.

*This fee is subject to change. Please refer to the "Admission Procedure Guidelines," which will be published at a later date, for the finalized information.

*After enrollment, we may collect necessary fees to provide international students with comprehensive support for their daily lives and studies.

5) Student insurance

Kanazawa University requires students to subscribe to the following insurance policies to prepare for accidents during their student life. Students admitted to the university are required to join the Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai) and Liability Insurance Coupled with Gakkensai (Futaibaiseki) insurance plans. For international students, it is compulsory to have "Gakkensai" and Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with "Gakkensai" called "Inbound Futai-gakuso". All of these insurance policies are available to students of universities and junior colleges throughout Japan, and are handled by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services. Students who do not have these insurances may not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities, educational training, internships, etc.

Payment of premiums are carried out through the admission procedure system on the website. For details, check the Admission Procedure Guidelines to be published at a later date.

● Personal accident insurance for students pursuing education and research (GAKKENSAI) *Common

In Japan and overseas, this insurance provides coverage against ① physical injuries as a result of a sudden and unexpected extraneous accidents that occur during educational and research activities and ② injuries that occur while commuting to school or in transit between school facilities.

● Liability Insurance Coupled with Gakkensai (FUTAIBASEKI) *Only for Japanese students

In Japan and overseas, this insurance provides coverage against legal liability for injuries inflicted on others, property damage, etc., that occur during curricular activities, school events, extracurricular activities, or commuting to and from them. Kanazawa University requires all students (excluding international students) to join both Futaibaiseki and Gakkensai.

● Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with Gakkensai

It is generally known as "Inbound futai-gakuso" and the Liability Insurance for international students. International students are required to join it.

Note that "extracurricular activities" in Futaibaiseki refers to internship or volunteer activities conducted by an organization approved by the university for the purpose of conducting internship or volunteer activities.

6) Others

If you are enrolling while employed, you will need to submit a letter of consent from your supervisor (or the appointing authority) at your place of employment.

13. Management/Protection of Personal Information

In accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information and Kanazawa University's internal management regulations, Kanazawa University is committed to the proper management and protection of personal information held by Kanazawa University.

The personal information obtained through the entrance examinations and the personal information described on documents that are mandatory at the time of enrollment are used for the following services/operations:

- 1) Services/operations for entrance examinations and admission procedures;
- 2) Services/operations for school register management, study guidance, and health management such as medical checkups;
- 3) Services/operations for Kanazawa University portal site management after enrollment, for the use of campus LAN, and for the campus services such as the use of the library and book lending;
- 4) Services/operations for study support such as admission fee exemption, tuition fee exemption, scholarship selection etc.;

- 5) Services/operations related to payment of entrance fees and tuition fees and to disbursement at a financial institution contracted;
- 6) Statistical processing, research work, and presentations at academic conferences for the purpose of contributing to admissions and educational reforms in a form that does not identify individuals
- 7) Services/operations related to public relations targeted at current students and their families as well as serviced/operations related to fundraising (donations);
- 8) Services/operations related to outcome assessment for graduates, support for the alumni association and foundation activities, and information services and information provision through Kanazawa University;
- 9) Services/operations related to emergency response for the protection of the person in question, etc.
- 10) Other statistical processing work in a form that does not allow individuals to be identified.
- 11) Services/operations for students of the Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences to be able to receive the same internal services as Kanazawa University at the Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology.

14. Financial support

1) Admission and tuition fee waiver

Upon applying for and being accepted for a waiver, those who apply for exemption may be exempted from fees, i.e. all or half of the amount of the admission fee and/or all or half or a portion of the amount of the tuition fee for the semester concerned. Details of how to apply will be found in the admission procedure guidelines sent to successful applicants.

2) Scholarship programs

i) Scholarships of the Japan Student Services Organization and private scholarship associations

There are loan-type scholarships that require repayment after completion and benefit-type scholarships that do not, presided over by JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization), prefectural and municipal governments, and private scholarship associations. For more information, see the websites of those organizations.

ii) Scholarship program unique to Kanazawa University for international students

Kanazawa University provides its own scholarships to international students supported privately. Details can be found on the following website:

<https://intl-support.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/tuition/private.php>

iii) Program for fostering personnel having a doctorate degree with benefit-type scholarship

Kanazawa University is strengthening its support for highly motivated doctoral students in order to nurture and produce excellent doctoral students who will be responsible for the future creation of science, technology, and innovation in Japan. For details, refer to the following website "Kanazawa University Strategic Project for Development of Doctoral Students and Research Promotion".

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

15. Notes 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). All applicants are required to confirm the following before the application:

- Apply to the university to which the supervisor of your preference belongs, take the examinations for the student selection process at that university, and complete the admission procedures. Successful applicants who have completed admission procedures for one of the two universities cannot conduct admission procedures for the other university even if they pass the examinations for the student selection process at that university.
- The home university of a student will be the primary university that his/her supervisor of preference (academic member 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 including the student supervisor at their home university and a second supervisor at the other university.
- A student who has completed the prescribed course at Kanazawa University will be awarded a Master of Transdisciplinary Sciences in the names of Kanazawa University and JAIST. Students must earn a minimum of 10 credits at JAIST as a requirement for completion.
- As a general rule, subject classes held at JAIST are to be taken on the JAIST campus. However, a

system has been introduced that reduces the burden of commuting through the use of media-based remote lecture streams and lectures in an intensive lecture format.

- Students of Kanazawa University can use facilities and equipment at JAIST such as libraries. However, some facilities and equipment may have restrictions on their use.

16. Contact Information

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Kanazawa University Strategic Project for Development of Doctoral Students and Research Promotion (HaKaSe⁺)

Kanazawa University is reinforcing support for aspiring students of the Doctoral Level Section of Integrated Course / Doctoral Course, thus fostering and nurturing research personnel with a doctoral degree who will be the seed of advancement of Science and Technology and innovation in Japan and around the world, and be responsible for creating a future society. In this “Kanazawa University Strategic Project for Development of Doctoral Students and Research Promotion (HaKaSe⁺)”, KU provides various support such as enhancement for concentration on research, development of interdisciplinarity and internationality, career development after obtaining a doctoral degree in addition to financial support.

The following projects are supported by Japanese government as part of the support for doctoral students for the advancement of science and technology and creation of innovation in Japan. Thus, content of supports may be subject to change due to the end of the project or system changes.

Please check HaKaSe⁺ Website for the latest information on support details for fiscal year 2026.
<https://phd.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/en/>

[Inquires for HaKaSe⁺]

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Support for international students to find employment in Japan

Kanazawa University offers programs such as business Japanese language education, career education, and internships for international students who wish to work in Japan after graduation as part of the Career Support Educational Program for International Students “Link KAGAYAKI”. Through these programs, we nurture human resources who can actively contribute to Japanese companies having not only a high level of specialized knowledge and skills but also a deep understanding of Japanese corporate culture and regional characteristics.

Contact:

“Link KAGAYAKI” Office

Career Support Office, Educational and Student Affairs Department

TEL 076-264-6045 E-mail kagayaki-jimu@adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp

Link KAGAYAKI Web Site

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



Application Form

«All applicants must fill in this part.»

Name	
Academic supervisor of your preference	Note: You MUST obtain acceptance from your future supervisor.

«Only applicants for the Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences must fill in this part.»

Your choice of challenge	☐ Life innovation ☐ Green innovation ☐ System innovation Note: Please refer to the Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative website and select one of the challenging innovation frameworks (three challenges). It is possible to change your selection even after enrollment.
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《All applicants must fill in “Senior high school” and “University” columns. Applicants according to Eligibility Requirement 3), 5), 6), 9), 10) or 11) must also give information of the “Elementary school” and “Junior high school”.》

Academic Background				
Name of Educational Institute (qualification obtained)		Date of admission Date of graduation (expected)		Regular period of study
Senior high school		MM/YYYY	Admission Graduation	years
University etc.		MM/YYYY	Admission Graduation Graduation expected Others ()	years

《Applicants “with work experience” in the web application system must fill in.》

Work experience	
MM/YYYY	
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In case of admittance (currently employed only)	☐ will quit current employment ☐ will NOT quit current employment

Examination Number	*
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Short project description
Applicants for Division of Convergence Science only

Theme 1: “What you have learned so far/Content of your research” such as graduation research.
* Applicants for Special Selection for Working Adults should also describe your work experience in the society.
Make the font size 10.5 points; around 1,000 character count in Japanese or 600 word count in English.
Maximum one page including figures and tables (no restrictions on the number of figures, tables, etc.)

Name

Do not write in the space marked with *.

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Short project description
Applicants for Division of Convergence Science only

Theme 2: “Research content/plan that you wish to work on after admission (including the perspective of convergence knowledge creation).”

Make the font size 10.5 points; around 1,000 character count in Japanese or 600 word count in English.

Maximum one page including figures and tables (no restrictions on the number of figures, tables, etc.).

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Short project description
Applicants for Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences only

Theme 1: “What you have learned so far/Content of your research” such as graduation research.
Make the font size 10.5 points; around 1,000 character count in Japanese or 600 word count in English.
Maximum one page including figures and tables (no restrictions on the number of figures, tables, etc.)

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Short project description

Applicants for Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences only

Theme 2: “Research content/plan that you wish to work on after admission (including the perspective of transdisciplinarity).”

Make the font size 10.5 points; around 1,000 character count in Japanese or 600 word count in English.

Maximum one page including figures and tables (no restrictions on the number of figures, tables, etc.).

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Short project description
Applicants for Division of Nano Life Science only

Theme: “What kind of research activities have you been involved with so far (including before entering graduate school)? What kind of research subjects do you wish to work on after admission?”

Make the font size 10.5 points; around 2,000 character count in Japanese or 1,000 word count in English.

Maximum two pages including figures and tables (no restrictions on the number of figures, tables, etc.).

Name

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Application for Qualification Certification for Entrance Examination

The Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative, Kanazawa University (master's course)

Attention of: the Dean, the Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative, Kanazawa University		
I wish to take an Entrance Examination of the Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative, Kanazawa University (master's course). Therefore, I would like to undergo the Procedure for Eligibility Screening. I will submit the required documents.		
MM / DD / YYYY		
Name _____		
Born on MM/DD/YYYY (years old)		
Current Address		Telephone: - -
Currently	Place of Employment	
	Job Title	
	Job Place	Telephone: - -
Academic Background (from Senior high school in detail)		
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Work Experience (describe your research and development in detail and in an understandable manner).		
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Activity status at academic societies and others		
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Note 1: Do not write in the space marked with *.

Note 2: In case this Form is not sufficient, please add a line and fill it in.