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鳥取大学大学院共同獣医学研究科(博士課程)

Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences, Tottori University

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO  
THE DOCTORAL COURSE FOR 2026  
(OCTOBER ENTRANCE)

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# Admission Policy

## Characteristics of Students Sought by the Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences

Subject to successful completion of the entrance examination, the Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences accepts students who:

- (1) has fundamental research and veterinary ethical values and can adhere to the Code of Conduct;
- (2) has adequate basic academic abilities and skills in veterinary and life sciences;
- (3) has basic English language skills and communication skills necessary for research activities;
- (4) has a motivation and an inquiring mind to actively work on research topics; and
- (5) has energy and ambition to conduct creative research with a broad view.

## Basic Policy on the Screening of Prospective Students

Through written examination (in foreign language, i.e., English) and oral assessment, prospective students are assessed for, among other things: their academic performance and acquired skills necessary for research at our graduate school; their English language skills.

The application documents will not be submitted for any other reasons or to any other persons, unless in the case of an exception set by the article 9 (2) of the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Incorporated Administrative Agencies, etc.

## Entrance Examination Schedule

### ○Admission in October 2026

Item	Schedule
Entrance examination eligibility application	June 15 (Mon.) to June 26 (Fri.), 2026
Examination application period	July 14 (Tue.) to July 21 (Tue.), 2026
Examination date	August 24 (Mon.), 2026
Announcement of results	September 10 (Thu), 2026
Admission procedures	September 18 (Fri.) to September 28 (Mon.), 2026

### **Correspondences in Case of Unforeseen Circumstances**

When the screening cannot be implemented as scheduled due to large disaster or other unforeseen events, or when the university foresees that traffic disruption or other hazardous events have great negative effects on the applicants, correspondences might be taken such as changes of examination time and/or dates, screening methods, and date of result publication. When the specific correspondence to such event is determined, it will be posted on the official web site of Tottori University. So please be careful on Tottori University web site, especially just before the examination date.

## I. Student Admission

Course	Student admission
	October 2026 entrance
Joint Major of Veterinary Sciences	a few people

## II. Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet one of the following requirements.

1. Those who have graduated from a veterinary, pharmacy ,medical or dental school after completing a six-year course (including those who will do so by September 2026 for October 2026 entrance)
2. Those who have completed 18 years of school education abroad (including those who will do so by September 2026 for October 2026 entrance) (Limited to a final course in veterinary, pharmacy ,medical or dental)
3. Those who have completed 18 years of school education abroad by taking subjects through a correspondence course of foreign countries in Japan (Limited to a final course in veterinary, pharmacy ,medical or dental) (including those who will do so by September 2026 for October 2026 entrance)
4. Those who have completed 18 years of foreign school education in Japan designated by the Minister of Education, Science and Culture of Japan (Limited to a final course in veterinary, pharmacy ,medical or dental) (including those who will do so by September 2026 for October 2026 entrance)
5. Individuals who have been granted a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by an overseas university or other overseas school (provided that the comprehensiveness of such educational research activity is evaluated by a person who is certified by the government or a relevant authority of the country, or that it is separately specified as equivalent by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) following completion of a course with a length of at least 5 years (This may involve the completion of a course through correspondence classes conducted in Japan by the overseas school, or the completion of a course on the above-specified research at an education facility designated by the school education system in the relevant country.) (Limited to a final course in veterinary, pharmacy ,medical or dental) (including those who will do so by September 2026 for October 2026 entrance)
6. Those designated by the Minister of Education, Science and Culture of Japan (according to the Ministry of Education 1955 Notification No. 39)
  - (1) They should have graduated from a medical or dental school according to Article 388 in the former School Education Ordinance.
  - (2) They should have graduated from the National Defense Medical College according to Article 164 in the Establishment Law of the Japan Ministry of Defense.
  - (3) They should have acquired a degree equivalent to a master's or should have studied for more than 2 years on a doctoral course without a course division composed of two-year and three-year courses and should have received more than 30 credits and instruction of research. Further, their current research

accomplishments should be authorized by this graduate school; they should also be certified by the University as applicants having higher qualifications than those who have completed courses in veterinary or pharmaceutical sciences school after completing a six-year course, medical or dental schools.

- (4) They should have been devoted to research in universities or institutes for more than 2 years after having graduated from a university or college (excluding veterinary, pharmaceutical sciences, medical, and dental schools) or should have completed 16 years of educational courses at a foreign school. Further, they should be authorized with accomplishments in the present research by this graduate school as applicants having qualifications higher than those who have completed courses in a veterinary or pharmaceutical sciences school after completing a six-year course, medical or dental school.
7. Applicants who have entered the other graduate schools (Limited to doctoral course in veterinary medicine, medicine, dentistry or pharmaceutical sciences) of universities according to the second clause of Article 102 of the School Education Law and were admitted by this graduate school on the basis of their academic abilities.
8. Applicants who fall into one of the following categories will be considered by this graduate school as having the necessary credits with an excellent record:
  - (1) Those who have studied at a veterinary, pharmacy, medical or dental school on a six-year course for more than 4 years
  - (2) Those who have completed 16 years of school education abroad (including those who will do so by entrance) (Limited to a curriculum in veterinary, pharmacy, medical or dental school on a six-year course)
  - (3) Those who have completed 16 years of school education abroad by taking subjects through a correspondence course of foreign countries in Japan (including those who will do so by entrance) (Limited to a course in veterinary, pharmacy, medical or dental)
9. Those who are 24 years or older by September 2026 and were admitted by this graduate school on the basis of their having abilities equivalent to those of the graduates of a six-year curriculum in veterinary, pharmacy, medical or dental; their abilities are determined through Joint Graduate School's special entrance examination

Refer Section III if you are under items 6(3), 6(4), 7, 8 and 9.

### **III. Recognition of Admission Requirements**

Authorization will be issued upon submission of the following papers and oral examination. However, the oral examination will be omitted for those applicants who are able to show that their scholastic level is equivalent to or higher than that of students falling under the previously mentioned categories.

1. Documents to be submitted:

① Application for the Certification of Qualification	The form issued by this graduate school should be used, and it should be filled out completely. (Form No. 8)
② Curriculum vitae	The form issued by this graduate school should be used, and it should be filled out completely. (Form No. 2)
③ Statement of research experience	Use official form (Form No. 9) Under Item 6(4) History of employment needs to be certified by the dean(s) or the director(s) of the institutions where the applicant has worked or works at present. The history of employment written by the applicant may be accepted, even if it can not be certified at the relevant institution(s).
④ Summary of research achievements	A summary of the applicant's research achievements on A4-size paper. It should be about 1,000 characters in Japanese or 600 words in English. Use A4 paper and attach a cover sheet (Form No.10).
⑤ Supplementary materials to show past research experience	If available, attach supplementary materials (e.g., a copy of a thesis or research paper) showing the applicant's research achievements.
⑥ Academic transcript	A copy of the official transcript of the latest degree certified by the president of the last school from which the applicant graduated should be attached.

2. Submission Period

June 15 (Mon.) to June 26 (Fri.), 2026

3. Submission Method

Application documents should be submitted in person or mailed. The admission office is open 9:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday (except for holidays) for submission.

If the application form is accompanied by the other application materials, they should be sent by registered special delivery with “Application Form Enclosed” written on the envelope (preferably in red ink), to the following address: (The documents must arrive by 17:00 of the last day for an application period.)

4. Address

4-101 Koyama-cho Minami, Tottori, 680-8553, Japan

Educational Affairs Section for Joint Department of Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Agriculture,  
Tottori University TEL: +81-857-31-5365

5. Applicants taking the oral examination will be separately notified of the date.

6. Authorization

The result of the examination will be mailed to each applicant on: July 13 (Mon.), 2026

#### IV. Application Procedure

1. Application period

The deadlines for receiving the applications and all supporting documents are as follows: July 14 (Tue.) to July 21 (Tue.), 2026

2. Application process

Application documents should be submitted in person or mailed. The admission office is open 9:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday (except for holidays) for submission.

If the application form is accompanied by the other application materials, they should be sent by registered special delivery with “Application Form Enclosed” written on the envelope (preferably in red ink), to the following address: (The documents must arrive by 17:00 of the last day for an application period.)

3. The Administration Office

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4. Application documents

① Application form	The application form issued by this graduate school should be used, and it should be filled out in English. (Use Form No. 1)
② Examination Admission Card and Photograph Card	Use official form (Form No. 1-1)
③ Two identical photographs	Photographs taken within the last three months before the application should be provided for the designated sections of the application form and the admission card. The photographs should be portrait-sized (4×3 cm).
④ Curriculum vitae	Use official form (Form No. 2)
⑤ A copy of the degree certificate regarding the completion of the final school course or a master's course should be provided.	
⑥ Academic transcript	A copy of the official transcript of the latest degree certified by the president or dean of the last school from which the applicant graduated should be attached. (Unquestioned style. Possibly, use official form No. 3)

<p>⑦ Application fee</p>	<p>30,000 JPY.</p> <p>* Foreign students with a scholarship from the Japanese government are exempt from paying the application fee.</p> <p>* Complete the payment transfer at any bank in Japan (except for Post office and Japan Post Bank) and use the enclosed slip, Attach the payment receipt slip on the form of Confirmation of payment of application fee, Form No. 4.</p> <p>Application fee should not be deposited through an ATM. The commission fee associated with this payment is the responsibility of the applicant. Keep the receipt of application fee deposit. Application fee will not be returned for any reasons after we receive the application documents except for below cases,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the fee has been paid without any application</li> <li>2) rejection of the application</li> <li>3) the fee has been paid twice</li> </ol>
<p>⑧ Copy of the graduation thesis (A summary of your research work experience)</p>	<p>A summary of the applicant's undergraduate thesis or master's thesis on A4-size paper (about 2,000 characters in Japanese or 1,200 words in English) with a cover page (Form No. 5, enclosed). Those who will graduate by September 2026 for October 2026 entrance or those who are not required undergraduate thesis, submit a summary of your research work experience at your university or working place. If neither of these is possible, submit a statement of your purpose for applying to the course in 1,000 Japanese characters or less.</p>
<p>⑨ Research Proposal</p>	<p>A written proposal for research to be conducted at this graduate school. The proposal must be on A4-size paper, with a cover page (Form No. 6, enclosed), and should be about 1,000 characters in Japanese or 600 words in English.</p>
<p>⑩ Employment letter if applicable</p>	<p>If the applicant is working for a public office or company, a letter of permission written by the head at the place of employment should be submitted. (The form issued by this graduate school should be used.) (Use Form No. 7)</p>
<p>⑪ Return envelope</p>	<p>A self-addressed envelope (including the applicant's name, address, and zip code), stamped (410 JPY) and 23.5 cm × 12.0 cm in size.</p> <p>※ If the postage has been revised at the time of application, please put the postage stamp at the revised rate including the express delivery fee within 50g.</p>
<p>⑫ A copy of passport etc. (only for foreign applicants)</p>	<p>Foreign applicants who live in Japan should submit a copy of passport or residence card (both sides). Others should submit a copy of passport.</p>

⑬ Application for written test questions	If you wish to be exempt from the written test, please attach the certificate and submit the written test exemption application form. (Use Form No.11)
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[Notes]

- (1) Before submitting the application, it is desirable for the applicant to consult with the major professor under whom the applicant wishes to study. (Appended Table : Major Supervisors and their Research Interests)
- (2) For those with physical and other handicaps : If you have any physical and/or other handicaps, we suggest that you notify us about your situation in advance. We can consider your condition at the time of the entrance examination and thereafter. Therefore, those with physical and other handicaps are requested to submit a description of your condition along with a doctor's diagnosis. (Address to Educational Affairs Section for Joint Department of Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University), There are no fixed forms for the description of your condition ; you can choose the most suitable way to describe them. However, please be sure to include :  
Admission in October 2026 : until July 13 (Mon.) 2026.
  - ① Your name, your present address and phone number
  - ② The name of the probable major supervisor
  - ③ The name of the department, the faculty and the university you graduated from
  - ④ The type and degree of your handicap
  - ⑤ Any considerations you wish us to make for you at the time of the entrance examination
  - ⑥ Any considerations you wish us to make for you after you have been accepted to our Graduate School
  - ⑦ Description of any treatment you have thus far received at your former university
  - ⑧ Any comments about your daily life in term of your condition that you want us to know about
- (3) No change in the documents will be allowed after submission of the application.
- (4) None of the documents submitted will be returned to the applicants.

## V. Selection of Applicants

Applicants will be selected on a competitive basis. Admission will be determined by their written and oral test scores and academic records.

There are cases in which foreign students may be selected on the assessment of their application documents. (See point 2 below).

### 1. Examination of Academic Subjects

#### ① Written examination:

For Japanese applicants, the foreign language (English) is required.

Foreign students can submit their essays in Japanese or English

Note 1. Stedman's Medical Dictionary (English-Japanese and Japanese-English) and STEDMAN'S MEDICAL DICTIONARY (English) will be provided by the Graduate School.

※ Exemption from the written test

If your language ability is higher than the test scores listed in the chart below, you may be exempt from the written test. (However, you will not be eligible to apply for the Tottori University Encourage Fund scholarship)

For Japanese students : Those who have scores on the English tests listed below (Practical English skill test (Eiken), TOEIC (L&R), TOEFL iBT), or those who have a CEFR score of B2 or higher, may be exempt from the written test.

Test	Practical English skill test (Eiken)	TOEIC (L&R)	TOEFL iBT
Requirements	Grade Pre 1 or higher	※785 points or more	※79 points or more

※ Only scores obtained after October 2024 will be valid.

※ TOEFL iBT 79 points or higher is the target for 2026.

※ TOEFL iBT requires certification of CEFR B2 or higher on the transcript issued by Educational Testing Service (ETS).

Submit test scores in the sealed, unopened envelope as obtained from the examination agency, and enclose it with your application documents.

For International student : Those who meet the requirements of either (1) or (2) below.

(1) Those who have the scores on the English tests listed below (Practical English skill test (Eiken), TOEIC (L&R), TOEFL iBT) or those who have a CEFR score of B2 or higher, may be exempt from the written test.

Test	Practical English skill test (Eiken)	TOEIC (L&R)	TOEFL iBT
Requirements	Grade Pre 1 or higher	※785 points or more	※79 points or more

※ Only scores obtained after October 2024 will be valid.

※ TOEFL iBT 79 points or higher is the target for 2026.

※ TOEFL iBT requires certification of CEFR B2 or higher on the transcript issued by Educational Testing Service (ETS).

Submit test scores in the sealed, unopened envelope as obtained from the examination agency, and enclose it with your application documents.

(2) Those who have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at the minimum level listed below.

Test	Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)
Requirements	Level N2 or more

※ (1) For those who took the test in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, or China, a copy of your Japanese-Language Proficiency Certificate must be submitted.

(2) For those who took the test overseas in countries other than the above, a copy of Japanese Language Proficiency Test results must be submitted.

② Oral examination:

The oral test will concern the student's recent research contents (graduation thesis, master's degree, research results, case reports, or a substitute) and the statement of his/her study plan in this graduate school. The oral presentation and the questions will take approximately 10 minutes. Discussions will take approximately 20 minutes. (Please bring your own PC, and use the LCD projector to give a presentation. An appropriate converter should be prepared for projection. In addition, to avoid some troubles at the time of presentation, please convert the PowerPoint data for presentation into PDF, and bring it into flash memory.)

2. Admission of foreign students based on their application documents

For special reasons, those who are unable to come to Japan at the time of the entrance examination may be selected on the basis of their application documents.

Note 1. Those who wish to undergo the abovementioned selection procedure without taking the examinations are required to have sufficient consultations with the major supervisor under whom they will study and for supervisor confirmation before the time of application.

Note 2. Those working in a public office or company must submit recommendation letters written by two academic advisors or heads at the place of employment, and preferred supervisor.

## VI. Time, Date, and Place of Examination

August 24 (Mon.), 2026

Examination	Time	Place
Written Test (Japanese or English essay)	10:00~11:30	*Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University
Oral Test	13:00~	

\* The location will be announced when the examination admission card is sent.

## VII. Announcement of the Successful Applicants

List of the successful applicants admitted to the course will be posted on the announcement board at the entrance of the Building No.1 at Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University, on the following dates:

September 10 (Thu.), 2026. at 10:00 am

\* In addition, a separate notice will be mailed to each successful applicant.

No inquiry will be accepted by telephone or other means.

## VIII. Enrollment Procedure

### 1. Notification of the submission of registration and documents

The time of registration is from: September 18 (Fri.) to September 28 (Mon.), 2026

\* The documents must arrive by 17:15 of the last day for an application period.

### 2. Documents and procedural instructions will be provided to each successful applicant along with a letter of notification.

### 3. Course fees

① Entrance fee: 282,000 JPY

② Tuition fee: 267,900 JPY for the first semester (535,800 JPY per year)

The tuition fee for the second semester must be paid by November 30, 2026. Further information will be provided to accepted applicants.

#### 【Notes】

- (1) The admission fee is not refundable. There are no exceptions.
- (2) The students who want to apply for exemption of the admission and tuition fees should not pay during the admission procedures period.
- (3) The admission and tuition fees are estimates. If the fees are revised upon your entrance or during the course, the revised entrance and tuition fees will be put into effect.
- (4) Foreign students with a scholarship from the Japanese government are exempt from paying the entrance and tuition fees.

## IX. Long-term Enrollment System

Long-term enrollment system is facilitated at our graduate school for a student who has difficulty completing the course within the standard study period due to having work or other relevant reason. A student applicable under this system is given an opportunity to complete courses and obtain a degree according to a set schedule exceeding the standard study period. Those who wish to use this system should apply at the time of enrollment procedure. For details, please contact the Educational Affairs Section for Joint Department of Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University.

### <Outline of the Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences, Tottori University >

#### 1. Purpose of Establishment

The purpose of the Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences is to contribute to the maintenance and development of an affluent society by producing leading veterinary practitioners who have gained academic knowledge and skills and practical abilities in the field of veterinary hygiene, public health, One Health, or intractable disease treatment/drug discovery and development as specialists in veterinary hygiene, public health, in One Health or in intractable disease treatment/drug discovery and development, respectively,

under the educational philosophy of: (i) training educators and researchers in veterinary sciences who can contribute to the advancement of veterinary sciences by promoting advanced research in a wide range of areas related to animal and human health, including the soundness of ecosystems; and (ii) fostering professionals in veterinary sciences who have advanced knowledge and skills and expertise and high ethical values and will play a leading role in the global community and local communities.

## 2. Diploma Policy

The Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences awards the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary Science to students who enroll for the required period, acquire the specified number of credits, have high ethical values and acquire advanced and extensive expertise and research skills that meet the school's purpose of training human resources, and pass a thesis defense and a final examination.

- (1) Human resources who have advanced expertise and research skills in veterinary and life sciences.
- (2) Human resources who can act as local leaders who respond to social demands by exercising creative research and communication skills based on a wide interdisciplinary background and a global viewpoint.
- (3) Human resources who can deal with or resolve various issues in veterinary and animal sciences as specialists in veterinary hygiene, public health, in One Health or in intractable disease treatment/drug discovery and development.

## 3. Characteristics of Education and Learning

- (1) Students receive research guidance under the major supervisor. In addition, students are able to use the facilities at Gifu University.
- (2) At this graduate school, three faculty members: one major supervisor and two associate supervisors (one of them is a faculty member of Gifu University) train a student.

## 4. Curriculum Policy

To foster human resources who have advanced expertise and research skills and can act as local leaders who respond to social demands based on a wide interdisciplinary background and a global viewpoint as described in the Diploma Policy, the following Curriculum Policy is established:

- (1) The curriculum provides the graduate school's common subjects, basic educational subjects, specialist training subjects, research promotion subjects and advanced educational subjects.
- (2) Provision of this curriculum is intended to foster local leaders, veterinary science researchers and high-level professionals who have acquired advanced expertise and skills in veterinary sciences and can respond to social demands by exercising creative research and communication skills based on high ethical values, a wide interdisciplinary background and a global viewpoint.
- (3) Learning outcomes are assessed according to the level of achievement of class goals based on, among other things: the relevant university-wide agreement; and the performance assessment items listed in the syllabus of each subject.

## 5. Requirement for Graduation

Students are required to complete at least 30 credits in the curriculum of this graduate school, receive

necessary research guidance, and pass the examination of the doctoral thesis and the dictation or written examination on the contents of the dissertation and the field of specialties. By passing the final examination, a doctor (veterinary science) degree is awarded. In addition, out of 30 credits or more, 10 credits or more are of Gifu University opening subjects.

#### 6. Degree

For those who completed the course of this graduate school, a doctoral degree (Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary Science) by Tottori University and Gifu University is awarded.

Major Supervisors and their Research Interests			
Department	Name of Major Supervisor	Research Interest	Research Contents
Basic Veterinary Science	WARITA Katsuhiko	Molecular Morphology	Research on drug sensitivity of cancer cells with different origins
	KOBA Satoshi	Integrative Physiology	Research on regulatory mechanisms of autonomic nervous system in health and disease
	TAKAHASHI Kenji	Cellular pharmacology /toxicology	Research on mechanisms of cytotoxicity and cellular inflammation
	SATO Yoko	Developmental & Reproductive Biology	Research on male germ cell development
	HIGUCHI Masashi	Cell differentiation	Research on pituitary development and cell differentiation
Pathogenetic, Applied Veterinary Science	MURASE Toshiyuki	Veterinary Bacteriology	Pathogenicity and antimicrobial resistance of bacteria causing infectious diseases in animals
	OZAKI Hiroichi	Pathomicrobiology	Research on host range analysis and pathogenicity
	SUNDEN Yuji	Pathology of Veterinary Infectious Diseases	Research on pathogenesis, prevention and treatment of infectious diseases
	TAKEUCHI Takashi	Mucosal Immunology	Research on immune response of mucosal tissue
	TOMIOKA Yukiko	Disease model animal science	Developments and analyses of model animals for tumors and viral diseases
	SODA Kosuke	Infectious Diseases of Animals	Research on pathology of infectious diseases and development of vaccine
	YAMAGUCHI Tsuyoshi	Avian infectious diseases	Avian infectious disease control and the ecology of pathogens
	USUI Tatsufumi	Veterinary Infectious Diseases	Research on the role of host and virulence factors in infectious diseases
Clinical Veterinary Science	OSAKI Tomohiro	Small Animal Oncology	Research on new diagnosis and therapy in small animal tumors
	HARADA Kazuki	Veterinary Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics	Research on pharmacotherapeutics of medical diseases in dogs and cats
	NISHIMURA Ryo	Veterinary Reproduction and Obstetrics	Research on reproductive physiology in mammals
	TAKEUCHI Takashi	Neurology	Research on diagnosis and therapeutics in neurological disease

	TSUKA Takeshi	Bovine Practice	Research on the diagnostic imaging in bovines
	IGUCHI Aiko	Veterinary clinical infectious diseases	Research on treatment strategy in canine babesiosis
	MURAHATA Yusuke	Veterinary Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine	Research on anesthesia and perioperative management in small animals