

Eligibility for Graduate Schools of Niigata University: Admission for International Applicants for April 2020

This is to explain the general eligibility you are required to have in order to apply for Graduate Schools of Niigata University. As there may be differences and exceptions in requirements depending on the course and the enrollment year, please double-check the admission information provided by each graduate school.

Before you make an application, please submit necessary documents to the person in charge to prove your eligibility, which you can find marked “◎” in the “List of Necessary Documents” so that we may confirm your eligibility as a graduate applicant. After you obtain confirmation from us on your eligibility, please send your application fee and files (as marked “○” in the “List of Necessary Documents”) within the period specified for application.

* As for the Graduate School of Modern Society and Culture (both Master’s and Doctoral programs), we will conduct both the eligibility confirmation and admission selection at the same time. If your eligibility does not reach our criteria, we will return your application documents and refund the application fee.

General Eligibility Criteria for Graduate Schools

Master’s Programs in Modern Society and Culture, and Science and Technology, and Health Science

A foreign applicant must fall under any of the following:

1. A person who has completed 16 years of formal education, or is expecting to do so by March 2020.
2. A person who has graduated from a Japanese university, or who is expecting to do so by March 2020.
3. A person who will have reached 22 years old by Mar. 31, 2020, and whose academic ability we find to be equal to or above that of our undergraduate students through a special prerequisite admission exam.

Doctoral Programs in Medical and Dental Sciences

A foreign applicant must fall under any of the following:

1. A person who has completed 18 years of formal school education (the final program must be medical, dental, pharmacy or veterinary), or who is expecting to do so by March 2020.
2. A person who has graduated from a Japanese university (the final program must be medical, dental, pharmacy or veterinary), or who is expecting to do so by March 2020.
3. A person who has a Bachelor’s degree or who is expecting to obtain it by March 2020, by completing 5 or more years program (medical, dental, pharmacy or veterinary) in foreign university or other school.
4. A person who will have reached 24 years old by March 31, 2020, and whose academic ability we find to be equal to or above that of students who went through 18 years of formal education in Japan (the final program of this 18 years of formal education must be medical, dental, pharmacy or veterinary).

Doctoral Programs in Modern Society and Culture, Science and Technology, and Health Science

A foreign applicant must fall under any of the following:

1. A person who has a Master’s degree or professional degree, or who is expecting to obtain either of them by March 2020.
2. A person who has a degree which is equivalent to our Master’s degree or professional degree, or who is expecting to obtain either of them by March 2020.
3. A person who has engaged in research for more than 2 years in universities, laboratories and the like after graduating from university or completing 16 years of formal school education, and whose academic ability we find to be equal to or above that of graduates of our Master’s program based on his/her research results and the like.
4. A person who will have reached 24 years old by Mar. 31, 2020, and whose academic ability we find to be equal to or above that of graduates with our Master’s degree or professional degree through a special prerequisite admission exam.

List of Necessary Documents for Graduate School Application

Necessary Documents	Graduate School of Modern Society & Culture (Master's Program)	Graduate School of Modern Society & Culture (Doctoral Program)	Graduate School of Science & Technology (Master's Program)	Graduate School of Science & Technology (Doctoral Program)	Graduate School of Medical & Dental Sciences (Doctoral Program)	Graduate School of Health Sciences (Master's Program)	Graduate School of Health Sciences (Doctoral Program)
Application Form Applicant's ID Card Applicant's Photo Card	○	○	◎	◎	○	○	○
Academic transcript	○	○	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎
Certificate of (expected) graduation or Certificate of (expected) degree	○	○	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎
Master's thesis or CV on research achievements		○		◎	◎		◎
Statement of purpose	○	○				○	
Study and research plan	○	○		◎			◎
Exam permit from your organization or company ※			◎	◎		◎	
Copy of Residence Card (or Alien Registration Card) or Passport			◎	◎	◎	○	○
Copy of Residence Card and Passport (Items that prove your name and status of residence)	○	○					
Application form for eligibility confirmation (Only those who need to confirm his/her eligibility as a graduate applicant)			◎	◎	◎	◎	◎

※ This is required for those who are applying for a graduate school, while belonging to other governmental organizations or private corporations.