Guidelines for Application 2027

(Internal admissions Term Ⅰ)

Kobe Global Graduate Program for Agricultural Science (Doctoral program)
Starting in October, 2027

"*Kobe Global Graduate Program for Agricultural Science*" is offered in English. Students are required to write a doctoral thesis in English.

If you are an international student and wish to take the examination, please be sure to contact your prospective supervisor before applying.

Graduate School of Agricultural Science

KOBE UNIVERSITY

Admission Policy

The Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Agricultural Science aims to cultivate individuals with a high level of expertise and broad perspectives in their respective fields, as well as outstanding creativity and innovative thinking. To achieve this goal, the Graduate School admits individuals with fundamental academic aptitude in agricultural science or related fields at the master's program level, with critical thinking and presentation skills, and with intellectual curiosity and passion for agricultural science research, who wish to become researchers or educators and those who are currently working in public institutes or in the industrial sector and wish to advance their careers as professionals with advanced specialized skills.

Degree Requirements

To obtain a doctoral degree, students are required to complete the doctoral program in English, receive research guidance for a minimum of three years, earn at least 10 credits in their major field of study, and pass the doctoral thesis defense and final examination, both conducted in English.

Degree Conferred

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Agricultural Science
or Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Application Guidelines

1. Divisions and Enrollment Capacity

Divisions and Research Fields available for the Kobe Global Graduate Program for Agricultural Science:

Departments and Divisions		Research Fields
Agricultural Engineering and Socio-Economics	Agricultural Engineering	Water Resources and Environmental Engineering
		Geotechnical Engineering for Agriculture
		Geo-Environmental Engineering for Agricultural Facilities
		Rural Planning
		Agri-Food Process Engineering
		Mechanical Engineering of Bioproduction
		Information Engineering of Bioproduction
		Field Machinery and Plant Production
	Food and Environmental Economics	Food Economics and Policy Science
		Farm and Rural Management
		International Agriculture and Food Studies
Bioresource Science	Animal Science	Animal Breeding and Genetics
		Reproductive Biology
		Developmental Biotechnology
		Animal Nutrition and Metabolism
		Animal Molecular Morphology
		Histophysiology
		Microbiology and Immunology
		Animal Genetic Resources
		Cell Signaling
	Plant Science	Crop Science
		Plant Breeding
		Forest Resources
		Horticultural Crop Propagation
		Horticultural Crop Production
		Tropical Crop Science
		Plant Germplasm Enhancement
Agrobioscience	Applied Chemistry in Bioscience	Biological Chemistry
		Food and Nutritional Chemistry
		Natural Products Chemistry
		Physical Chemistry for Environmental Molecules
		Phytochemistry
		Chemistry and Utilization of Animal Production Resources
		Environmental Microbiology
		Biochemistry Frontiers
	Plant Health, Environment and Biotechnology	Soil Science
		Plant Nutrition
		Plant Genetics
		Cell Function and Structure
		Environmental Chemistry
		Cell Signaling and Regulation
		Plant Pathology
		Insect Molecular Biology
		Insect Biodiversity and Ecosystem Science

Enrollment Capacity:

A few for Doctor of Philosophy Program

2. Enrollment Date

October 1, 2027

3. Eligibility Requirements for Applicants

Applicants are expected to complete the master's program of the Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University or another Graduate School of Kobe University by September 2026.

4. Selection

Admission will be determined based on the results of an academic examination together with the submitted documents. The academic examination will take place through an interview in English.

5. Period of Application and How to Submit the Application

(1) Application Period and Method

Both of the following procedures are required:

1. **Registration on the web application site**
   - Web application site: https://e-apply.jp/ds/kobe-u/
   - **Registration period: From February 8 (Mon), 2027 0:00 to February 15 (Mon), 2027 16:59 (JST)**
   - When registering on the Web Application Site, select " Graduate School of Agricultural Science (Doctoral Program) " and then choose " Graduate School of Agricultural Science—Kobe Global Graduate Program for Agricultural Science (Doctoral Program) Internal admissions (Starting in October) Term Ⅱ " as the Examination Classification category.
   - Follow the instructions on the web application site and register your application information. Upload the documents marked with "[Web application procedure]" in the list of" 7. Documents to Submit".
   - If you encounter any issues with communication on the Web Application Site, please contact the Student Affairs Section, Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University (ans-kyomu@office.kobe-u.ac.jp).
2. **Submission of application documents**
   - Submit the documents marked with "[Submission in paper] form" in the list of "7. Documents to Submit" either in person or by postal mail.
   - **Application period: From February 8 (Mon), 2027 to February 15 (Mon), 2027 (JST)**
   - If submitting in person:
     - the office hours: Monday through Friday 9:00-12:00, 13:00-17:00
     - After completing the web application registration and payment of the examination fee, print the "Application Address Sheet" from the third page of the "Application Form" displayed on the My Page of the web application site and submit it along with the paper documents marked with "[Submission in paper] form" in the list of "7. Documents to Submit".
   - If submitting by postal mail:
     - The postmark must be dated no later than February 15 (Mon), 2027
     - After completing the web application registration, print the "Application Address Sheet from

the third page of the "Application Form" in color and attach it to the envelope. Send the paper documents marked with "[Submission in paper] form" in the list of “7. Documents to Submit” by registered express mail within the application period.

(2) Submission Address

Kobe University Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Students Affairs Section
1-1, Rokkodai-cho, Nada-ku, Kobe 657-8501

6. Date and Place for the Interview

Date: **March 10 (Wed), 2027**

Place: Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University

Remark: Applicants will be notified of the time and place for the interview at a later date.
If you wish to have the examination conducted remotely (online) for any reason, consult with your prospective academic advisor in advance. It may be accepted depending on the reason.

7. Documents to Submit

Application documents should be submitted in English. For documents in a language other than English, an English translation must be attached.

(1) A digital photo that clearly shows your face [Web submission]
Prepare a clear picture data of your upper body, without a hat and facing the camera, that was taken within 3 months prior to submission. The face image file (jpeg, png, bitmap, gif) can be up to 2 MB. Upload the face image file on the Application Information page of the Web Application Site.

(2) Application Information [Web submission]
Enter the application information on the Application Information page of the Web Application Site. The main items are as follows:

- Applicant Information
- Nationality
- Current Address
- Final Academic Background (Including Expected Graduation)
- Graduate School (Master's Program) (Including Prospects)
- Prospective Academic Supervisor ※If this field is left blank, the application will not be accepted.
- Academic Background
- Employment Record

(3) Certificate of expected graduation of Master’s course issued by Kobe University. [Submission in paper]

(4) Transcript/certificate of academic records in the Master's course issued by Kobe University. [Submission in paper]

(5) Letter of acceptance (Form 1) [Submission in paper]

Submit a letter of acceptance from your prospective supervisor in the Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University. (Documents written in Japanese are also accepted for this item.)

(6) Research progress report [Web submission]

a) A summary of the research progress in the Master's course in English (about 1,200 words) on a single A4-size PDF file. (The maximum size of the PDF file should be 10MB.)
Upload the PDF file to the Web Application Site [File Upload 1] category.

b) Copies of published manuscripts, if any.
Upload the PDF file to the Web Application Site [File Upload 3] or later category. (The maximum size of the PDF file should be 10MB.)

(7) Research plan [Web submission]

A research plan of approximately 1,200 words on a single A4-size PDF file. (The maximum size of the PDF file should be 10MB.)

Upload the PDF file to the Web Application Site [File Upload 2] category.

8. Announcement of Successful Applicants

On **March 19 (Fri), 2027**, the results will be announced on the website of the Kobe University Graduate School of Agricultural Science. https://www.ans.kobe-u.ac.jp/jyukensei/top.html

※Successful applicants will receive an acceptance letter. Inquiries will not be accepted via telephone.

9. Admission Procedure

(1) Admission procedure period and admission documents

The admission procedure period is scheduled to be around mid-September 2027. The details will be mailed to each successful applicant with necessary documents for the procedure.

(2) Where the admission procedure is held

Kobe University Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Students Affairs Section

10. Tuition Fee

Yearly tuition fee: 535,800 yen: This amount may be revised at the time of enrollment.

(Japanese Government Scholarship Students are exempted from paying tuition fee.)

11. Notes

(1) Tuition Fee Payment Exemption

Applicants who fall under any of the following items and make the relevant application may be exempted from the payment of all or half of the tuition fee upon screening.

1. Applicants recognized as having difficulty making payments due to financial reasons and having excellent academic records.

2. Applicants, except those who fall under (1), recognized as having extreme difficulty making the payment due to any of the following circumstances.

i The person mainly responsible for paying school expenses for the applicant having passed away within a year prior to admission (when concerning the exemption of tuition fee of the term of the admission).

ii The applicant or the person mainly responsible for paying school expenses for the applicant having suffered from flood or storm damage within a year prior to admission (when concerning the exemption of tuition fee of the term of the admission).

iii The applicant having a reason equivalent to either of the above-mentioned that is recognized by the University.

(2) The admission of applicants who fall under the following items may be revoked.

(A) Applicants who made a false declaration

(B) Applicants who did not meet the qualification requirements

(3) Handling of personal information

Personal information (name, gender, date of birth, address etc.) provided in application documents is used only for (1) entrance examinations, (2) admission procedure, scholarship, accommodation, and (3) preparation for accepting students.

(4) If you are an international student and wish to take the examination, please be sure to contact your prospective supervisor before applying.