

Application for Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)

This guide is for prospective students who fall under both following two conditions.

1. Those who have passed the entrance examination for the Graduate School of the Frontier Sciences.
2. Those who live outside of Japan at the time of acceptance and do not have a Japanese resident status.

If you are considering enrolling in the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, you need to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility immediately after the final announcement of your acceptance on September 6th, 2023. Please read the following application procedures in advance and prepare accordingly as the period between the date of the acceptance announcement and the deadline for submission is very short, especially for those who enroll in October. We will inform eligible individuals of the deadline for submitting the applications for CoE separately after the announcement of acceptance. Please do not send us any documents until then.

To obtain a "student" visa, you must first apply for a CoE.

The Graduate School of Frontier Sciences can apply on your behalf only for obtaining your student visa. You will need to apply for all other types of visas on your own. After the acceptance announcement, in accordance with the application timing, the Student Affairs Team will send an email to successful applicants with foreign citizenship regarding the detailed procedures for the CoE application. Please note that it will take approximately 2-3 months for the CoE to reach you.

[When to apply for the CoE]

Those who enroll in October : Immediately after the announcement of acceptance

Those who enroll in April of the following year : Usually sometime in January

[What to prepare]

1. Application form for Certificate of Eligibility (You must use the designated form provided by the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences.)
2. Certificate of financial support during the period of stay in Japan. Either a, b or c below.
 - a. Those who are already eligible for a scholarship.:
Certificate of scholarship entitlement showing the amount paid and the schedule of period of payments.
 - b. The student is responsible for his/her own expense. :
A certificate of bank balance in the bank account in the student's name (if the student himself/herself manages the household finances).
 - c. Documents equivalent to a or b above.
For example, if one of the parents bears the expense, submit all the following documents 1) to 3) below.
 - 1) Proof of employment
 - 2) Proof of the bank balance. (A copy of the bank book is also acceptable).
 - 3) Proof of the relationship between the student and the person who bears the expense.
3. A photocopy of the passport (the page with the identity details and passport number)
4. Photograph (3 cm x 4 cm, clear, taken within the last three months)

Inquiries about CoE

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Procedures related to visa application for students who are enrolling as Japanese Government Scholarship (MEXT scholarship) students are carried out through the Japanese Embassy.

For details, please contact the respective embassy directly.