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**Tokyo Metropolitan University Releases Application Guidelines for Fall  
2026 Entrance in Biological Sciences**  
**— Pursuing “World-Class Science in Tokyo” through a fully English-taught  
degree program —**

**Tokyo, December 25, 2025** – Tokyo Metropolitan University (TMU) has officially announced the release of the application guidelines for the 2026 Fall Entrance Examination for the Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science.

In an effort to foster a global learning environment where students from around the world can learn together, TMU introduced a Fall Entrance system in the Department of Biological Sciences in the 2024 academic year. This innovative program allows students to complete their degree entirely in English.

Since its inception, the program has attracted highly motivated students from diverse backgrounds. Currently, the first and second cohorts are studying together at the Minami-Osawa Campus, transcending nationalities and fostering a truly global learning environment. This academic community, where students connect through the common language of “Life Sciences,” is now accepting applications for the third cohort of students to bring fresh perspectives into this vibrant academic community.

**Key Admission Details**

**1. Enrollment Date**

October 1 (Thu), 2026

**2. Application Schedule**

- Application period: April 8 (Wed) – 17 (Fri), 2026
- Selection Date: June 15 (Mon), 2026
- Announcement of Final Results: July 1 (Wed), 2026

**3. Eligible Applicants**

International students, returnees (e.g., Japanese students living abroad), and students of international schools (both domestic and overseas). For details on Qualifications for Application, please refer to the “AY2026 Application Guidelines Special Selection (Entrance Examination for Fall Semester Entrance).”

**4. Number of Students to be Admitted**

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**5. Selection Process**

- First-stage Selection: Document screening
- Second-stage Selection: Interview (including oral examination) in English or Japanese will be conducted.

**6. Additional Information**

- Admission Guidelines: For entrance examination details, please check the following website.  
[https://www.tmu.ac.jp/english/study\\_at\\_tmu.html#akienbosyuu](https://www.tmu.ac.jp/english/study_at_tmu.html#akienbosyuu)
- Department Details: For information about the Department of Biological Sciences, please refer to the appendix.  
<https://www.houjin-tmu.ac.jp/science.biol.tmu/>

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## Fusion of World-Class Research Capabilities and Practical English Education Features of the Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, Tokyo Metropolitan University (TMU)



### Features of the Department



#### Education Features

- **Experience-Oriented Curriculum:** Approximately half of the curriculum consists of experiments and practical training, including fieldwork and marine training.
- **Focus on Global Skills:** Emphasizes education in research communication skills for international success and bioinformatics.
- **Complete English Track:** All 124 credits required for graduation can be earned through courses taught entirely in English.



#### High Research Capability

- **Professor Koichiro Tamura:** The lead author of Japan's most cited paper published during the approximately 30-year Heisei era (1989–2019).
- **Professor Kanae Ando:** The only researcher in Japan to rank in the top 10 for annual views on *EurekAlert!* (the world's largest science news release platform) for news released in 2020.



#### Distinctive Research Facilities

- **Makino Herbarium:** Houses approximately 500,000 plant specimens, including those collected by Dr. Tomitaro Makino, known as the "Father of Japanese Botany" (and the model for the protagonist of the NHK morning TV drama "*Ranman*").
- **Ogasawara Research Facilities:** A research base for the Ogasawara Islands, a remote archipelago located about 1,000 km south of Tokyo that boasts a globally important natural environment.

### Desired Student Profile (From the Admission Policy)

- I. Individuals who **like living organisms** and are enthusiastic about experiments, observations, and research
- II. Individuals who aim to acquire **the abilities of research, planning, and implementation through the study of biological sciences**
- III. Individuals who wish to improve their English ability to **perform internationally**