

Faculty of Fisheries Sciences / School of Fisheries Sciences, Hokkaido University

Application Guidelines for Enrollment as a Research Student

1. Eligibility

Research students are accepted in the School of Fisheries Sciences and the Faculty of Fisheries Sciences. To be eligible, the applicant must meet either requirement ① or requirement ②.

	Eligibility requirements
School of Fisheries Sciences	① Has completed or expects to complete a bachelor's degree ② Has the academic aptitude equivalent or superior to a bachelor-degree holder
Faculty of Fisheries Sciences	① Has completed or expects to complete a master's degree ② Is recognized by the prospective supervisor to have the academic ability needed to conduct research

2. Period of research

One year. Shorter periods are allowed under special circumstances.

3. Application Period

Enrollment date	Applicants living in Japan	Applicants living outside of Japan
April 1, 2026	February 13-19, 2026	January 5-9, 2026
October 1, 2026	August 14-20, 2026	July 1-7, 2026

4. Application Documents and Application Fee

Applicants must submit the following documents. All prescribed forms are available from the office indicated in “7. Contact” below. Please contact a prospective supervisor before applying.

(1) Application form and Curriculum Vitae [Prescribed Form]

The signature line must be handwritten on the printed application form. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.

(2) Diploma from the last school attended

If currently a student, please send certification confirming enrollment and showing estimated graduation date. Not necessary for individuals who have graduated from the Hokkaido University Graduate School of Fisheries Sciences or School of Fisheries Sciences.

Those who graduated or will graduate from a university in China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau) must submit all of the following documents.

Those who have already graduated	a. Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (教育部学历证书电子注册备案表) b. Certificate of Graduation c. Graduation Diploma (毕业证书) and Degree Diploma (学位证书) *Copies of both
Those who have not yet graduated	a. Online Verification Report of Student Record (教育部学籍在线验证报告) b. Certificate of Expected Graduation

*Obtain documents “a” above from the “中国高等教育学历证书查询”. (<https://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp>)

Be sure to submit the document at least 30 days before the expiration date of the online verification.

(3) Academic transcript from the current or most recent school attended

Not necessary for individuals who have graduated from the Hokkaido University Graduate School of Fisheries Sciences or School of Fisheries Sciences.

(4) Letter of Approval [Prescribed Form]

Required only for those who are currently employed full time.

(5) List of publications [Prescribed Form]

Necessary only for applicants to the Faculty of Fisheries Sciences who qualify under eligibility requirement ② under “1. Eligibility” above.

(6) Photocopy of passport (or Residence Card)

Required only for international students. Applicants living in Japan should submit a photocopy of residence card. Applicants living outside of Japan should submit a photocopy of the passport page showing your full name.

(7) Application Fee Receipt 〈Not required for applicants exempted from paying the application fee.〉

***Application Fee:** 9,800 yen (JPY)

(Payment via the Online Application Website (<https://e-apply.jp/e/hokudai-fish/>) is preferred.)

Applicants should print out the Application Fee Receipt from the website after making the payment.

Applicants need a password to pay the application fee via the Online Application Website. Please ask to the office indicated in “7. Contact” below.

*Application fee is not refundable.

*Applicants can pay using a credit card or other methods. Please refer to the URL above for details.

*Note that individuals who pay the fee online must also cover the remittance charges (500 yen).

*Applicants who are unable to pay the application fee via the website need to pay with a payment slip. After making the payment, please submit the validated portion (portion E) of the receipt. The payment slip will be mailed upon applicant’s request.

5. Submit all application materials to

Academic Affairs Section

Faculty of Fisheries Sciences, Hokkaido University

3-1-1, Minato-cho, Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan 041-8611

6. Entrance Fee and Tuition Fee

Fee		Amount (JPY)	Payment deadline
Entrance Fee		84,600	During the admission procedure period
Tuition Fee	First semester (Apr – Sep)	178,200	Late May
	Second semester (Oct – Mar)	178,200	Late November

If you leave school before the end of the semester, you must pay the whole fee for that semester.

If fees change during the period of enrollment, you must pay the new rate.

7. Contact

Academic Affairs Section of the Hakodate Campus Administration Department

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