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Important notice regarding the entrance examination in the winter of 2020

In response to the spread of novel coronavirus infections, the written examination and interview components of the entrance examination in the winter of 2020 will not be conducted in person at the National Institute for Physiological Sciences in Okazaki, Aichi, Japan. Instead, the written examination and the interview will be conducted remotely via the internet.

The written examination (Five-year Doctoral Program):

The essay-type written examination will be conducted remotely via Zoom web and e-mail. The applicant should take the written examination alone at his/her home or another place where others cannot access him/her. The applicant will receive a password-locked question sheet file and an answer sheet file by e-mail beforehand. The applicant will receive the password for the sheets by e-mail or Zoom when the examination starts. During the examination, the applicant and the answer sheet will be monitored and video-recorded by Zoom. The applicant must type the answers to the answer sheet file using a keyboard. After the 90-minute examination, the applicant must send the answer sheet file to the examiner within 20 minutes.

The interview (Five-year doctoral program):

The interview will be conducted remotely by Zoom web meeting via the internet. The interview will last up to 20 minutes. For 10 minutes, the applicant will explain the content of previous research (or, for the applicant with no previous research experience, the content of his/her program(s) of study), the reason for applying, and research ambitions. The applicant will use his/her computer and software such as PowerPoint for the presentation. In the remaining time, the committee members will ask questions about the contents of the applicant's submitted documents and presentation via Zoom web meeting. The interview will be video-recorded.

The interview (Three-year doctoral program):

The interview will be conducted remotely by Zoom web meeting via the internet. The interview will last up to 30 minutes. For 15 minutes, the applicant will explain the content of previous research (or, for the applicant with no previous research experience, the content of his/her program(s) of study), the reason for applying, and research ambitions. The applicant will use his/her computer and software such as PowerPoint for the presentation. In the remaining time, the committee members will ask questions about the contents of the applicant's submitted documents and presentation via Zoom web meeting. The interview will be video-recorded.

Notes:

The applicant should prepare a computer that is connected to the internet. During both the written examination and interview, the applicant should run the Zoom meeting and send and receive e-mails by using the computer at his/her home or another place where others cannot access him/her. The applicant is required to provide details about the location at which he/she will be taking the examination to the examiner beforehand. To confirm that the applicant's computer setup is functioning properly, the applicant and examiner will make a Zoom test on the day before the examination. The applicant is required to confirm the e-mail address which he/she will use for the examination with the examiner beforehand. The recordings shall not be used for any purpose other than the entrance examination.

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