

## Important notice regarding the entrance examination conducted in January, 2021

In the entrance examination for the **Five-year doctoral program** of the Department of Basic Biology, written examination (English and short essay), and an interview will be conducted. In view of the influence of the spread of new coronavirus infection, **the following changes will be applied (only for the entrance examination conducted in January, 2021): both the written examination and interview will be conducted through the Internet remotely.**

	Normal time	Entrance examination conducted in January, 2021
Written exam	The written exam will be conducted at the Department of Basic Biology in Okazaki, Japan. Each written examination (English and short essay) will take an hour.	Applicants will take the written exam at their home. Question sheets (electronic files; password-locked) and information to access Zoom meeting will be emailed to applicants on the previous day of the exam. On the following day, 15 min prior to the exam, applicants will connect the Zoom meeting and show identification with photo. At the starting time of the exam, applicants will receive a password to open the question sheets and start written exam using answer sheets mailed prior to the exam (English and short essay, each written exam will take an hour). At the end of written exam, the answer sheets should be converted to electronic files and submitted via email within 15 min.
Interview	The written exam will be conducted at the Department of Basic Biology in Okazaki, Japan. The interview will take up to 30 minutes. The first 15 minutes will be spent exploring the applicant's reasons for applying, previous research, future research aspirations, and any other such applicable topics. During the interview, a whiteboard is available for use. The other 15 minutes will be used to conduct a question-and-answer session covering the applicant's presentation, submitted documents, and the results of written examination.	The interview will be conducted through the Internet remotely by Zoom meeting, and applicant will participate from their home. The interview will take about 30 minutes. The first 15 minutes will be spent exploring the applicant's reasons for applying, previous research, future research aspirations, and any other such applicable topics. During the interview, applicants will be allowed to use Whiteboard on Zoom, or a handwritten document (A4 or letter size, 2~3 pages) prepared in advance and submitted along with answer sheets. The other 15 minutes will be used to conduct a question-and-answer session covering the applicant's presentation, submitted documents, and the results of written examination.

## **Note for applicants for the entrance examination conducted in January, 2021**

Please prepare an environment where you can use the Internet, receive and view the question sheets of the written exams (electronic files), complete and submit the written exam answer sheets (electronic files), and attend a Zoom meeting (the meeting information will be informed in advance).

You can take the exam at home or in some other place as long as the space is isolated, and the contents of the examination are not leaked to a third party. You will be requested to inform us the place where you take the examination by the day of the connection test (see below).

Connection test will be conducted in advance (the exact day of the test will be informed for each applicant). In case of connection trouble, you will be requested to inform us your telephone number at which you can always be contacted on the connection test day, the previous day of the examination, and the day of the examination.

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