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Department of Genetics, School of Life Science

The Graduate University for Advanced Studies, SOKENDAI

**Important notice regarding the entrance examination  
conducted in the winter of FY2020 (January 2021)**

The entrance examination for the Department of Genetics is held in 2 days and composed of a written exam (held in the afternoon of the first day) and an oral exam (held on the second day). In view of the influence of the spread of new coronavirus infection, **for the entrance examination conducted in the winter of FY2020 (January 2021), the following changes will apply: both written and oral exams will be conducted through the Internet remotely. Please refer to the notice mailed before the examination for detailed schedule and method.**

	Normal Time	Entrance Examination Conducted in the Winter of FY2020 (January 2021)
Written Exam (in the afternoon of the first day)	The written exam is held at the Department of Genetics located in Mishima, Japan. The written exam is for 3 hours.	Applicants will take the written exam at their home. A question sheet and an answer sheet (electronic files; password-locked) will be emailed to applicants before the exam. On the exam day, a password will be emailed at the starting time of the exam. Applicants will finish the exam in 3 hours. The answer may be entered directly to the electronic file (Microsoft Word or pdf) and/or in handwriting on a printed answer sheet. After 3 hours from the starting time (at the end of the written exam), an electronic file of complete answer sheet should be submitted by email within 20 minutes (before submission, a handwritten answer should be converted to an electronic file).
Oral Exam (on the second day)	The oral exam is held at the Department of Genetics located in Mishima, Japan. The exam is in 30 minutes for each applicant, and is attended by all the faculty of the Department of Genetics. First, the applicant makes a five-minute presentation on either his/her past research or a future research proposal, followed by a Q&A session on the applicant's presentation, written exam, and proposed research.	The oral exam will be conducted through the Internet remotely by a Zoom or Webex web meeting, and applicants will participate from their home. The exam will be in 30 minutes for each applicant, and will be attended by all the faculty of the Department of Genetics. First, the applicant will make a five-minute presentation on either his/her past research or a future research proposal, followed by a Q&A session on the applicant's presentation,

		written exam, and proposed research. Applicants will prepare a document that will be referred in their five-minute presentation (A4 or letter size, 1 page; text and/or illustration) in advance and submit it along with their answer sheet of the written exam.
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**Notes for applicants for the entrance examination conducted in the winter of FY2020 (January 2021)**

Please prepare an environment where you can use the Internet, receive and view the written exam question sheet (electronic file), complete and submit the written exam answer sheet (electronic file), and attend a Zoom or Webex web meeting (the meeting room URL will be informed in advance). You can take the examination at home or in other place as long as 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 before the day of the examination.

Connections tests will be conducted in advance for both written and oral exams. In case of connection trouble, you will be requested to inform us your email address and telephone number at which you can always be contacted on the previous day and the day of the examination.

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