

Spring 2026 Call for Applications to the Leading Graduate Program in Primatology and Wildlife Science

The Leading Graduate Program in Primatology and Wildlife Science (PWS) is a supplementary program that can be pursued by eligible students in parallel with existing graduate courses of Kyoto University. Students need not change their academic affiliations to participate in PWS. For details of PWS including its curriculum, please refer to the following website:

<https://pws.wrc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index-en.html>

PWS is currently accepting applications for admission into the program with the start date of April 1, 2026. To enroll in PWS, the applicant must meet both of the following conditions:

- 1. Be a graduate student of Kyoto University from April 1, 2026.**
- 2. Apply to, and be admitted into, PWS.**

Details of these conditions are as follows.

1. Be a graduate student of Kyoto University

The applicant must be enrolled as a first-year master's (M1) or first-year doctoral (D1) student in the Division of Biological Sciences, Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University, as of April 1, 2026. Students in other divisions, graduate schools, or years in program are not eligible.

2. Apply to, and be admitted into, PWS

In the admission process, incoming first-year master's students and first-year doctoral students will be considered candidates for first-year (L1) students and third-year transfer (L3) students in PWS, respectively.

Applicants should read the Spring 2026 Call for Applications to PWS (this document), available from the Admission section of the program website (<https://pws.wrc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/admission/index.html>), and submit a complete application. Admission decision will be made based on the submitted application.

[Required Documents]

Applications are accepted via e-mail. A complete Application Form (Microsoft Excel file) should be sent to <exam_pws@pws.wrc.kyoto-u.ac.jp> with the subject line "Application to the Leading Graduate Program".

Before applying, please contact your research supervisor or a PWS faculty member and obtain their approval in the form of a signed letter of agreement (free format) to serve as your PWS mentor. A PDF scan of the letter should be submitted with the Application Form by e-mail.

Students seeking to enter PWS as L3 transfer students must undergo a transfer eligibility review by Kyoto University's Steering Committee for the Program for Leading Graduate Schools (the governing body directing PWS). For the transfer eligibility review, please submit the following documents in addition to the above Application Form:

- (1) Transfer Request Form for the Program for Leading Graduate Schools
- (2) Master's thesis or its equivalent
- (3) Transcript of your master's program

[Deadline]

Below is the application deadline. If you do not receive a reply shortly after the deadline, please contact us at < exam_pws@pws.wrc.kyoto-u.ac.jp >.

L1 ,L3 applicants: Friday, March 13, 2026

[About the Admission Process]

Admission decisions will be made based on the submitted applications. Applicants will be individually notified of the results in late March by the staff member in charge.

Applicants are expected to address the following three items in the above Application Form: Previous Research; Future Research; and Goals as PWS Students.

Please send any inquiries by e-mail to < exam_pws@pws.wrc.kyoto-u.ac.jp >. We will only respond to inquiries received by e-mail.