## Application Guidelines Doctoral Program (Doctor in Engineering/Science) for International Students Graduate School of Science and Engineering Ehime University Academic Year 2021 (April Entrance)

## \*Please be sure to read it

Depending on the situation such as new coronavirus, the contents of this guideline may be changed to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. If there are any changes, we will inform you on the Ehime University homepage (https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/entrance/) at any time, so please check carefully.

	Major	Course	Field	Seats	
51	Engineering for Production and	Mechanical Engineering	<ul> <li>Mechanical Systems, Synthesis and Control</li> <li>Energy Conversion Engineering</li> <li>Production Systems and Materials for Machinery</li> </ul>	A few	
	Environment	Civil and Environmental Engineering	<ul> <li>Infrastructure Engineering</li> <li>Urban Management</li> <li>Hydrosphere and Environmental Engineering</li> </ul>		
Engineer		Materials Science and Engineering	<ul><li>Materials Physics and Engineering</li><li>Material Development and Engineering</li></ul>		
School of Engineering	Materials Science and Biotechnology	Applied Chemistry	<ul> <li>Organic and Macromolecular Chemistry</li> <li>Physical and Inorganic Chemistry</li> <li>Biotechnology and Chemical Engineering</li> </ul>	A few	
	Electrical and Electronic	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	<ul> <li>Electrical Energy Engineering</li> <li>Electronic Materials and Devices Engineering</li> <li>Communication Systems Engineering</li> </ul>	A few	
	Engineering and Computer Science	Computer Science	<ul> <li>Computer Systems</li> <li>Artificial Intelligence</li> <li>Applied Computer Science</li> </ul>		
School of Science	Mathematics, Physics, and Earth	Mathematical Sciences Physics	<ul> <li>Mathematical Sciences</li> <li>Fundamental Physics</li> <li>Condensed Matter and Plasma Physics</li> </ul>	A few	
	Sciences	Earth's Evolution and Environment	Earth's Evolution and Environment		
	Chamistre 1	Molecular Science	<ul><li>Functional Material Science</li><li>Life Material Science</li></ul>		
	Chemistry and Biology	Biology and Environmental Science	<ul> <li>Sciences of Biological Functions</li> <li>Ecology and Environmental Sciences</li> </ul>	A few	

### 1. Number of seats available

### 2. Application Period and Selection Test

Application period:	<b>16</b> (Thu) – <b>27</b> (Mon) <b>July 2020</b>	
	X Must be either submitted in person from 9:00AM to 5:00PM in this period	
	(except for Saturday, Sunday) or received via mail (postal service) by 27 July	
	(Mon).	
	School of Engineering:	
	Applicants live in foreign country who wish to take an examination by internet-based	
	interview, please contact Education Support Division (Engineering Team) in advance by	
	e-mail by 12 (Fri) June 2020.	
	<communication address=""></communication>	
	Education Support Division (Engineering Team):kougakum@stu.ehimeu-u.ac.jp	
Selection test dates:	<b>19</b> (Wed) and <b>20</b> (Thu) <b>August 2020</b>	
Test place (venue):	Faculty of Engineering, Ehime University, 3 Bunkyo-cho, Matsuyama	
	Faculty of Science, Ehime University, 2-5 Bunkyo-cho, Matsuyama	
Result notification:	<b>1 September 2020</b> (Tue), 10:00AM	
	The results will be published in terms of registration number and put on the notice	
	boards of Main Buildings of the Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Science on	
	the above date and time. At the same time, a 'Letter of Notification' will be sent to	
	successful candidates. However, telephone or email inquiries will not be	
	entertained.	
Admission	The admission formalities for the successful candidates will take place on $9$ (Tue) –	
formalities:	<b>12</b> (Fri) <b>March 2021</b>	
The application	Education Support Division (Engineering Team)	
documents must be Ehime University		
submitted at or sent to:	3 Bunkyo-cho, Matsuyama, 790-8577	
	Tel.: 089-927 9697	

## 3. Application Eligibility

An applicant to this program must be a non-Japanese national who is eligible for permission to stay in Japan as a student under the state regulations of immigration and refugee control; at the same time, must have or is expected to have eligibility for admission into the graduate school; and must meet one of the following requirements.

- (1) Must have acquired or is expected to acquire by March 2021 a Master Degree or Professional Degree (in accordance with the type of degree mentioned in Article 5 (2) of the Academic Degree Regulations, as stated in Article 9 of the 1953 Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, based on Article 104(1) of the Academic Act; hereinafter Professional Degree refers to this description).
- (2) As for a degree from an overseas college or university, it must be equivalent to a Master Degree or Professional Degree in Japan, and at the time of application, it must have been acquired or is expected to be acquired by **March 2021**.

- (3) As for a degree acquired from distant learning education system run by an overseas college or university, an applicant must have acquired or is expected to acquire a degree equivalent to Master Degree or Professional Degree through earning of the subject credits in Japan itself by March 2021. Any credits earned overseas will not be accepted.
- (4) As for a graduate program run by an overseas university or college in Japan, recognized as being equivalent to an academic institution that meets all requirements of the education system of that nation and designated separately by the Minister for Education, Culture, Science and Technology, an applicant must have acquired or should be expecting to acquire a degree equivalent to a Master program degree or a Professional degree by March 2021.
- (5) Must have acquired or is expected to acquire a Master Degree or equivalent from the United Nations University by **March 2021**.
- (6) Must be accepted as to have an academic ability equivalent to or greater than a master degree holder, after having attended an overseas university/college or an academic institution as in (4) above or the United Nations University and earned necessary credits, and having passed the exam and evaluation in accordance with Article 16(2) of the Graduate School Setup Criteria.
- (7) A person designated by the Minister for Education, Culture, Science and Technology (According to the Article 118 of Bulletin of Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology published in 1988)
- (8) Recognized by the Graduate School through a separate evaluation for admission eligibility as being in possession of academic abilities equivalent to or greater than those of a Master degree or Professional degree holder, and must be 24 years old or above at the time of admission.

#### (Pre-application Eligibility Assessment for Requirement#7 and #8 above)

1) Application Eligibility

### <For an applicant meeting Requirement (7)>

Applicants possessing only a bachelor's degree (undergraduate program) must have research experience, after acquiring the degree, for 2 (two) years or more at a university/college or research institute, and must have publications, such as book/s, scientific journal paper/s, lecture/s, research report/s, patent registration/s, etc. that may be recognized as being equivalent to a master degree research or above.

#### <For an applicant meeting Requirement (8)>

The applicant must have a good research record or achievement in the form of published book/s, scientific journal paper/s, lecture/s, research reports, patent registration/s, etc. that may be recognized as being equivalent to a master degree research or above, and must reach 24 years old by **March 2021**.

- 2) Documents to be Submitted for Pre-application Eligibility Assessment
  - A) Pre-application Eligibility Assessment Form (specified format, Form#7)
  - B) Research Activity Record/Achievement Form (specified format, Form#6)
  - C) Graduation Certificate obtained from the last-attended educational institution
  - D) Other relevant reference materials (such as Research Paper/s, Patent Certificate/s, etc.)
  - E) Self-addressed envelope with an 84-yen postal stamp (for notifying the result of application eligibility assessment)
  - Submission Deadline: 12(Fri) June 2020
- 4) To be Submitted/Sent to:

3)

Education Support Division (Engineering Team)

Ehime University

3, Bunkyo-cho, Matsuyama, 790-8577

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(Note: On the envelope, please write 'Pre-application Eligibility Assessment Papers for Doctoral Program enclosed' with a red pen.)

### 5) Admission Eligibility Assessment

Based on the submitted application documents, an assessment of admission eligibility will be made, and the applicant/s will be notified of the result by **16 July 2020** (Thu). Please note any submitted documents for this purpose will not be returned or used outside of eligibility status, so if you are notified that you are eligible for application, you will need to re-submit any repeated papers/documents (listed in point No. 5 of this guidelines) while submitting your application for admission. Moreover, the application eligibility assessment result will only be valid for application to the **2021** doctoral program of this graduate school.

### 4. Selection Criteria

(1) Selection method

The selection for admission to this program will be made on the basis of an integrated evaluation of 1) submitted documents and 2) performance in an interview (including oral test).

(2) Interview question content (including the oral test) The interview questions will be based on the applicant's master thesis research, research activities and achievements, doctoral research plan, etc.

## 5. Application Material and Documents to be Submitted

The application form must be filled out with the necessary information including
the entrance test Admission Card and Personal Identification Card (provided with
the application material; Form#1) with a photograph
(The photograph should be 30-mm wide and 40-mm high (30mmx40mm); it must
be full-face view directly facing the camera with no cap/hat, taken within the 3
months from the date of application.)
A copy of Master Degree Certificate or Certificate of expected date of graduation
issued by the graduating university or college [For applicants meeting application
eligibility requirement No. (1) to (6)]
Applicants meeting application eligibility requirement No. (6) will have to include
all necessary documents that help assess his or her ability to undertake doctoral
research.
Officially sealed copies of Grade Sheets or Transcripts of Bachelor Degree course
issued by the graduating university or college
Officially sealed copies of Grade Sheets or Transcripts of Master Degree course
issued by the graduating university or college [For applicants meeting application
eligibility requirement No. (1) to (6)]
For those who have already completed a Master Degree program:
A summary of the Master Thesis should be prepared on Form#2 with about 2,000
letters in Japanese or about 500 words in English. Additionally, if you have similar
research content in printed/published form, have a record of academic
presentations and lectures, or possess any patent registration certificates, please
include a copy of each of them.
For those who are expected to graduate from a Master Degree program:
An outline of ongoing Master Degree research should be prepared on Form#3
with about 2,000 letters in Japanese or about 500 words in English.

Research proposal	A Research Plan or Proposal must be prepared on the specified paper (provided
	with the application material; Form#4) including a tentative research topic or
	field, research concept, objectives, and methodology after adequately discussing
	the content in advance with the expected research supervisor.
Application	The application processing fee is 30,000 yen. It must be paid through postal bank
processing fee	or post office in Japan. Payment through other financial institutions or banks will
	not be accepted. ATM payment is also not accepted. After the payment of this fee,
	you will have to attach (paste) the stamped payment slip (certificate) with the
	provided paper (i.e., application processing fee payment certificate) and submit
	along with the application documents.
	The application processing fee, except for the conditions stated in point No. 7 of
	this guideline (i.e., Return of the application processing fee), will not be returned.
	[Note: Application processing fee is not required for applicants that expect to
	graduate from a master program of Ehime University in March 2021 or
	scholarship recipients from the Japanese Government, i.e., Monbukagakusho.]
Admission card	Please write your full name and mailing address along with postal code on a
return-mailing	stamped return envelope (374 yen stamp).
envelop	
Letter of permission	Applicants that are employed or enrolled in a doctoral program of a university or
for entrance test	college must also submit a letter of permission to take the entrance test, issued by
	the head of the institution, prepared on Form#5.
List of publications	If available, please include a list of your all relevant publications, such as book/s,
	scientific journal paper/s, lecture/s, patent registration/s, etc. on Form#6.
Residence certificate	Applicants living in Japan must also include a copy of their Residence Certificate
	issued by the town or city office of residence with the application documents.

#### 6. Points to be Noted While Applying

(1) Research Supervisor

You must communicate in advance, at least a month before the application time, with a perspective supervisor (Professor or Associate Professor) in the field of your research interest and obtain necessary advice/suggestions towards preparing for the entrance test. If you do not understand how to select an appropriate supervisor, please contact the Educational Support Division with a brief outline of your research interest.

- (2) International students who are applying for the SPECIAL COURSE can, on occasion, receive special dispensation exempting them from the payment of examination fees, admission fees, and tuition. Please contact your potential supervisor for more details.
- (3) Preparing the Research Proposal (Plan) While preparing your research proposal, please note that you will have to first write your title (i.e., research topic) and then the research objectives and methodological plan in about 1000 characters in Japanese or 250 words in English after adequately discussing the content with your perspective supervisor.
- (4) Please note we will not accept your application if the documents you send are incomplete or inadequately prepared, or consist of wrong information.
- (5) In any circumstances, change/s in the filled-in information or submitted documents will not be permitted after acceptance of the submitted application.
- (6) In case of any changes in your mailing address after the submission of application documents, we must be informed of the changes as soon as possible.
- (7) When filling is the application forms, it is possible to use a computer to complete the forms.

You can download the application documents from the following Ehime University homepage. Ehime University homepage ( https://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/ ) > English > Topics (See the list)

(8) Privacy Policy (Use of personal information): Any personal information provided in application forms such as names and addresses is solely for processing applications, contacting applicants if an application document is incomplete, conducting entrance examination, notifying successful applicants, and sending admission procedure documents. If an application document is incomplete, Ehime University may notify the applicant's institution or protector to request the document be promptly amended and resubmitted. It is also used for academic affairs after enrollment (student registration, educational guidance), student support services (health-care management, scholarship applications), tuition administration, and to conduct surveys and research (improve entrance examinations, study and analyze application trends). Personal information will not be used for any other purpose and will not be provided to third parties.

*Inquiry:* Education Support Division (Engineering Team) Ehime University 3, Bunkyo-cho, Matsuyama, 790-8577 Tel: 089-927 9697, Fax: 089-927 9694

### 7. Return of the Application Processing Fee

The paid amount of Application Processing Fee will be returned in the following case/s only.

- (1) The Application Processing Fee was paid, but application papers were not sent/submitted
- (2) Mistakenly paid the Application Processing Fee two or more times, or paid an amount greater than the required amount of 30,000 yen
- (3) Mistakenly paid by a Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) scholarship recipient
- (4) Mistakenly paid by an applicant who is expecting to graduate from a master program and continue to doctoral program of this graduate school in **March 2021**.
- (5) Submitted the application documents, but the application was rejected

#### (Requesting for the return of the Application Processing Fee)

- In case of condition (1) or (2) above, please contact us at the address below. We will send you a 'Request for Return of the Application Processing Fee' form, which you will have to fill out and send back to us by post.
- In case of condition (3) or (4), however, we will send you the 'Request for Return of the Application Processing Fee' form along with your application documents, which you will have to fill out and send back to us by post.
- In case of condition (5), we will send the 'Request for Return of the Application Processing Fee' form along with the application documents. Please fill out the form and send it back to us by post.

*Communication Address:* The External Payment Affairs Team Financial Planning Division Finance Department, Ehime University 10-13 Dogo-Himata, Matsuyama 790-8577, Ehime, JAPAN Tel: +81-(0)89-927 9074 E-mail : suitou@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp

#### 8. Admission and Fees

- (1) Successful applicants will be directly informed about the procedure for admission formalities
- (2) Initial Fees (Admission/Tuition Fees, Miscellaneous Fees)(Note: On occasion, the admission fee and tuition for the 2020 fiscal year will be revised for the 2021

fiscal year.)Admission Fee: 282,000 yen

- (Note: Admission fee is not required for the applicants that expect to graduate a master program of Ehime University in March 2021 or scholarship recipients from the Japanese Government, i.e., Monbukagakusho.)
- 2) Tuition Fee: Annual amount **535,800 yen**

(**Note**: If a current student's tuition is revised, a new recalculated fee will be applicable.) We will inform you separately about the period of paying the tuition fee. A tuition fee is not required for scholarship recipients from Japanese Government (i.e., Monbukagakusho).

3) A few thousand yen will have to be paid as miscellaneous fees, such as for accident insurance, alumni activities, etc.

(**Note**: A system to waive the Admission Fee as well as Tuition Fee is available, but it is only available to those who have excellent academic records and face economic hardship to pay these amounts or come across some special conditions such as a severe impact of natural disasters. Depending on the extent of economic hardship or impact of disasters, partial or full waiver of the above fees through necessary selection procedure is possible. Additionally, a system of late payment of the above fees is available.)

## 9. Miscellaneous

- (1) Request for the Application Guidelines (including the application forms) may be made by sending us (i.e., Education Support Division, Engineering Team) a self-addressed stamped (250 yen) envelope (size: 33cm ×24 cm). Please write 'Request for Doctoral Program Application Guidelines and Forms for April 2021 Entrance' on the outer envelope with a red pen.
- (2) The submitted application documents and provided information must be complete, accurate, and authentic. Any unauthentic documents or falsely filled-in information may result in denial of admission or cancellation of the enrollment.

## 10.Outline and staffs

## Engineering for Production and Environment

Course	Field	Research outline	Staffs and Research Fields
ള	Mechanical Systems	This division consists of three education and	Shingo Okamoto
ecri		research fields : dynamics of machinery,	Robotics Dynamics, Vibration and Control,
gine		control engineering, and robotics. The major	Computational Mechanics
1 En		subjects of our research area contain the	Satoru Shibata
nica		followings : dynamics of solids and	Control systems of intelligent machines for coexisting
Mechanical Engineering		structures, shape optimization, intelligent	with Humans
Me		control, ergonomics, mechatronics, and	JaeHoon Lee
		intelligent systems.	Robotics, mechatronics and intelligent sensing
			Tomonori Yamamoto
			Robotics, Mechatronics, Human-machine interface,
			Welfare Engineering
			Takayuki Tamaogi
			Evaluation of Dynamic properties for viscoelastic
			materials
	ing	This division consists of four education and	Shinfuku Nomura
	neer	research groups : thermal engineering, fluids	Plasma process and sono-process
	ingi	engineering, heat and mass transfer	Kazunori Yasuda
	ыE	engineering, and mathematical engineering.	Non-Newtonian fluid mechanics and its application
	Energy Conversion Engineering	The staff members engage in instruction and	Masaya Nakahara
		research on thermal engineering,	Smart control of combustion for hydrogen and
	y C	aerothermodynamics, fluids engineering,	hydrocarbon Energy
	Energ	rheology, sustainable energy, zero emission	Kazuo Matsuura
		process, partial differential equations, and	Turbulence simulation of thermofluid flows, hydrogen
		numerical analysis.	safety simulation
			Shinobu Mukasa
			Electric discharges in a high-density medium and heat
			and mass transfer phenomena
			Yukiharu Iwamoto
			Fluid transport and its application to engineering
			Keiju Sono
			Analytic properties of arithmetic functions

y	This division is composed of several	Keiji Ogi
Production Systems and Materials for Machinery	research groups of material engineering,	Mechanical modeling and strength reliability of
Iach	mechanics of materials, production	composite materials, Processing and machining of
or N	processing and innovate materials processing	CFRPs.
ıls fe	etc. The object of this division is to conduct	Manabu Takahashi
teris	academic research on various problems	Strength and damage evaluation of advanced structural
Ma	concerning solid-state physics and strength	materials
and	evaluation of advanced materials, creation of	Hiromichi Toyota
sms	new materials, innovative materials	High-rate material synthesis using in-liquid plasma
yste	processing, advanced plastic forming of	Susumu Tanaka
n S	metals, and fabrication and machining of	Research on ship performance and ship equipment
actic	CFRPs.	Xia Zhu
odu		Material and structural design through special processing
P		Technology
		Masafumi Matsushita
		Materials synthesis through extreme condition

\*Scheduled to retire in March, 2021

Course	Field	Research outline	Staffs and Research Fields
Jg	ng	In this field, the research work and course	Isao Ujike
ecri	Jesi	curriculum	Studies on mass transport properties of concrete and at
gine	Jρι	include a large variety of topics related to	cracking and on time-dependent behavior of deformation
l En	y aı	construction materials, design and	and cracking in reinforced concrete member.
enta	golc	construction methods, and seismic	Mitsu Okamura
nme	chne	behaviors of infrastructures such as	Seismic stability of foundations and earth structures as well
viro	e Te	bridges, dams, roads, underground	as development of countermeasure technique and design
Civil and Environmental Engineering	Infrastructure Technology and Design	facilities, etc.	methodology.
and	struc		Netra Prakash Bhandary
ïvil	ıfra		Landslides and creeping displacement mechanism,
0	II		Development of landslide preventive techniques, and GIS
			for landslide, slope instability, and earthquake hazard
			assessments.
			Kazuyuki Nakahata
			Large scale numerical computing of elastodynamic wave,
			and electromagnetic have for nondestructive evaluation of
			structural components, Health monitoring with wireless
			sensor manufactured by MEMS technique
			Hideaki Yasuhara
			Mechanical and hydrolical behavior of fractured rock masses
			under coupled thermo-hydro-mechano-chemo fields
			*Shinichiro Mori
			Seismic responses of structures in the aspect of
			structural/geotechnical earthquake engineering. Research
			topics are categorized as follows; nonlinear dynamic soil-
			structure interaction, liquefaction effects on pile foundations,
			analysis and modeling of strong ground motion, earthquake
			damage investigation, and their applications for disaster
			mitigation.
			Naoki Kinoshita
			Thermally induced properties of rock and behavior of rock
			caverns, Utilization of industrial waste for construction
			materials.
			Keiyu Kawaai
			Electro-chemical techniques for assessing durability
			performances, structural integrity of reinforced concrete and affact of rappir including calf healing for creaking in
			effect of repair including self-healing for cracking in
			concrete

Et	Towards building a highly convenient	Toshio Yoshii
mer	urban environment of the 21st century,	Urban transportation systems, Traffic management
lage	the research work in this field of study	strategies, Measures for improving traffic safety, Dynamic
Man	includes a variety of topics related to	traffic simulation
Urban Planning and Management	urban life, industrial environment,	Nobuhiko Matsumura
ng a	disaster management, traffic /	Regional resource management, Social network analysis
	transportation systems, operations and	Tohru Futagami
l Pla	maintenance.	Urban disaster preventive planning under a great earthquake
rbar		and development of urban information system
Ď		Shinya Kurauchi
		Analysis and modeling on travel decision-making processes,
		Travel demand forecasting and evaluation of transport
		policies
		Tsuyoshi Hatori
		Consensus formation around a public project, Social
		dilemmas, Regional governance
<u>8</u>	Scientific researches in the fields of river,	Hirofumi Hinata
œrii	watershed, and coastal environment are	Development of tsunami disaster mitigation technique based
igin	indispensable for the sustainable	on oceanographic redar and numerical simulation. Research
I EI	development of infrastructures.	on marine pollution caused by plastics in terms of physical
Watershed and Coastal Environmental Engineering	Interdisciplinary educational programs	oceanography.
	and researches from physical, chemical,	Ryo Moriwaki
Ivirc	and ecological aspects, are provided for a	Urban climate formation process, Water circulation in the
1 Eu	better understanding and elucidation of	basin, Utilization technology of renewable energy.
asta	the natural environment in river,	Kozo Watanabe
C	urban/natural watershed, and coastal/	DNA taxonomy for biodiversity evaluation, Evaluation of
and	nearshore areas as well as for exploring	genetic diversity of aquatic organisms, Application of DNA-
hed	solutions against natural disasters.	based analysis in river management
ters		Akihiro Kadota
Wa		Turbulent flow structure in rivers and flow visualization
		Yo Miyake
		Impacts of human activity on stream organisms,
		Conservation of stream ecosystem, Evaluation of stream
		environmental condition by stream organisms.

\*Scheduled to retire in March, 2022

Materials Science and Biotechnology

		Science and Biotechnology	1
Course	Field	Research outline	Staffs and Research Fields
ing	Applied Chemical Physics	This educational and research field	XXKoichi Hiraoka
leer		consists of 5 subjects : The "Quantum	Solid state physics of magnetic materials (such as transition-
ngir	zal F	Materials Group" studies	metal compounds and rare-earth compounds) and strongly
dE	smic	semiconductors, magnetic materials and	correlated electron systems.
e an	Che	ceramics, nano materials ; the "Solid	Hiromichi Takebe
enc	ied	State Physics Group" studies condensed	Research on processing, properties and structure of new
Sci	lqqv	matter physics with an atomic scale ; the	photonic glasses and ceramics.
ials	$\checkmark$	"Materials Control Engineering Group"	Sengo Kobayashi
Materials Science and Engineering		studies the fine structures closely related	Researches on phase transformation in various materials
N		to material properties and its control	such as biomaterials and structural materials and on
		through an atomic scale ; the "Electrical	microstructures at/ around interface in composite materials.
		and Electronic Materials Group" studies	Haruo Ihori
		electrical and electronic properties of	Research of electro optical measurement of electric field
		dielectric materials and conductive	vector distribution in dielectric liquids, and reuse of used
		polymers; the "Materials Processing	papers by lasers.
		Engineering" studies the processing, the	Akira Saitoh
		properties and the structure of glasses and	Present research areas covering characterization and
		ceramics for new functionality.	structure of transparent amorphous materials.
			Saeki Yamamuro
			Size-and shape-controlled synthesis of nanoparticles and
			their functionalities.
	ing	The "Environment and Energy Materials	Hiromichi Aono
	leer	Group" studies the preparation of new	Studies of materials such as nano-sized particles, poly-
	ngir	functional nano particulates, composite	metallic oxides, porous materials for application of medical
	ld Ei	materials, porous materials, etc. used for	care, fuel cell, chemical sensor, catalyst, and
	ıt an	medical treatments, fuel cells, chemical	decontamination
	Materials Development and Engineering	sensors, catalysts, radioactive Cs	Tomoki Yabutani
		decontamination, etc. The "Medical and	Development of paper-based sensor chips for clinical
		Biomaterials Engineering Group" studies	and environmental analysis, and production process of
		the development of biocompatible	cellulose nanofibers and their applications.
		ceramics and magnetic materials.	Yoshiteru Itagaki
		The "Materials Evaluation Group"	Development of solid oxide catalysts and their application
		studies mechanical properties of welding	for chemical sensors and solid oxide fuel cells
		joint and advanced welding processes in	Takashi Mizuguchi
		structural metal materials.	Development of thermo-mechanical, alloying techniques
			and welding processes for improvement of mechanical
			properties of welding joint in structural metal materials
\•/\•/a	1 1 1 1	to retire in March 2023	

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Course	Field	Research outline	Staffs and Research Fields
Ŋ	Ŋ.	The Organic and Macromolecular	Yohji Misaki
Applied Chemistry	Organic and Macromolecular Chemistry	Chemistry field is trying to contribute to	Development of organic molecular materials utilizing redox
Cher	Cher	the progress of the modern society by	systems
edC	lar (	devising novel processes for material	Eiji Ihara
ilqq	ecul	synthesis and creating new functional	Development of new method for polymer synthesis
$\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{j}}$	mol	materials, based on the profound	Minoru Hayashi
	CLO	understanding and precise control of a	Development of new synthetic methodologies using
	Ma	variety of chemical reactions. Research	heteroatoms and transition metals
	and	groups in this field are attempting to	Takashi Shirahata
	mic	newly develop such objectives as	Development of new organic conductors and multi-
	)rga	methodologies for organic and polymer	functional materials
	$\cup$	synthesis, heteroatom- and transition-	
		metal-catalyzed reactions, environmental	
		friendly chemical processes, redox-active	
		organic molecular materials, organic	
		(super) conductors and materials	
		derived from their multi-	
		functionalization, and functional	
		materials based on organic polymers.	
	ITY	The Physical and Inorganic Chemistry	Hidenori Yahiro
	simis	field is focusing to functional solid	Syntheses and applications of meso- and microporous
	Che	materials having nano- and	materials
	nic	mesostructures of inorganic and organic	Tsuyoshi Asahi
	Physical and Inorganic Chemistry	compounds, polymer, and their hybrid	Laser fabrication and spectroscopy of noble organic nano-
		systems from the viewpoints of their	materials
		fundamental physiochemical properties	Masanobu Matsuguchi
		as well as their applications to catalysts,	Design of functional polymers and its application to a
	hys	sensors, electronic devices, and so on.	chemical sensor
	Ч	The subjects include the synthesis of	Hiroshi Yamashita
		mesoporous materials and the	Study on separation technology of rare metals
		applications to catalysts and gas sensors,	Syuhei Yamaguchi
		photoelectron spectroscopy of	Development of environment-friendly catalysts with
		nanocarabons and organic-inorganic	transition metal complexes
		hybrid materials, development of	
		polymer-based chemical sensors,	
		preparation of noble organic	
		nanoparticles and their applications, and	
		liquid extraction techniques of rare earth	
		elements.	

٥	â	There are research groups focusing on	Tatsuya Sawasaki
inerii		structure function relationships in	Functional proteomics using wheat cell-free system
	ки И	biomolecules such as proteins and	Kazuyuki Takai
1 Er		nucleic acids, methods for separation and	Reconstitution of protein synthesis
nica	ПСа	wastewater treatment, plant	Hiroyuki Hori
hen	ΠΩΠ	biotechnology, protein engineering, and	Structures and functions of nucleic acids and proteins related
		applications of protein production	to expression of genetic information
Var	y aı	methods to synthetic biology and	
log	gon	medicine.	Wastewater treatment, excess sludge disposal and solid
hnd			liquid separation
Biotechnoloov and Chemical Enoineerino			Hiroyuki Takeda
B:	ñ		Technological Development for Antibody therapeutics

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Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Computer Science

		and Electronic Engineering and Computer Scien	
Course	Field	Research outline	Staffs and Research Fields
ing	ing	Research activities cover the development of	Kazunori Kadowaki
neei	neel	plasma electronics, plasma diagnostics and	Degradation diagnosis of electrical insulation materials
ingi	ingi	plasma medicine, studies on high field	and application of streamer discharges for control of air
ic E	3y E	conduction and breakdown in dielectrics,	and water pollution
tron	nerg	mathematical analysis of chaotic dynamical	Masafumi Jinno
Elect	alE	systems, and liquid crystal applications, soft	Plasma electronics. Plasma gene transfection, bio-
nd E	tric	matter science and numerical simulation of	medical application and environmental preservation.
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Electrical Energy Engineering	electromagnetics.	Numerical modelling of plasma. Lighting.
tric			Tomoki Inoue
Elec			Ergodic theory on dynamical systems with chaos,
Ι			Mathematical foundations towards application of chaos
			and fractals
			Ryotaro Ozaki
			Research on optical properties of nano-structured liquid
			crystals or polymers. Numerical simulation of light
			propagation in nanostructured materials
			Hideki Motomura
			Generation and control of plasmas and their diagnostics
			for industrial applications
	ng	Research activities cover the development of	Satoshi Shimomura
	leeni	crystal growth, optical characterization and	Fabrication of semiconductor nano structures by
	nigi	application of compound semiconductors,	molecular beam epitaxy and application to optical and
	SЕ	preparation of rare-earth activated phosphor	electronic devices.
	vice	materials, and fabrication of semiconductor	Sho Shirakata
	De	nano structures.	Preparation and characterization of thin film compound
	and		solar cells, and crystal growth and characterization of
	ials		GaN, GaInNAs and ZnO semiconductor. Optical
	Electronic Materials and Devices Engineering		properties and device applications of III-V
	W		semiconductors doped with transition-metal and rare-
	onic		earth impurities.
	ectro		Tomoaki Terasako
	Ē		Growth and characterization of metal oxide films and
			nanostructures for opto-electronic devices.
			Fumitaro Ishikawa
			Exploration of new functional materials and structures
			based on compound semiconductor epitaxial growth.

ing	The research activities cover the signal	Yoshihiro Okamoto
een	processing for high-density digital magnetic	Research on channel coding and signal processing
ligin	and optical recording systems, investigation	techniques to achieve high density recording in digital
s Er	of fundamental properties of subwavelength	information storage systems
tem	optical elements including holograms, media	Shinji Tsuzuki
Sysi	processing algorithms related to motion,	(1) Research on sequence design and signal
ion	neural networks applications to signal and	processing for baseband spread-spectrum
icat	image processing, sequence design and	communications, and its application to power-line
Communication Systems Engineering	signal processing for baseband spread-	communication
IIIIO	spectrum communications.	(2) Analysis of CDMA based protocols
Ŭ		(3) Developing high-definition video transmission
		systems over IP network
		** Hiroyuki Ichikawa
		Investigation of fundamental properties of
		subwavelength optical elements including holography
		and their application and electromagnetic analysis of light
		wave propagation.
		Yasuaki Nakamura
		Research on error correction coding and iterative
		decoding systems for information storage

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Course	Field	Research outline	Staffs and Research Fields
8	SU	Research fields of the Division of Computer	Shin-ya Kobayashi
cien	Computer Systems	Systems include dependable systems,	Distributed processing, parallel processing and
r S	r Sy	software for high performance computing,	cooperative processing. : Secure processing for
pute	oute	software quality management, and	distributed processing. Service and application on
Computer Science	luio	distributed and parallel processing systems.	distributed environment. Distributed transaction
0	0	Research aims at improving reliability,	processing.
		functionality, and performance of computer	Hiroshi Takahashi
		systems.	Design and Test of Computers, Dependable system
			design, Digital Systems Testing and Diagnosis, Design of
			Digital Systems using Hardware Description Language
			Yoshinobu Higami
			Design, Test and Diagnosis of VLSI Circuits : Test
			Pattern Generation, Design for Testability, CAD System
			for VLSI Design
			Hiroshi Kai
			Researches on systems and algorithms of Computer
			Algebra, especially symbolic-numeric hybrid
			computations, middleware and network security.
	lce	We are working on the following areas :	XYoshio Yanagihara
	iger	Knowledge representation and inference	Time-sequenced 3-D image processing, GPU computing,
	Artificial Intelligence	systems on computers ; pattern recognition	refactoring, GUI and virtual reality.
		and clustering by neural networks ; image	Takashi Ninomiya
		processing ; watermarking technology of	Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning :
		images for copyright protection ; encoding	part-of-speech tagging, parsing for linguistically
		methods for information security ; virtual	sophisticated grammars, machine translation, online
		reality; natural language processing; and	learning and feature selection.
		machine learning.	Toshiyuki Uto
			Multimedia Signal Processing : image compression,
			wavelets, filter banks, and 3-D graphics processing

g	1. Applied mathematics, and basic theory	XXHiroshi Ito
Applied Computer Science	and algorithms of computations in	Mathematical Physics : Mathematical scattering theory,
sr Sc	science and engineering : partial	Inverse scattering problem
pute	differential equations, their numerical	Kazuto Noguchi
jon	solutions and numerical conformal	Optical communication systems and applications :
D pe	mappings.	optical devices, optical transmission systems,
pildc	2. Scientific computer simulations for	telemedicine.
AI	natural sciences : parallel computing,	Minoru Kawahara
	high-performance computing, grid	Informatics : information networks, information and
	computing, performance estimation	communication system, data mining, information and
	model and performance evaluation.	communication supports.
	3. Information network and data	Dai Okano
	processing for science and engineering.	Numerical Analysis : Numerical method for partial
	Applications of information network,	differential equations, optimizations, the method of
	software technique, distributed database.	fundamental solutions.
	4. Cognitive science : pattern cognition,	Hisayasu Kuroda
	human information processing.	High performance Computing : Development of high
	5. Applications of multimedia information,	performance numerical library, large-scale numerical
	contents production, coding, processing	simulation on multiprocessors.
	and service systems.	Hirohisa Aman
		Empirical software engineering : software quality
		quantification using software metrics, and statistical
		model for quality assessment/prediction.
		Kazunori Ando
		Mathematical Physics : Scattering theory and inverse
		scattering problems for discrete Schrödinger operators on
		graphs

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## Mathematics, Physics, and Earth Sciences

Course	Field	Research outline	Staffs and Research Fields
		We research on various aspects of	Dmitri B. Shakhmatov
/at	Mathematical	mathematical sciences. Main subjects are	Investigation of topological structure of topological groups
Mathematics	lem	algebra such as number theory and	and fields
lati	ati	representation theory, theory of	——————————————————————————————————————
ics	ca.	topological groups and topological spaces,	Numerical analysis for elliptic partial differential equations
		geometry of discrete groups, dynamical	Miki Hirano
	Sciences	systems, theory of differential equations, probability theory with applications to	Number Theory
	nce	finance, applied mathematics such as	(Automorphic Forms, Automorphic Representations, and their L-functions)
	es	numerical analysis, time series analysis,	Macouorprie romas, nacouorprie representations, and ener E functions) Masaya Matsuura
		parallel processes and pattern recognition.	Time series analysis
			Yasushi Ishikawa
			Probability and stochastic analysis Yoshinori Yamasaki
			Analytic number theory
			Takamitsu Yamauchi
			General Topology
			Shin-ichi Oguni
		m	Noncommutative geometry and geometric group theory
Pł	Fu	Theoretical and experimental researches on	XX Hiroto So
Physics	nda	fundamental problems in physics are performed. The following branches are	Challenge for particle physics, by field theory, lattice gauge theory, higher-dimensional theory, supersymmetry and
ics	ımej		high power computers.
	Fundamental	quantum theory, quantum field theory, gauge	Hisamitsu Awaki
		theories, investigations of the structure	Study of structure and evolution of the Universe. In
	'ny	and the evolution of the universe	particular, study of active Universe through cosmic X-ray
	Physics		emission, and development of instruments for X-ray
			observatory.
			Yuichi Terashima Studu of biok opport showing in the Universe In
			Study of high energy phenomena in the Universe. In
			particular, observational study of black holes and the structure and evolution of the Universe.
			Tohru Nagao
			Observational studies on the formation and evolution of
			galaxies and supermassive black holes. Studies on the
			chemical evolution of the Universe.
			Masaru Kajisawa
			Observational studies of galaxy formation and evolution.
			History of star formation and mass assembly of galaxies.
			Yoshiki Matsuoka
			Observational research on the evolution of
_			galaxies, supermassive black holes, and the Universe.
	Co1	experimentally. Special interests are taken in (1) dynamical theory of phase transition and pattern formation in nonequilibrium open systems, (2) theoretical study of self- assemblies in solution, (3) theoretical study of strongly correlated electron systems, (4) experimental studies of magnetic, thermoelectric and optical	Kazuhiro Fuchizaki
	ndensed Matter and Plasm		Theoretical treatment on chemical physics of phase
			equilibria and relaxation kinetics. Tsunehiro Maehara
			Experimental study of plasma in liquid
			Tohru Shimizu
			Space plasma physics, fast magnetic reconnection based on
			MHD and kinetic theory and numerical studies.
			Masaaki Nakamura
			Theoretical study for strongly correlated quantum systems
	a P	materials, and (5) plasma physics in liquid.	and topological materials, such as Tomonaga-Luttinger
	'nys		liquid, low-dimensional magnet, quantum Hall effect,
	sics		graphene, and topological insulator.
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Η	Ц	The main research subjects of this division	Taku Tsuchiya
Earth	Earth'	are to elucidate the history and the law of	Theoretical and computational study of minerals and modeling
th	ċh,	changes and evolution of the Earth, and to	the Earth and planetary interiors.
Sc	S	analyze the dynamic properties of the	Masanori Kameyama
Sciences	Ev	Earth. Our current interests concern the	Mantle Dynamics ; Studies on flows, deformations, and
ıce	Evoluti	structural and evolutional process of the	evolutions of the Earth's interior based on the
Ň	ıti		computational fluid dynamics.
	on	petrologic and rectonic structures of the	Jun Tsuchiya
	and	island arc mobile belt, the crust-mantle	Computational study of the existence and its effects of
		interactions, the environmental changes of	volatile elements in the Earth's interior.
	lnv	the Earth, and the physical and dynamic	Yu Nishihara
	irc	properties of the deepearth materials.	Experimental study on transport properties (such as
	Environment		<u>rheology) of deep Earth materials.</u> Yoshio Kono
	ent		Experimental study of magmas under pressure using high-
			pressure synchrotron X-ray techniques
			Masayuki Sakakibara
			Based on the viewpoint of interactions and feedbacks among
			biosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and lithosphere, (a)
			interaction between microbial activity in the crust, (b)
			igneous petrology of tephra, and (c) technological
			development of phytoremediation.
			Satoshi Saito
			Petrology and geochemistry. Granite petro genesis. Evolution
			of arc and continental crust in convergent margin
			Rie S. Hori
			Geological and paleontological studies on deep-sea sediments
			and paleoenvironment. Takehisa Tsubamoto
			Evolution, paleobiogeography, and paleoecology of land
			mammals during the Cenozoic. Excavation, description, and
			paleontological study of vertebrate fossils.
			Nao Kusuhashi
			Vertebrate paleontology focusing on the evolution and early
			history of mammals during the Mesozoic.
			Xinyu Guo
			Shimulation of the Kuroshio, Interaction of the Kuroshio and
			coastal water, Marine environmental prediction of Seto
			Inland Sea
			Akihiko Morimoto
			Studies on variability in ocean currents using remote
			sensing and hydrographic observation, and material cycle in
			coastal seas.
			Michinobu Kuwae
			Long-term variability of ocean-atmosphere-ecosystem : regime
			shift and fisheries productivity dynamics. Late Holocene climate dynamics on centennial timescales in the North
			Pacific. Impacts of transboundary pollution and global
			warming on marine and lake ecosystems.

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# Chemistry and Biology

Course		Research outline	Staffs and Research Fields
		Elementary steps in physical processes and	Ryoji Takahashi
Molecular	Functional	chemical reactions in many substance	Synthesis of novel porous metal oxides and design of their
eci	cti	systems, such as dissociation, ionization,	functionalities in adsorption and catalysis
ula	on	association, and so on, are investigated	
		under various conditions, that is, at very	XX Hisako Sato
Science	Ma	low temperature, at high pressure, and upon	Studies on the functionalization of chiral metal complexes
	Material		Toshio Naito
e	ial		Physical properties of low-dimensional solids and their
			novel functions
	Science	at the atomic and molecular levels. Based on these researches on fundamental	Keishi Ohara
	nce		Properties, reaction processes, and spin-dynamics of excited
	U	chemistry, synthesis of new functional materials are conducted.	state molecules and short-lived radicals
		materials are conducted.	Takashi Yamamoto
			Studies on the interactions in molecular functional solids
	L	The research projects in this division are	XX Hidemitsu Uno
	Life	aiming to understand the natural phenomena	Synthesis of bioactive compounds and highly functional
		in molecular level, particularly the	materials of organic dyes.
	•	functions of organic and biological	Tatsuya Kunisue
	ri	materials, by the collaboration of	Development of analytical methods for novel environmental
		researchers in the fields of organic	contaminants with hormone-like activity and its application
	Sci	chemistry, biochemistry, analytical chemistry, and environmental chemistry.	to ecotoxicology
	Science	Some examples of the present research	Tamotsu Zako
	e	nno josta ana: atmustural studios and	Nano analysis of molecular properties and functions of
		creation of functional molecular materials,	proteins
		synthesis of functional organic materials,	Yoji Shimazaki
		development of new analytical method of	
		proteins, synthesis of artificial receptors	Comprehensive analysis of the activity and structure of biological enzymes
		for the signal transduction in organisms,	
		adoptation to anninonment and abomical	Miwa Sugiura
			Studies on the molecular structure and function of
		analysis of trace substances in organisms.	Photosystem II
			Makoto Kuramoto
			Isolation and structural elucidation of bioactive compounds
			from marine organisms.
			Tetsuo Okujima
			Synthesis and properties of conjugation-expanded porphyrins
			and phthalocyanines aimed for the creation of functional
			materials
			Masayoshi Takase
			Synthesis and characterization of novel $\pi$ -electron systems
			Kei Nomiyama
			Metabolic disposition and risk assessment of organohalogen
			compounds in wildlife
			Atsushi Ogawa
			Development of new biotechnologies based on cell-free
			systems
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Bi	SC	Aiming at the comprehensive understanding	💥 Masahiro Inouhe
01	cie	of biological phenomena, we are trying to	Growth, adaptation, metabolisms and phytohormone actions in
Biology	Sciences	analyze a variety of structures and	plants.
	S D	functions of living organisms at the	Yasunori Murakami
and	of	molecular and cellular levels. Researches	Evolution of the vertebrate brain : comparative and
		are focused especially on morphogenesis of	developmental analysis.
Environmental	iol	plant cells and organs, adaptive responses	Yasushi Sato
ro	ological	of plants to environments, early	Cell differentiation, morphogenesis, and environmental
nme	ica	development of animal embryos, evolution of	responses in higher plants.
ent	a1	brain morphology in vertebrates, and neural	Yoh Sakuma
al	Fu	basis of animal behavior.	Molecular response of higher plant to water and temperature
S	nct		stress.
Science	Functions		Hiromi Takata
nc	ns		Morphogenesis and organogenesis of echinoderm embryos during
œ			early development.
	Е	The major purposes of researches in this	Hisato Iwata
	Ecology	division are to analyze the interactions	Ecotoxicology of wildlife and species-diversity of
	Og	between living organisms and environments,	disruption of cellular signaling pathway by environmental
		and to elucidate the dynamic changes in the	
	and	biosphere. The research field includes the	💥 Toshiyuki Nakajima
		following themes ; inter-specific or intra-	Experimental analysis of relationships between evolutionary
	ıvi	specific interactions between aquatic	processes and ecological interactions using microbial model
	Environmental	organisms, ecology and evolution of	eco-systems.
	nme	microorganisms, material cycle in the	Mikio Inoue
	ent	aquatic ecosystem, and toxicity of chemical	Analysis of habitat structure and biotic interactions in
	al	pollutants to organisms.	stream communities.
	Sc		Shin-ichi Kitamura
	cie		Outbreak mechanisms of fish infectious diseases by marine
	Science		environmental changes
	es		Hiroki Hata
			Ecology of marine organisms, especially on species
			interaction and coevolution

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## Special Graduate Course on Advanced Sciences

Field	Research outline	Staffs and Research Fields
E	This division conducts, on the basis of	Xinyu Guo
ironme	interdisciplinary field, cutting-edge studies on the structure and variation	Shimulation of the Kuroshio, Interaction of the Kuroshio and coastal water, Marine environmental prediction of Seto Inland Sea
nta	mechanisms of the environment and ecosystems in coastal waters and their	Akihiko Morimoto
	•	Studies on variability in ocean currents using remote
Sciences	and toxic effects of hazardous chemicals on a regional and a global scale. Students can	sensing and hydrographic observation, and material cycle in coastal seas.
S	mainly study environmental dynamics,	Michinobu Kuwae
	JI010 <u>6</u> ).	Long-term variability of ocean-atmosphere-ecosystem : regime shift and fisheries productivity dynamics. Late Holocene climate dynamics on centennial timescales in the North Pacific. Impacts of transboundary pollution and global warming on marine and lake ecosystems.
		Hisato Iwata
		Ecotoxicology of wildlife and species-diversity of disruption of cellular signaling pathway by environmental chemicals
		Tatsuya Kunisue
		Development of analytical methods for novel environmental contaminants with hormone-like activity and its application to ecotoxicology
		Kei Nomiyama
		Metabolic disposition and risk assessment of organohalogen compounds in wildlife
		Shin-ichi Kitamura
		Outbreak mechanisms of fish infectious diseases by marine environmental changes

н	This division aims to nurture the	Taku Tsuchiya
Earth	researchers who have advanced knowledge and	Theoretical and computational study of minerals and modeling
Sci	research competency through the studies on	the Earth and planetary interiors.
p ල p nce and A	the structure and dynamics of the Earth,	Hisamitsu Awaki
	pressure mineralogy, theory of Earth and planetary materials, galaxy evolution, and	Study of structure and evolution of the Universe. In particular, study of active Universe through cosmic X-ray emission, and development of instruments for X-ray
ropl		observatory.
ıysi		Yuichi Terashima
cs		Study of high energy phenomena in the Universe.In particular, observational study of black holes and the
		structure and evolution of the Universe.
		Tohru Nagao
		Observational studies on the formation and evolution of galaxies and supermassive black holes. Studies on the chemical evolution of the Universe.
		Masanori Kameyama
		Mantle Dynamics ; Studies on flows, deformations, and evolutions of the Earth's interior based on the computational fluid dynamics.
		Yu Nishihara
		Experimental study on transport properties (such as rheology) of deep Earth materials.
		Jun Tsuchiya
		Computational study of the existence and its effects of volatile elements in the Earth's interior.
		Yoshio Kono
		Experimental study of magmas under pressure using high- pressure synchrotron X-ray techniques
		Tohru Shimizu
		Space plasma physics, fast magnetic reconnection based on MHD and kinetic theory and numerical studies.
		Masaru Kajisawa
		Observational studies of galaxy formation and evolution. History of star formation and mass assembly of galaxies.
		Yoshiki Matsuoka
		Observational research on the evolution of
		galaxies, supermassive black holes, and the Universe.
Life	This division provides education programms focusing on protein sciences, and has four	Hiroyuki Hori
	main lecture contents that are grappled with in Proteo-Science Center : infectios molecular science, photo-life science, molecular life science, and protein function science.	Structures and functions of nucleic acids and proteins related to expression of genetic information
òcie		Eiji Ihara
		Development of new method for polymer synthesis
0,		Kazuyuki Takai
		Reconstitution of protein synthesis Hidemitsu Uno
		Synthesis of bioactive compounds and highly functional
		materials of organic dyes.
		Tatsuya Sawasaki
		Functional proteomics using wheat cell-free system
		Miwa Sugiura Studies on the molecular structure and function of Photosystem
		Atsushi Ogawa
		Development of new biotechnologies based on cell-free systems

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