

Research for Doctoral Degree (Dentistry) AY2026

1. Object: This program is intended for doctoral students in the School of Dentistry. The student should be able to present the process of conducting research on his/her own research topic and respond to questions from the faculty and participating students. The applicant should not be in the initial preparatory stage of research, but should have already obtained research results and be at a stage of research that is close to completion as a research project for a degree.

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2. Time: Summer session: Mid to late July Autumn session: Mid to the end of October

* For both the summer and autumn sessions, scheduling will be arranged within three days designated by the university.

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* From academic year 2027 onward, the plan is as follows: Spring session: mid to late April Autumn session: mid to late October.

3. Schedule

	Summer session	Autumn session
Title and Candidate Commentator Registration	By 5/22(Fri.)	By 8/21 (Fri.)
Commission of commentators by Academic Affairs Committees	Late May	Late August
Abstract Registration (Approximately A4 size, 1 page)	6/12 (Fri.)	9/18 (Fri.)
Decision on commentators	7/7 (Tue.)	10/6 (Tue.)
Publication of abstracts on Moodle	After 7/9 (Thu.)	After 10/8 (Thu.)
Presentations	See Schedule for Timing	

- Contents of Registration: Student Number, Name, Presentation date, Title, Candidate commentator
*The deadline is rigid. Under the unavoidable reason, if there is a change in the presentation date and time, the students should switch with each other and notify the Dental School Office by the deadline of the abstract submission.

Presentation Time : Presentation: 15min, Q & A: 10 min Total: 25min

- Abstract Volume : Approximately A4 size, 1 page

*Abstracts will be published on Moodle

The approval number of the Ethics Committee should be indicated in the abstract for clinical Research.

- Candidate Commentator :

S/he must be an assistant professor or higher position who belongs to other than your department.

S/he must be registered and teaching at Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences, or Okayama Univ. Hospital.

This does not apply in cases where the petition to the Graduate School Academic Affairs Committee has been approved.

Exclude the person who is also a student of our graduate school or belongs at the Donation course of the original department.

(Discuss with your supervisor and get consent from the candidate commentator by your supervisor.)

4. Moderator

(1) From Each division

(2) Role: To facilitate the seminar

(3) Basic Research Skills Screening (for students who enrolled after 2023AY): The presenter's basic research skills will be screened. The final result of the review will be decided by the Academic Affairs Committee.

5. the fields of education and research that make up the graduate school

At least one faculty member from the presenter's field of education and research must attend the meeting.

The presenter's field of education and research should always have at least one faculty member in attendance.

Outline for Presentations at “Research for Doctoral Degree (Dentistry) ” for 2026

■ Purpose of Presentations at “Research for Doctoral Degree (Dentistry)”

Graduate schools are required to improve the quality of graduate education, guarantee the quality of degrees, and ensure the international acceptability of degrees. The presentations at the Theme Research Seminar are positioned as presentations of the graduate students' research results (interim presentations), and through discussions with faculty members and other graduate students, the seminar is intended to discover issues from the research process to date, develop basic research skills, and set future directions.

■ Timing of your presentation: **MUST make a presentation before application for Doctoral Dissertation**

(Graduate students admitted in 2023 or later must pass the Basic Research Skills Screening)

The research must not be in the initial stages of preparation, but must have already been completed.

The research should be as close to completion as possible as a degree project.

The graduate student should be able to discuss the research with the faculty members.

■ Announcement of presentations:

Summer: Middle of July to early August Autumn: Middle to the end of October

Will be held on face-to-face format.

Procedure for presentation registration

For Doctoral Course Students <https://www.mdps.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/education/information-for-doctoral-course/>

	Content	Method	July Pres.	Oct. Pres.
1	<p><u>Title and Candidate Commentator Registration</u> Nominating a “Candidate Commentator” from other departments and its notification (Discuss with your supervisor and get consent from the candidate commentator by their supervisor.) Please confirm the candidate commentator about your presentation date and time. (Be available within three hours from the seminar starts.)</p>	<p>Download registration format from Graduate School Website → Dental School Office (via e-mail) Mag6627@adm.okayama-u.ac.jp</p>	<p>Deadline 5/22 (Fri.)</p>	<p>Deadline 8/21 (Fri.)</p>
2	Commission of commentators by Academic Affairs Committees		Late May	Late August
3	Announcement of presentation schedule *Schedule change is not acceptable	Dental School Office → Students (via form)	Early June	Early September
4	Abstract Registration (Approximately A4 size, 1 page)	Students →Dental School Office (via form)	6/12(Fri.)	9/18 (Fri.)
5	Publication of abstracts on Moodle		After 7/9 (Thu.)	After 10/8(Thu.)
6	Presenting the “Research Seminar for Doctoral Degree”			

*The deadline is rigid.

6. Procedure at the day of the presentation face-to-face format

	Description
1	Each presenter should bring his/her own computer 30 minutes prior to the start of the seminar and confirm if it works. ※Be sure to check the computer before the presentation. Otherwise, it may not be considered valid if you did not give a successful presentation on spot. (If you use Mac, please bring a display adaptor)
2	The seminar begins with a moderator. Standard time: 25 min. (presentation: 15min, Q & A: 10min.) To achieve a smooth transition, the next presenter should wait before his/her assigned start time so that he/she can start quickly after the previous speaker finishes.
3	Until your turn comes, wait and listen to other students' presentations.
4	Give the presentation and answer questions. Receive advice from the appointed commentator.
5	After your presentation, listen to the presentations of other students.