

# **Management Policy of Detailed Rules for the Doctoral Thesis Examination of the Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine, Yamaguchi University**

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Based on the provisions of Article 18 of the detailed rules for the doctoral thesis examination of the Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine, Yamaguchi University (hereinafter referred to as "the Detailed Rules"), the management policy of the Detailed Rules shall be set forth as follows:

Relating to Article 2 (Eligibility for submitting a doctoral thesis)

- 1 A person who may submit a doctoral thesis must in principle have two or more academic publications that become the basis of the doctoral thesis, published in highly evaluated academic journals with an established examination system (including cases where publication is accepted).
- 2 "Particularly excellent research results" mean that one or more academic publications among those specified in the preceding paragraph has high academic value and has been published in a leading European journal (including cases where publication is accepted). In this case, for the evaluation relating to "particularly excellent research results," an Eligibility Examination separately set forth shall be carried out.
- 3 The academic publications set forth in the preceding two paragraphs may include those published within one year prior to the date of admission.

Relating to Article 4 and Article 11 (Procedure for submitting a doctoral thesis)

- 1 When the main Supervisor approves matters related to the submission of a doctoral thesis, he/she shall hold adequate consultations with the assistant Supervisors in advance.
- 2 For the academic publications that become the basis of a doctoral thesis, the applicant must be the lead author (or the first author listed in the case of multiple lead authors) and the co-author(s) must have not applied as a doctoral thesis at any university in the past.
- 3 The academic publications that become the basis of the doctoral thesis shall be printed and published as original papers or scheduled for printing. In this case, those to be printed shall be accompanied by acceptance letter for publication or a publication agreement to be printed and published.
- 4 In the event that it falls under Article 6, paragraph 1 of the Detailed Rules, it shall not be necessary to submit the documents referred to in Article 11, item 10 of the Detailed Rules.

Relating to Article 6 (Eligibility for applying for doctoral degree)

- 1 A person listed in Article 6, item 2, must have prescribed research career as set forth in the following table:

Education category	Research career
A person who has graduated from a university with a six-year veterinary course	5 years or more
A person who completed a master's degree course	5 years or more
A person who graduated from a four-year university course	7 years or more
All other persons other than the above shall be determined at the Faculty Committee	

Remarks: The evaluation of the contents of the research career shall be entrusted to the Eligibility Examination Committee.

- 2 A person who may submit a doctoral thesis must in principle have two or more academic publications that become the basis of the doctoral thesis, published in highly evaluated academic journals with an established examination system (including cases where publication is accepted) and one or more other academic publications. However, if you have three or more academic publications that become the basis of the doctoral thesis, no other academic publications shall be necessary. All of these publications require that the applicant be the lead author (in the case of multiple lead authors, the first author listed shall be the lead author).
- 3 In cases where a person prescribed in item 1 applies for a degree within one year after withdrawal, it shall be treated in accordance with paragraph 1 of Relating to Article 2.
- 4 When a person prescribed in item 1 submits a thesis and passes the examination and final test within one year after withdrawal, he/she may be treated in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 1 of the degree rules of Yamaguchi University.

#### Relating to Article 7, Article 9 and Article 10 (Eligibility Examination)

- 1 The Certificate of Research Career prescribed in Article 7, paragraph 1, item 6 of the Detailed Rules may be submitted as a prospect if the research career meets those prescribed in paragraph 1 of Relating to Article 6 by the prescribed date provided in Article 11 of the Detailed Rules but it does not meet those prescribed in paragraph 1 of Relating to Article 6 on the prescribed date provided in Article 7 of the Detailed Rules. However, it is necessary to submit a Certificate of Research Career again that the years of research has been reached by the prescribed date provided in Article 11 of the Detailed Rules.
- 2 The matters relating to the Eligibility Examination Committee prescribed in Article 9, paragraph 1 of the Detailed Rules shall be specified separately.

#### Relating to Article 13 (Examination Committee)

- 1 Members of the Examination Committee shall, in principle, be selected among those qualified faculty members in charge of research guidance in the JVV.
- 2 In principle, a person who falls under the following shall be appointed as the main examiner:
  - (1) Main Supervisor if a student falls under Article 2, items 1 and 2 of the Detailed Rules
  - (2) Main Supervisor or equivalent faculty member while a student was enrolled if the student falls under Article 6, item 1
  - (3) Faculty member listed in the recommendation letter described in Article 7, item 7 of the Detailed Rules if a student falls under Article 6, item 2 of the Detailed Rules
- 3 At least one of the four vice-examiners shall include a faculty member at the Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine, Kagoshima University.

Relating to Article 15 (Examination, final test or other tests, questions, and thesis presentation)

- 1 The foreign language test as one of the tests and questions shall be conducted on English orally or in writing. However, foreigners may choose either English or Japanese.
- 2 The public presentation of the doctoral thesis shall be held at Yamaguchi University, and the applicant's name, thesis title, date, and location shall be publicly notified to the component universities two weeks before the date of the presentation.
- 3 The Dean shall promptly take measures to allow the university faculty members of the Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine at each component university to inspect the relevant documents of all applicants, including their doctoral thesis, after the decision to accept their doctoral thesis at the Faculty Committee.

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