Guidelines for applicants to the Leading Graduate Program in Primatology and Wildlife Science, Kyoto University

The Leading Graduate Program in Primatology and Wildlife Science (PWS) is undertaken by students in parallel with their existing Kyoto University Master’s or Doctoral programs. Students need not change supervisor or section/laboratory when applying to PWS.

We encourage exemplary students to apply now for entry to the Primatology and Wildlife Science program (PWS). The next start date is April 1st, 2021. There are **TWO NECESSARY** conditions for eligibility:   
**1. Applicants MUST be graduate students of Kyoto University from April 1st, 2021.**  
**2. Applicants MUST have received approval for registration to the PWS program.**  
  
Please refer to the following sections for further details regarding eligibility.  
**1. Applicants must be graduate students at Kyoto University**  
Applicants must be enrolled as first year Master’s (M1) or first year Doctoral (D1) students at Kyoto University Graduate School of Science/Division of Biological Science from April 1st, 2021.

(NOTE: Students of other Graduate Schools not stated above, please reconfirm with your research mentor / PWS faculty member prior to submitting your application).  
  
**2. Applicants must be approved for registration to the PWS program**  
Prospective applicants in the Leading program as first year Master’s students will be called L1, and first year Doctoral students will be called L3.

Applicants must apply following the procedures below. The applicants then must attend every day of the PWS Symposium (The 15th International Symposium on Primatology and Wildlife Science), in addition to giving a poster presentation in English. Based upon an evaluation of the poster presentation in English and an interview, the applicant’s acceptance to the Leading program will be decided. However, due to prevent the Covid-19 outbreak, the method of conducting the entrance examination may change. The final method will be announced on the following website by February 22nd: <https://www.wildlife-science.org/en/symposium/2021-03/>

**[NECESSARY DOCUMENTS]**  
Pre-registration via email is required. Please complete “The Leading Graduate Program Application Form.xls” and send it to < exam2021@wildlife-science.org >. Please put “Application for The Leading Graduate Program” as the subject line.

(NOTE: “Letter of Consent” (free format) to apply for the program is necessary. Please contact your research mentor/PWS faculty member and obtain approval to apply **in advance**, and obtain his or her signature on the “Letter of Consent.” Applicants can submit the letter before or on the day of the Symposium.)

Students seeking to enter the PWS Program at D1 (L3) must undergo a transfer eligibility review to be assessed for eligibility by the Kyoto University Center for Educational Program Promotion in Graduate School Steering Committee (the governing body directing the PWS Program). For the transfer eligibility review, in addition to the above application form, you will be required to submit the following documents:   
(1) The Leading Graduate Program Transfer Request Form   
(2) Master’s thesis, or comparable research related to your previous work  
(3) Transcript of your Master’s program

**[DEADLINE]**

The deadline for pre-registration is below. Once pre-registration is successful, you will receive an email reply with your registration number. If you do not receive a reply within a couple of days, please contact us at <exam2021@wildlife-science.org >.

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| **Pre-registration deadlines:**  Prospective applicants for L1: February 15th, 2021 (Monday)  Prospective applicants for L3: February 22nd, 2021 (Monday) |

**[Assessment for Admission to the PWS Program]**  
The assessment for admission to the PWS Program will be held during **The 15th International Symposium on Primatology and Wildlife Science**. Participation during **all days** is a **requirement.**  
**Date & Venue**: It is scheduled for March 2021, and may be held online using Zoom etc.

Please refer to the following website because we will update the details about this Symposium.

<https://www.wildlife-science.org/en/symposium/2021-03/>

During the above symposium, applicants are required to complete the following two tasks:

(1) **Poster presentation (in English)**

* Please prepare a poster outlining the following 3 points: previous research work, research plan for the PWS Program and your overall goal if you were to be accepted as a PWS student.
* Please present your poster in English
* Submit your poster abstract (200 words + 4 keywords, within one page of a Microsoft Word file) to <exam2021@wildlife-science.org > by **February 22nd, 2021 (Monday).**
* Details of the poster presentation will be posted on the homepage of the 15th International Symposium on Primatology and Wildlife Science in February.

(2) **Interview (Japanese and/or English)**  
You will be interviewed during the Symposium. You will be provided with the date and time of the interview after your pre-registration has been accepted. You will be notified by email as to whether or not your application to the program has been accepted by the end of March 2021. Successful applicants will be automatically enrolled into the Leading Graduate Program.

**[Note: COVID-19]**

Depending on the status of the COVID-19 infection, the contents of the entrance examination may be reviewed according to instructions from the MEXT etc. In that case, we will immediately contact the candidate by e-mail. And if you have any other questions, please send any inquiries by email to <exam2021@wildlife-science.org >.   
We will ONLY respond to inquiries received by email.