

Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences (Medicine)
Dissertation Defense Schedule, March, 2026

1. Flowchart of Application

- ① Submission of Application Documents
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- ② Committee on Dissertations
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- ③ Setting up of the Screening Committee (Graduate School (Medicine) Committee)
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- ④ Dissertation Defense
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- ⑤ Notification of Dissertation Defense Result (From chief examiner to Student Division)
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- ⑥ Judgement of the Defence Result (Graduate School (Medicine) Committee)
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- ⑦ Result Report to the President
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- ⑧ Ph.D. Degree Conferment Ceremony

2. Deadlines for the Spring Conferment Ceremony (March, 2026)

※ Including a student who will graduate in the third year

Item	Deadline (Available for application from April 1)	
	For published or accepted dissertations	For received dissertations
Submission of Application Documents ※ ₁	5:00 p.m. November 19, 2025 【Please keep the deadline strictly】	
Committee on Dissertations	December 11, 2025	
Submission of official acceptance letter and Accepted Dissertations ※ ₁		5:00 p.m. January 7, 2026 【Please keep the deadline strictly】
Committee on Dissertations ※ ₁		January 15, 2026
Setting up of the Screening Committee (Graduate School (Medicine) Committee)	December 17, 2025	January 28, 2025
Dissertation Defense Period	December 18, 2025 ~ February 12, 2026	February 2, 2026 ~ February 27, 2026
Notification of Dissertation Defense Result (From chief examiner to Educational Planning Section)	February 18, 2026	March 6, 2026
Candidate submit an offprint and PDF file of the published dissertation ※ ₂	February 18, 2026	March 6, 2026
Judgement of the Defence Result (Graduate School (Medicine) Committee) ※ ₃	March 4, 2026	March 18, 2026
Ph.D. Degree Conferment Ceremony	March 26, 2026	March 26, 2026

※₁ If you can not submit the accepted dissertation by November 19, 2025, and apply for the dissertation defense with the received dissertation, you must submit the only 3 documents below to the Yushima Degree Examination Group 【by 5:00pm. November 19, 2026】.

- a Letter of Commitment (Form 3)
- a received letter
- a Request for Extending Enrollment Period or a Request for Withdrawal

After the dissertation is accepted, publication certificate and degree application documents must be submitted to the Yushima Degree Examination Group 【by 5:00pm. January 10, 2025】 and approved by Committee on Dissertation.

Those who is unable to submit the certificate of publication by the above deadline, the procedure will proceed based on a Request for Extending Enrollment Period or a Request for Withdrawal.

【Important】

To ensure fairness and impartiality in the procedure, we cannot accept degree applications after the deadline.

※₂ If you can not submit the offprint and PDF file of the published dissertation, you must submit the Letter of Commitment (Form 11) and the accepted manuscript. In addition, you must submit 1 offprint to the Yushima Degree Examination Group as soon as possible.

※₃ The Ph.D. course can only be completed by receiving a positive evaluation by the Graduate School (Medicine) Committee.