

**Tamkang University Department of Chemistry
Regulations Regarding Direct Admission to the Ph.D. Program**

1. In order to encourage graduating seniors in TKU's bachelor's degree programs and graduate students in TKU's master's programs to pursue a Ph.D. degree, these regulations are enacted in accordance with the Ministry of Education's Regulations on Direct Admission to Ph.D. Programs and Tamkang University's relevant regulations.
2. Graduating seniors in TKU's bachelor's degree programs and students in their first year of master's programs at TKU possessing outstanding grades and potential as researchers, with letters of recommendation from at least two professors from their original department or other relevant departments and with the approval of this department's Departmental Affairs Council and TKU's President, may obtain direct admission to this department's Ph.D. program. "Graduating seniors" includes students with outstanding grades who graduated one semester or one year before the present academic year. Undergraduate students who are approved during the current academic year for direct admission to the Ph.D. program should obtain their bachelor's degree before beginning doctoral studies.
3. Applicants for direct admission to the Ph.D. program must:
 - a. Submit application to the Office of Academic Affairs
 - b. Submit the following supporting materials to this department before June 1:
 - i. Photocopy of application for direct admission to Ph.D. program
 - ii. Personal biography, written documentation of project or research results, and other materials that might be useful in the evaluation process
 - iii. Plan for Ph.D.-level research
 - iv. At least two letters of recommendation from professors in student's current department or institute
 - v. Complete university or graduate school transcript
4. Selection work for this department shall be carried out by all members of the Selection Committee in tandem. Members of the Selection Committee shall include the conveners of the Teaching and Research Groups for physical chemistry, organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry, analytical chemistry, biochemistry, and materials chemistry as well as the Department of Chemistry's chairperson, with the department's chairperson serving as committee chair. If an applicant's supervising professor is a member of the Selection Committee, the applicant's supervising professor must be excluded from the process for that applicant and a substitute must be selected from the applicable Teaching and Research Group; if the chairperson of the department must be excluded, a person must be selected from among the other members of the Selection Committee to serve as committee chair.
5. The complete Selection Committee shall perform preliminary screening:
 - a. Applicants who have failed to submit all materials listed in item 3 above shall not be considered.
 - b. Applicants who had not submitted all materials before June 1 shall not be considered.
 - c. Inform students who pass preliminary screening that they have progressed to the interview stage.
6. Regulations regarding the interview process:

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- a. The applicant shall give an oral explanation of the documentation of previous research results and the plan for future research that he or she has submitted; approximately 20 minutes shall be allotted for this session.
 - b. Interviews shall be conducted by the Selection Committee.
7. Scoring method: evaluation of written materials 50%; interview 50%.
8. The selection results and list of admitted students shall be signed by all members of the Selection Committee and submitted to the Departmental Affairs Council and to all relevant units within the University, and accepted applicants shall be informed.
9. These regulations shall take effect following approval by the Departmental Affairs Council; amendments shall take effect on the same basis.