

Application Guidelines for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (University recommendation -SGU-) commencing in October 2017

Admission Date: September 22, 2017

Number of Awards: A few

Programs Type(s): Master's Program, Doctoral Program

Application Period: March 15 – May 9, 2017

Students with outstanding academic records who have applied to enroll as regular, degree-seeking students in the master's or doctoral programs and those who will advance within the university to a doctoral program at Tokyo Institute of Technology in September 2017 are eligible to apply for the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology: MEXT) Scholarship (University recommendation -SGU-). The number of awards is very limited.

Notifications of changes to the application criteria will be sent by the applicant's prospective Academic Supervisor at Tokyo Tech.

Students already selected to receive the MEXT Scholarship (University recommendation –SGU-) **from April 2017 to March 2018** do not need to apply at this time.

Reference Information:

http://www.titech.ac.jp/english/graduate_school/international/scholarships/mext_scholarship.html#SGU_MEXT

Qualifications:

1. Eligibility

Students who have applied to enroll as regular, degree-seeking students in the master's or doctoral programs (including IGP(C) overseas applicants and those who were selected for admission under IGP(A) or other entrance examinations), and those who will advance within the university to a doctoral program at Tokyo Institute of Technology in September 2017 are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Applicants must have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with a grade point average of 2.50 (out of 3.00) or above in the previous academic year and meet certain criteria.

The application procedures differ as follows:

[A] Students who intend to newly enroll at Tokyo Tech in September 2017 must complete a separate application for admission to Tokyo Tech by May 9, 2017 (i.e. IGP(C) overseas application). These students are required to follow application procedure [A] on p.5.

[B] Students who have been accepted to enroll at Tokyo Tech in September 2017 are eligible to apply (e.g. IGP(A), Tokyo Tech-Tsinghua Joint Graduate Program). Each program may have additional regulations. These students are required to follow application procedure [B] on p.5.

[C] Students who intend to advance within the university to begin a doctoral program at Tokyo Tech in September 2017 are eligible to apply. These students are required to follow application procedure [C] on p.5. Current MEXT scholarship students (University recommendation -SGU-) who intend to advance from a master's to a doctoral program at Tokyo Tech in September 2017 must follow procedure [C] on p.5.

2. Nationality

Applicants must hold the citizenship of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan as of October 1, 2017.

3. Age

Applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1982 except those who are currently MEXT scholarship students.

4. Academic Background

Applicants must be graduates of a Japanese university or have academic ability equal or superior to that of a Japanese university graduate. An applicant will be deemed to have academic ability equal or superior to that of a university graduate, if he/she:

1. has completed or will complete 16 years of formal education in a foreign country; or
2. is or will be aged 22 or older and has taken an individual entrance qualification examination and been judged by Tokyo Tech as having academic ability that is equal or superior to a university graduate.

Note: Eligible applicants include those who otherwise satisfy or will satisfy qualification requirements for admission to a Japanese graduate school.

5. Health

Applicants must not have any mental or physical disabilities that would impede the pursuit of studies at Tokyo Tech.

6. Visa Requirement

Applicants must acquire College Student (*ryugaku*) visas valid as of September 22, 2017. Please also note that those who change their visa status to a status other than College Student after arrival in Japan will lose their status as Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship recipients as of the date that their visa status changes.

7. Other

Applicants who meet any of the following conditions are not eligible. If identified after the start of the scholarship period, the student will be required to withdraw from the scholarship.

1. Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan.
2. Those who are not able to receive the master's or doctoral degree in the standard time period.
3. Those who previously received a Japanese Government scholarship and who received the final payment of that scholarship fewer than three years prior. (This does not apply to the past recipients of Japanese studies scholarships (Global 30 scholarships) and the Top Global University Project (SGU) scholarship.)
4. Those who receive a scholarship from an institution other than MEXT (excluding those specified for research expenditures).
5. Those who apply for the same scholarship through other universities, or who are applying for, receiving, or intending to receive other scholarships from the Japanese Government (MEXT) or JASSO that overlap with this scholarship.

Scholarship Term:

From October 2017 to March 2018 (6 months)

Note: If a recipient desires to continue as a MEXT scholarship student in a master's or doctoral program, he/she may apply for the MEXT scholarship (University recommendation -SGU-) again, provided that he/she has made outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria.

The monthly stipend will not be provided for September 2017.

Tokyo Tech-recommended MEXT Scholarship students cannot enroll in a graduate program at a university other than Tokyo Tech.

Scholarship Benefits:

1. Allowance

Scholarship recipients will be provided a monthly stipend of **147,000 JPY (Master's program) or 148,000 JPY (Doctoral program)**. This stipend is subject to change as specified by the regulations of the MEXT Scholarship program.

The Scholarship will be terminated in the following cases:

1. If the recipient is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application;
2. If the recipient violates any article of his/her pledge to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
3. If the recipient violates Japan's laws and regulations and is sentenced to imprisonment of more than one year.
4. If the recipient is subjected to disciplinary action taken by Tokyo Tech, such as expulsion or removal from the register;
5. If it has been determined that it will be impossible for the recipient to complete his/her graduate program within the standard time period because of poor academic grades or suspension from Tokyo Tech;
6. If the recipient withdraws from Tokyo Tech or transfers to another university.
7. If the recipient's residence status has changed to one other than College Student as defined in the Appended Table I-4 of the Immigration Act;
8. If the recipient has received a scholarship from another institution (excluding those specified for research expenditures).
9. The Top Global University Project at Tokyo Tech is terminated.

The monthly stipend will not be granted to a recipient who takes a leave of absence or is long absent from Tokyo Tech.

Furthermore, if scholarship stipends were issued during the period in which the preceding cases applied, the recipient may be ordered to return stipends received during that period.

2. Traveling Costs

MEXT does not provide funding for travel to/from Japan.

3. School Fees

Admission and tuition fees will be waived by Tokyo Tech.

Application Procedures:

Application Deadline: May 9, 2017

[Application Form Download \(zip\)](#)

1. Consultation with the prospective Academic Supervisor

Prior to submitting application materials to the International Student Exchange Division, applicants must consult with a prospective Academic Supervisor at Tokyo Tech to confirm their eligibility for the MEXT scholarship (University recommendation -SGU-) and undergo an initial interview. IGP(C) overseas applicants who are considering the MEXT scholarship must confirm their eligibility before applying.

2. Documents to be Submitted

[A] Students who intend to newly enroll at Tokyo Tech in September 2017

(1) Application Form for the MEXT scholarship (Form 5) (**double-sided printing**, original, no photocopies)

Photograph (4.5×3.5 cm, taken within the past six months, upper body, full-faced) Write your name and nationality on the reverse side. The photograph must be pasted on the application form. A digital photograph inserted in the form is also acceptable.

(2) Research Plan or Research Status Sheet (Form 6) (**double-sided printing**)

(3) Official Academic Transcript from the previous academic year (originals or certified copies). Students are required to have a grade point average for the previous academic year of 2.50 or above on a scale of 3.00. (Grades obtained as non-regular students, ie, as a Research Student or as a student of a Japanese language school, cannot be included.)

If an applicant has already submitted a transcript to Admission Division, a photocopy is acceptable.

NOTE: IGP(C) overseas applicants should include these documents in the same envelope with their IGP(C) application for admission. These Applicants should send their documents to the Admission Office.

[B] Students who have already been accepted to enroll at Tokyo Tech in September 2017

The necessary documents will be announced later. Prospective applicants are instructed to contact their academic supervisors at Tokyo Tech.

[C] Students who intend to advance to a doctoral program at Tokyo Tech in September 2017

(1) Application Form for the MEXT scholarship (Form 5) (**double-sided printing**, original, no photocopies)

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(4) Master's Thesis Summary (Free Format) (**double-sided printing**)

*Tokyo Tech and the applicant's Academic Supervisor will prepare the other required forms.

3. Submission of Application Documents

The completed application documents must reach the Admission Division for [A], or the International Student Exchange Division for [B] and [C], no later than May 9, 2017 by registered mail, courier service or a similar service.

[A] Admission Division, Tokyo Institute of Technology
West Bldg. 8E, Room 212
2-12-1 Ookayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 152-8550 JAPAN
Please refer to [the IGP\(C\) Application Guidelines](#).

[B] [C] International Student Exchange Division
2-12-1-S6-7 Ookayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 152-8550, JAPAN

[B] and [C] applicants may submit the application documents in person to Room 308, South Bldg. 6, Ookayama Campus.

Note:

1. Application documents must be written in either Japanese or English. Any document written in a language other than Japanese or English must be attached with a Japanese or English translation.
2. Tokyo Tech will not accept any incomplete applications or any documents received after the stated deadline.
3. Tokyo Tech cannot respond to any inquiries regarding receipt of individual application documents. The applicant is responsible for the tracking and receipt of all materials. Tokyo Tech strongly encourages sending the documents by registered mail, courier service or a similar service that provides tracking numbers and receipt verification services.
4. Submitted documents will not be returned under any circumstances. Tokyo Tech will not provide photocopies of the submitted documents. Applicants should keep a copy of all documents for personal reference. In cases when a document cannot be re-issued, a certified copy should be submitted instead.
5. The offer of admission may be withdrawn at any time, even after enrollment, if any application document is found to be invalid or containing false information.

4. Notification of the Application Results

The candidates nominated for MEXT Scholarship (University recommendation -SGU-) will be notified in July 2017. Official confirmation of the MEXT Scholarship recipients will be announced in August 2017.

INQUIRIES:

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