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### 1. Eligibility

Applicants must have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with a grade point average of 2.30\* (out of 3.00) or above in the last two academic years and meet certain criteria.

### 2. Nationality

Applicants must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. In principle, individuals who have Japanese nationality at the time of application are not eligible. However, persons with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and whose place of residence at the time of application is outside Japan are eligible to apply as long as they chose the nationality of the other country and renounce Japanese nationality before the date of their arrival in Japan.

### 3. Age

Applicants, in principle, must have been born on or after April 2, 1987.

### 4. Academic Background

Applicants must be a graduate from a Japanese university or have academic ability equal or superior to that of a Japanese university graduate. Refer to the eligibility mentioned in [the application guide for International Graduate Program \(A\)](#).

### 5. Field of Study

The field must be the one in which the applicant majored at university, or a related field, and be one in which the applicant will be able to do research at Tokyo Tech.

### 6. Language Proficiency

Applicants must possess proficiency in either the English or Japanese language and satisfy one of the following conditions:

- (1) Have obtained an English language proficiency test score that is equivalent to CEFR level B2 or higher or have passed N2 or N1 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).
- (2) Have completed or expect to complete the required curriculum at an institution where all instruction was in English or Japanese and which satisfies the qualifications for enrollment in a master's or doctoral program at Tokyo Tech
- (3) Have been determined by Tokyo Tech to possess a level of proficiency in either English or Japanese that is equivalent to or exceeds the level indicated in (1)

## **7. Health**

Applicants must be determined by Tokyo Tech to be physically and mentally able to pursue their course of studies in Japan.

## **8. Arrival in Japan**

Applicants must be able to leave for and arrive in Japan within two weeks of the start date of the third quarter in September 2022.

## **9. Visa**

Applicants shall, in principle, newly obtain a "Student" visa from the Japanese diplomatic mission located in their country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student". If an applicant already has another residence status in Japan (i.e., "Permanent resident," "Long-term resident," etc.), they must change their status and newly enter Japan under "Student" status. Moreover, applicants should be aware that after expiration of their status as a MEXT Scholarship Student, if they again apply for their original resident status of "Permanent resident" or "Long-term resident," such resident status might not be granted. The applicant should also be aware that provision of scholarship benefits will be stopped if they arrive in Japan without a newly obtained "Student" visa.

## **10. Non-eligibility**

The following persons are not eligible for the scholarship, and if non-eligibility is identified after they are selected for the scholarship, the individual must withdraw from the scholarship:

- (1) Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period they receive the scholarship;
- (2) Those who are not able to arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT or Tokyo Tech;

(3) Those who have previously received the MEXT Scholarship (including those who withdrew from the scholarship after they entered Japan). However, this does not apply to the following past recipients of the scholarship: those with academic or work experience of 3 years or longer during the period starting from the month following the end of their last scholarship to the starting month of the new scholarship; those whose last MEXT Scholarship was received in the category of Japanese Studies Students (limited to those who graduated or are expected to graduate from their home university after returning to their home country), Preparatory Course for the “Japan-Korea Joint Government Scholarship Program for the Students in Science and Engineering,” or the Young Leaders Program

(Note that as the MEXT Honors Scholarship is not considered a “MEXT Scholarship,” recipients of MEXT Honors Scholarship are eligible.);

(4) Those who are concurrently applying to this scholarship through other universities or applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system. This includes programs for which scholarship disbursements will begin in AY 2022, even if final selection results have not yet been decided;

(5) Those who, at the time of application, are already enrolled at a Japanese university, etc. with the residence status of “Student,” and those who are already enrolled at or plan to enroll at a Japanese university, etc. as a privately-funded international student, in the period from application submission until the start of the scholarship period. However, this does not apply to an applicant who, at the time of application, is a current privately-funded international student enrolled at or scheduled to enroll at a Japanese university and is certain to complete their program, return to their home country upon completion, and then re-enter Japan under newly acquired “Student” status;

(6) Those who intend to receive a scholarship from an organization other than MEXT, including a government organization in their home country, after the start of the MEXT Scholarship period;

(7) Those who, at the time of application, are expected to graduate from their current school or university, but who are not able to satisfy the academic background qualifications or conditions by the date required by their program;

(8) Those who held dual nationality at the time of application and whose renunciation of Japanese nationality before the date of their arrival in Japan cannot be verified;

(9) Those who, at or after the time of application, plan to engage in long-term research (such as fieldwork or an internship) outside Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from Tokyo Tech;

(10) Those who have completed a doctoral program and have no intention of obtaining a degree.

## **11. Other**

The MEXT Scholarship will be granted to those who are willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at schools and in communities during their studies in Japan while contributing to the internationalization of Japan. After their graduation, (past) recipients are expected to make efforts to promote relations between their home country and Japan by maintaining close relations with the university they attended, by cooperating with surveys and questionnaires, and, after returning to their home country, by cooperating with relevant projects and events conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission, etc. located there.