

International Experience at Science Tokyo (For Students)

1. Objectives of international experience

One of the Institute's key goals in education is to foster individuals who can contribute to the world through the power of science and technology. International experience and the ability to use English as a common language are two attributes that the Institute considers essential for such individuals. Gaining international experience is especially important, as it enables students to develop a global perspective and outlook that are otherwise difficult to acquire. To this end, the Institute encourages students to actively seek overseas study and various other forms of international activities.

2. Capabilities developed through international experience

Through intercultural interaction, students cultivate awareness, attitudes, and competence related to the following capabilities.

(a) Broadened perspective

A broader perspective and open-mindedness allow students to perceive new values and to understand the significance of worldwide problems and the impact they have on their own lives.

(b) Improved global communication skills

By learning to share opinions and knowledge using a common language, students become able to deepen mutual understanding with people who have different mother tongues and values.

(c) Appreciation of diversity and collaboration

Appreciation of different customs and values based on one's own clear sense of identity allows students to collaborate with people effectively.

3. Applicable students

All Institute students are expected to gain international experience.

Science and Engineering Students: by the time they complete their master's degree program

Medical and Dental Sciences Students: by the time they complete their bachelor's degree program

Having an international background does not preclude students from being encouraged to participate in international activities (Students considered as having an international background include international students, Japanese students who have lived and received education overseas, and graduate students with overseas undergraduate study experience at another university).

Note:

- If, based on assessment, a student is judged to lack the aforementioned capabilities, the Institute will advise him/her to participate in additional activities to ensure that he/she gains the necessary international experience before graduating with a master's degree.
- Students who complete the Global Education Option (GEO), the Global Scientists and Engineers Course (GSEC) or Health Sciences Leadership program (HSLP) may be regarded as having acquired said capabilities.

4. Recognized forms of international experience

4-1. Overseas study

Students wishing to travel and stay in a foreign country for 31 days or longer in order to study and conduct research are required to submit a formal request and obtain approval from the Institute. For international experience to be recognized as overseas study, it must be deemed to cultivate the three capabilities described in Section 2. However, if, upon assessment, a student's attainment of the capabilities is judged to be insufficient, the Institute will advise that student to participate in supplementary activities.

Note: The following activities are recognized as overseas study, even if the period of activity is less than 30 days:

- (a) Studying at a foreign university as part of the curriculum
- (b) Studying abroad through a program administered by a school, department, or graduate major of the Institute.

4-2. Other activities providing international experience

Other activities providing international experience can be broadly classified into the following three categories.

- (a) University-wide courses, events, etc.
- (b) Department-specific courses and events.
- (c) Individual activities (noteworthy activities that fulfill the qualities developed through international experience).

The scope of international experience in (a) and (b) will be determined by the WG after careful examination of items proposed by each graduate school, department, course, faculty, and graduate school, and approved at the Office of Education Committee Meeting.

Regarding (c), approval will be determined in the following manner:

Science and Engineering Students:

Students' international experiences are recorded on their portfolios and are confirmed by their academic advisors.

Medical and Dental Sciences Students:

For individual student activities, students may apply through Microsoft Forms, and the International Relations Committee and the Education Committee of each department will approve the application.

Examples of individual activities that can be certified as international experience are shown in the chart on the next page. Students will not be limited to the examples, but will check the content of the activity they undertook and whether it was conducted in a foreign language, etc., and only activities that are deemed to fulfill the three qualities in 2. *Capabilities developed through international experience* will be certified.

Appended table: Examples of international activities other than overseas study

International activity	
Overseas	Presenting at an international conference and participating in Q&A sessions *1
	International collaborative research dispatch by laboratories
	Writing co-authored papers
	Study abroad programs offered by non-academic organizations (e.g., Institute of Science Tokyo Co-op's language programs, or foreign internships planned by private organizations) (Students must inform their affiliated department of program details.)
Domestic	Presenting at an international conference and participating in Q&A sessions *1
	Collaborative research activities with or supervision by specially appointed international faculty
	Participating in seasonal programs attended by international students (Students must inform their affiliated department of program details.)
	Internships at international organizations and foreign companies Internships should require the use of a foreign language for conducting day-to-day activities. (Students must inform their affiliated department of program details.)
	Interacting with international students (e.g., joint research in the laboratory, providing research guidance, or other forms of mentoring or assistance) (Students must inform their affiliated department of the details of the interaction.)
	Interacting with foreign faculty members and researchers (i.e., attending lectures and participating in Q&A sessions) (Students must inform their affiliated department of the details of the interaction.)
Online	Presenting at an international conference and participating in Q&A sessions *1
	Meetings for international collaborative research
	Internships at international organizations and foreign companies Internships should require the use of a foreign language for conducting day-to-day activities. (Students must inform their affiliated department of program details.)

*1: In addition to giving a presentation, students must participate in Q&A sessions and engage in discussions with other participants.