

Application Guidelines for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation (SGU)) commencing in April 2023 (additional recruitment)

Scholarship Period: Up to 12 months from April 2023

Number of Awards: A few

Program Type: Master's and doctoral programs

Application Period: November 28 – December 12, 2022

Current Tokyo Tech graduate students who are expected to obtain their degree in September 2023 or March 2024 may be eligible to apply for the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology: MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation (SGU)).

The qualifications stated below are based on the guidelines provided by MEXT for the previous round of recruitment. The new guidelines for the MEXT Scholarship commencing in April 2023 will be published in December 2022. Should there be any changes to the application requirements, an announcement will be made.

Qualifications:

1. Eligibility

Those who apply for the scholarship must meet all of the following conditions:

1. Have the nationality of one of the countries designated by MEXT (see “2. Nationality” below)
2. Be studying in one of the graduate programs at Tokyo Tech as of December 2022 and expected to obtain their master's or doctoral degree in September 2023 or March 2024
3. Have the resident status of “Student” and retain it until the end of the scholarship period
4. Have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with the MEXT GPA of 2.50 (out of 3.00) or above for the last academic year (see [Appendix](#) for details)

Note: Applicants receiving other scholarships will have to withdraw from them if they are accepted as a MEXT Scholarship recipient.

Applicants must also be proficient in the English or Japanese language and meet 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 be expected 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 a Japanese university

- (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) above

2. Nationality

Applicants must have the nationality of one of the countries listed below:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central Africa, Chad, Chile, Columbia, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of the Congo, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Switzerland, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

3. Age

Applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1988.

4. Academic Background

Applicants must be currently studying at Tokyo Tech and be expected to successfully obtain their master's or doctoral degree in September 2023 or March 2024.

5. Health

Applicants must be physically and mentally able to pursue studies at Tokyo Tech.

6. Visa

As stated in "1. Eligibility", applicants must have the resident status of "Student" and retain it until the end of the scholarship period. The applicant should also be aware that provision of scholarship benefits will be stopped if they changed their resident status to one other than "Student".

7. 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 cannot complete their graduate program within the standard duration of study (Students taking registered absence from school are excluded)
- (3) Those who apply for this scholarship through other universities or who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system. This includes programs for which scholarship payment will begin in FY2023, even if their final selection results have not been decided yet
- (4) Those who intend to receive a scholarship from an organization other than MEXT, including a government organization in the applicant's home country, after the start of the MEXT Scholarship period
- (5) Those who do not meet the academic background qualifications by the date required by their program
- (6) 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
- (7) 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.

8. 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.

Scholarship Period:

From April 2023 until the completion of the graduate program (up to 12 months)

Note: For those who are expected to obtain their degree in September 2023, the scholarship period is for 6 months, which will not be extended even if they fail to complete the graduate program as planned.

Scholarship Benefits:

1. Stipend

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.

2. Education Fee

Tuition fee will be waived by Tokyo Tech.

Cessation of Scholarship Benefits:

MEXT will stop provision of scholarship benefits in the following situations. Should any of the following apply, the scholarship recipient may be ordered to return part of, or the entirety of, the scholarship benefits received up to that time. Provision of scholarship benefits may also be suspended during the period up to the decision on the disposition of the matter.

- (1) The recipient made a false statement on their application
- (2) The recipient violated an article of the Pledge to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (3) The recipient violated a Japanese law and was sentenced and imprisoned for an indefinite period or for a period exceeding 1 year
- (4) The recipient was suspended from Tokyo Tech or received other punishment, or was removed from Tokyo Tech register as a disciplinary action in accordance with the regulations of Tokyo Tech
- (5) It has been determined that it will be impossible for the recipient to complete their graduate program within the standard period of study because of poor academic grades or suspension or absence from Tokyo Tech
- (6) The recipient changed their resident status to one other than "Student"
- (7) The recipient received another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenditures)
- (8) The recipient withdrew from Tokyo Tech or moved to another university
- (9) Tokyo Tech is no longer a member of the Top Global University Project (SGU). (including the termination of the project)

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

Application Procedures:

Application Deadline: December 12, 2022

1. Consultation with the Academic Supervisor

The applicant's academic supervisor must submit **Nomination Form (Form 1)** and **Evaluation Form (Form 3)**. Request them to complete and submit the forms. Prior to submitting application materials, applicants must consult with their academic supervisor because they must conduct an interview with the applicant to complete the forms.

2. Documents to be Submitted

(1) **Application Form for the MEXT Scholarship** (Form 6)

Photograph (4.5 cm×3.5 cm, taken within the past six months, upper body, full-faced) is required. A digital photograph inserted in the form is acceptable.

(2) **Research Plan or Research Status Sheet** (Form 7)

(3) **Copy of language proficiency score report or other materials showing that you meet one of the conditions regarding language abilities stated in “Qualifications 1. Eligibility”**

If the applicant had submitted one to Admissions Division during their application for the graduate program, request Tokyo Tech to refer to it when submitting the other application materials.

(4) **Nomination Form (Form 1) and Evaluation Form (Form 3)**

Must be completed and submitted by the applicant's academic supervisor. Request them to submit these forms by email to tokyotech.mext@jim.titech.ac.jp by the application deadline. After reviewing the forms, the admin staff will ask them to submit the original copy of Form 3 via campus mail.

3. Submission of Application Documents

The completed application documents must reach the International Student Exchange Division by email no later than December 12, 2022.

International Student Exchange Division

tokyotech.mext@jim.titech.ac.jp

Notes:

- (1) Application documents must be written in either Japanese or English. Any document written in a language other than Japanese or English must be submitted with its translation in either Japanese or English.
- (2) Tokyo Tech will not accept or consider any documents received after the stated deadline or any incomplete applications.
- (3) Tokyo Tech will not send applicants an email confirming receipt of application materials.
- (4) Submitted documents will not be returned under any circumstances. Tokyo Tech will not provide photocopies of submitted documents. Please keep a copy of all documents for personal reference.

- (5) Admission may be withdrawn at any time, even after commencement of the scholarship period, if the application documents are found to be invalid or to contain false information.

4. Notification of the Application Results

Candidates nominated for the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation (SGU)) will be notified in December 2022. Official confirmation of the MEXT Scholarship recipients will be announced in February 2023.

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