

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

Enrollment Date: April 1, 2023

Number of Awards: 4

Program Type: Master's Programs

Student Application Period: August 9 – October 16, 2022

Current Tokyo Tech undergraduate students who intend to apply for a master's program at the Institute commencing in April 2023 may be 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.

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, announcement will be made through each applicant's prospective academic supervisor at Tokyo Tech.

Students currently receiving the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation (SGU)) who wish to continue their master's or doctoral programs at Tokyo Tech on the same scholarship must apply for continuation of funding for 2023. Such students may ignore the subsections "1. Eligibility" through "4. Academic Background" of the "Qualifications" section that follows, but must have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with a grade point average of **2.50 out of 3.00 or above** in the last academic year.

Reference: <https://www.titech.ac.jp/english/international-student-exchange/prospective-students/scholarships/mext-university-sgu>

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 applying for one of the master's programs commencing in April 2023 and be studying in one of the bachelor's programs at Tokyo Tech as of October 2022
3. Have the resident status of "Student" and retain it until the end of the scholarship period
4. Have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with Tokyo Tech's Cumulative GPA of 3.50 (out of 4.50) or above

Note: Undergraduate students who are studying on other types of MEXT Scholarship are not eligible for this scheme, except for those who are in the Tokyo Tech GSEP on the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation (Priority)). Specifically, students who were not selected for extension of their current MEXT Scholarship; those who had the opportunity to apply for extension of their current MEXT Scholarship but failed to do so, and those who will have an opportunity to apply for extension of their current MEXT Scholarship in the future are ineligible to apply for this MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation (SGU)).

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 complete their undergraduate program by the date of enrollment.

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 master’s degree 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 to March 2024 (12 months)

Tokyo Tech-recommended MEXT Scholarship students are not permitted to enroll in a graduate program at a university other than Tokyo Tech.

Note 1: **MEXT will stop provision of the scholarship benefits in March 2024** because MEXT's Top Global University Project (SGU) will be terminated in that month. **Therefore, students will not receive the scholarship benefits from April 2024 onwards and have to pay the tuition fee.**

Note 2: Current MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation (SGU)) recipients who are scheduled to complete a master's or doctoral program at Tokyo Tech in September 2023 and are selected for the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation (SGU)) again through this round of recruitment will receive the scholarship from April 2023 until September 2023.

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 and admission fees 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: October 16, 2022

Application Form Download

1. Consultation with the Prospective Academic Supervisor

Prior to submitting application materials, applicants must consult with a prospective academic supervisor at Tokyo Tech to confirm their eligibility for the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation (SGU)) and participate in an initial interview. IGP(C) applicants who are considering applying for the MEXT Scholarship must confirm their eligibility before application.

2. Documents to be Submitted

[Current Tokyo Tech undergraduate students who intend to apply for a master’s program at the Institute commencing in April 2023]

(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) 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 7)

NOTE: IGP(C) applicants should include these documents in their IGP(C) application for admission and send them to Admissions Division. Successful applicants will later be told to send the original copy of Form 6 (double-sided printing) to Tokyo Tech.

*Tokyo Tech and the applicant’s academic supervisor will prepare the other required forms.

[Students currently receiving the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation (SGU))]

(1) Official Academic Transcript from the previous academic year (originals or certified copies).

Students are required to have a grade point average for the last academic year of 2.50 or above on a scale of 3.00. (Grades obtained as non-regular students, i.e., as a Research Student or as a student of a Japanese language school, cannot be included.)

*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 Admissions Division for IGP(C) applicants, or the International Student Exchange Division for applicants for programs other than IGP(C) and current recipients of the scholarship, no later than October 16, 2022.

Applicants to IGP(C)

Admissions Division, Tokyo Institute of Technology

Please refer to [the IGP\(C\) Application Guidelines](#).

Applicants to programs other than IGP(C), and current recipients of the scholarship

International Student Exchange Division

Hisao & Hiroko Taki Plaza, Floor B1

2-12-1 Ookayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 152-8550, JAPAN

Applicants may submit the application documents in person to Hisao & Hiroko Taki Plaza, Floor B1, Ookayama Campus (staff members available from 9:30 a.m. to 16:15 p.m. on weekdays); or via campus mail services (mailbox TP-003).

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. The applicant is responsible for the tracking and receipt of all materials. When the applicant must use postal services for sending the documents, Tokyo Tech strongly encourages sending them by registered mail, courier, 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 submitted documents. Please keep a copy of all documents for personal reference. Should a document not be re-issuable, please submit a certified copy instead.

- (5) Admission may be withdrawn at any time, even after enrollment, 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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