

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

Enrollment Date: September 27, 2023

Scholarship Period: October 2023 – March 2024 (6 months)

Number of Awards: 8

Program Type: Master's and doctoral programs

Student Application Period: January 18 – April 8, 2023

Current Tokyo Tech students who intend to apply for a master's or doctoral program at the Institute commencing in September 2023 may be eligible to apply for the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology: MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation (SGU)).

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. See "Scholarship Period" for details.

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. Fulfill either of the following items regarding the academic performance as they relate to the pursued degree:
 - (1) Be applying for one of the master's programs commencing in September 2023 and be studying in one of the bachelor's programs at Tokyo Tech as of April 2023 and have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with Tokyo Tech's cumulative grade point average of **3.50 (out of 4.50) or above.**
 - (2) Be applying for one of the doctoral programs commencing in September 2023 and be studying in one of the master's programs at Tokyo Tech as of April 2023 and have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with a MEXT Grade Point Average of **2.50 (out of 3.00) or above in the last academic year.**
3. Have the resident status of "Student" and retain it until the end of the scholarship period
4. 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

Note: 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 in a Tokyo Tech bachelor's/master's program and be expected to successfully complete their 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 or doctoral 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 October 2023 to March 2024 (6 months)

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

Note: **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 will have to pay the tuition.**

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 during the scholarship period.

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: April 8, 2023

Application Form Download

1. Consultation with the Prospective Academic Supervisor

Prior to submitting the application documents, applicants must consult with their academic supervisor because they must conduct an interview with the applicant to complete a separate set of application forms. For your information, [the forms for the academic supervisors are available via intranet](#).

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”

- (4) Official Academic Transcript from the previous academic year (originals or certified copies)

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

3. Submission of Application Documents

IGP(C) applicants should include the application documents in their IGP(C) application for admission.

For applicants for programs other than IGP(C), the completed application documents must reach the International Student Exchange Division by email no later than April 8, 2023

Applicants for IGP(C)

Admissions Division

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

Applicants for programs other than IGP(C)

International Student Exchange Division

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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.
- (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 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 June 2023. Official confirmation of the MEXT Scholarship recipients will be announced in August 2023.

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