

Tokyo Tech Tsubame Scholarship for Doctoral Students Spring / AY2021 Application Guidelines

Tokyo Tech launched a new scholarship program for doctoral students in 2019.

The Tsubame Scholarship for Doctoral Students aims to reduce the financial burden on academically outstanding students so that they may concentrate on pursuing their doctoral studies. The financial assistance is intended to prevent motivated students from missing out on the opportunity to study at the Institute.

1. Eligibility

- (i) Students enrolled in a doctoral degree program between April 2018 and April 2021
- (ii) Students who are expecting to enroll in a doctoral degree program in September 2021 (i.e., current second-year master's students)

However, those who fall under any of the following conditions are ineligible:

- (i) Students receive financial aid from programs that do not permit funding from other sources (e.g., recipients of the JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists, MEXT Scholarship students, recipients of overseas government scholarships).
- (ii) Students receive income as working adults (e.g., regular employees of a company, individuals who own a business).
- (iii) They have exceeded the standard duration of doctoral studies.

Notes:

- The next call for applications is planned for October 2021.
- Students who belong to the above three groups but who do not currently satisfy the eligibility criteria may submit their application in subsequent recruitments if they meet the eligibility criteria at those times.

2. Scholarship amount

	Scholarship amount (annual)
1st-year doctoral students	480,000 JPY (standard scholarship)
2nd- and 3rd-year doctoral students	480,000 JPY (standard scholarship) Or 635,400 JPY (special scholarship ¹)

¹Students who show outstanding academic performance and research achievements will be granted a special scholarship in their second and/or third years. Approximately 20% of second- and third-year scholarship recipients will receive the special scholarship.

3. Term of scholarship

Students will receive scholarship money a maximum of six times (for six semesters) for the standard duration of doctoral studies.

Those who graduate early will receive scholarship money for the duration of their enrollment. However, the above two points will no longer apply in the event of termination of the scholarship entitlement.

4. Application procedure

Applicants must apply via a “Questionnaire” on the Web System for Students and Faculty (Kyomu Web System) during the application period as below.

Name of questionnaire: New application for Tokyo Tech Tsubame Scholarship for Doctoral Students

Required documents: (Please prepare these documents in advance.)

1. Research Plan (Use the prescribed format and save it as a PDF file after completion.)
2. Bank Transfer Request Form (Use the prescribed format and save it as a PDF file after completion.)
3. Copy of your bankbook (PDF or image file. Only Japanese banks are accepted.)

Notes:

- Submitted data will be used solely for procedures related to this scholarship.

5. Application period

Students application period : From May 20, 2021 to May 26, 2021

Supervisor’s approval period : From May 20, 2021 to May 28, 2021

Notes:

- **Application and Approval will not be accepted outside this period.**

To make sure your supervisor has enough time for approval, please check the schedule of your supervisor beforehand and inform him/her about your approval request. And also don’t forget to inform the approval deadline, May 28.

- Consult the Student Support Division in advance if you are unable to apply from the Web System for Students and Faculty during this period.

6. Selection process

- (i) Applicants will be selected based on document screening.
- (ii) Notification of selection results will be sent out in early July (tentative).

7. Scholarship payment

Payment will be made once a semester, approximately the end of August and the end of January (tentative), to scholarship recipients’ bank accounts.

8. Withdrawal from scholarship

Students who apply for multiple scholarships or fellowships must contact the Student Support Division

immediately if they are selected for a scholarship or fellowship with restrictions on receiving financial aid from other sources in order to withdraw from the Tsubame Scholarship.

9. Intermittence and continuation of scholarship payment

- (i) Scholarship recipients will have their payment intermitted if they take a leave of absence for the entire semester covered by the scholarship payment.
- (ii) Scholarship recipients whose payment was intermitted can have it reinstated on request once the reason for intermittence has been resolved.

10. Termination of scholarship entitlement

Scholarship entitlement will be terminated if any of the following applies:

- (i) The student no longer meets the eligibility criteria of the scholarship.
- (ii) The student withdraws or is expelled from the Institute or transfers to another university.
- (iii) Disciplinary action has been taken against the student.
- (iv) The student is deemed unfit as a scholarship recipient due to other matters.

11. Return of scholarship payment

Scholarship recipients may be requested to return part or all of the awarded scholarship if matters involving them arise that are considered unbecoming. The same applies to those whose entitlement to the scholarship was terminated.

12. Research Achievements Report

- (i) Scholarship recipients must report their research achievements at the end of each year of study. Those who enroll in April must report in March of the following year, and those who enroll in September must submit theirs in September of the following year. Reports must be submitted from the Web System for Students and Faculty.
- (ii) Failure to report their research achievements within the specified period (see 13 below) will result in suspension of scholarship payment for the following semester(s).
- (iii) Scholarship recipients whose payment is suspended can have it reinstated by reporting the research achievements. In principle, if the report is made after the relevant semester ends, payment will resume in the semester following the semester in which the student reported.

Note: Even if a late report of the research achievements is made within the same month of the periods specified, but after the specified dates, the submission will still be deemed to have been made in the subsequent semester. Accordingly, payment will not resume until the semester following the semester in which the student submits the report.

13. Period of Research Achievements Report

- (i) April enrollees: Early March (Enter research achievements from April.)

(ii) September enrollees: Early September (Enter research achievements from the end of September.)

Note: Reports must be made from the Web System for Students and Faculty during the specified period above. Students who cannot report during the specified period must consult the Student Support Division in advance.

14. Inquiries and document submissions

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