

Application Guideline

TAIST-Tokyo Tech Student Exchange Program in Thailand 2022: Sustainable Energy & Resources Engineering (SERE) Program

- Considering the spread of COVID-19, we may decide after consulting with the host organization to cancel dispatch at the last minute. In addition, even after students have traveled to Thailand, we may instruct them to return to Japan depending on the situation.
In such cases, you will be responsible for any cancellation fees for airline tickets, etc.
- This program requires no mandatory self-isolation period both at the time of entry into Thailand and at the time of return to Japan.
Please check the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of Japan in Thailand websites for the latest information on travel restrictions.
- Please be sure to consult with and obtain the consent of your family, guarantor, and academic advisor before participating in this program.
- All participants are required to apply for a visa since the duration of activities in Thailand will be 31 days or longer.

Overview

Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech), by request of the government of the Royal Kingdom of Thailand, and in collaboration with the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) and leading Thai universities, established the Thailand Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (TAIST)-Tokyo Tech graduate program. TAIST-Tokyo Tech aims to contribute to the development of human resources and build a hub for research development in the fields of science and engineering in Asia.

TAIST-Tokyo Tech's program in Sustainable Energy & Resources Engineering (SERE) has been offered in cooperation with NSTDA, Thammasat University's Sirindorn International Institute of Technology, and Kasetsart University since 2012.

Taking advantage of this excellent research environment, an exchange program in SERE will be conducted again this year. Exchange program participants from Tokyo Tech will attend SERE intensive lectures and participate in internships at NSTDA. Participants who meet certain requirements will be able to earn credits^{*1}. Interested students are encouraged to apply for the program.

Program Details (tentative)

Participants will attend TAIST SERE lectures given by Tokyo Tech professors and participate in internships at NSTDA.

*For lecture schedule details, refer to Annex 1.

*One internship site may be chosen (MTEC, NECTEC, NANOTEC, or BIOTEC).

Location

Suburbs of Bangkok, Thailand (NSTDA in Thailand Science Park)

Program period

Participants will design individual programs lasting 1 to 2 months* between October 2022 and March 2023.

*More than 31 days, not including the time required for travel

- Participants who will graduate in March 2023 must return to Japan by February 26, 2023.

- Participants who will graduate after June 2023 must return to Japan by March 21, 2023.

Expenses

In principle, individual participants will be responsible for all expenses, including visa acquisition costs, airfares, living expenses, and overseas travel insurance fees.

- After conclusion of the program, some participants may be eligible to recoup some expenses through a scholarship. (Refer to the terms described below.)
- Dormitory-type accommodation at Sirindhorn Science Home in Thailand Science Park will be provided by NSTDA at no charge to participating students.
- Participants must enroll in overseas travel insurance and a risk management service as specified by Tokyo Tech.
- Costs related to COVID-19, including those for required PCR tests due to entry restrictions, are the responsibility of participants.

Scholarships

Participants in this program may be eligible for the following scholarships:

- Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarship (for Japanese students)
- Tokyo Tech Fund Scholarship (for international students)

Students who meet certain criteria (described in Notes 2 and 3) may receive a scholarship of 70,000 yen per month for travel expenses. Details and necessary documents will be provided after participant selection.

Program Eligibility

- 1) Be a regular student of Tokyo Tech in year B4, M1, M2, D1, D2, or D3.
- 2) Be able to communicate in English to participate in discussions. TOEIC scores and that of other proficiency tests can be a crucial factor in participant selection if there are many applicants.
- 3) Must have received three vaccine doses. (If you have not received the third dose yet, an additional dose must be administered prior to participation in the program.)

How to Apply

Please submit the attached application form and documents that confirm your vaccination history* to the TAIST Administration Office.

In addition, please also submit an email or other document to confirm that you have obtained the prior consent of your academic advisor and SERE lecturers listed in the application form.

*A vaccination certificate (no need to apply to your local municipality) that can be obtained after vaccination is acceptable.

Please upload your application to

<https://tokyotech.app.box.com/f/8c6c8d15269a4d2f981223f674df5e8a>

and inform the TAIST Administration Office by email.

(You can also bring the original documents or use the campus mail service.)

Number of Participants

Approximately five students may participate in this program.

Selection Process

Document screening and interview

Deadlines

Recruitment	Departure dates	Deadline*
1st Round	October 2022 - March 2023	June 13, 2022 (Monday)
2nd Round	January - March 2023	September 20, 2022 (Tuesday)

*A total of 5 slots are available for this program. As recruitment will close once the slots have been filled, students interested in the program are encouraged to apply early.

Interview Date

To be announced

Note 1. Credits

In principle, participants who meet the criteria are able to earn credits. For further details, please contact the TAIST Administration Office.

Note 2. Eligibility for the JASSO Scholarship (70,000 yen per month)

1. The applicant must have Japanese citizenship or permanent residence.
2. The applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.30 from the previous year on the JASSO valuation scale below. Calculate as indicated, rounding off to two decimal places. Courses having no grade evaluation must be excluded from the calculation. If none of the courses taken in the previous year had a grade evaluation, the applicant must submit a copy of his/her academic transcript.

Grade Evaluation	100-80	79-70	69-69	Under 59
Grade Evaluation Point	3	2	1	0

[Calculation Formula]

$$\frac{((\text{number of credits of Grade Evaluation Point 3}) \times 3) + ((\text{number of credits of Grade Evaluation Point 2}) \times 2) + ((\text{number of credits of Grade Evaluation Point 1}) \times 1) + ((\text{number of credits of Grade Evaluation Point 0}) \times 0)}{\text{Total number of registered credits}}$$

3. The applicant must have difficulty in participating in the program due to financial reasons. The applicant must submit a declaration to show that his/her income meets the family budget criteria as stipulated by JASSO.
4. If the applicant participates in the program while receiving a scholarship from another organization, the amount received under that scholarship must not exceed the amount received under the JASSO scholarship.
5. The applicant must be eligible to register for and receive Tokyo Tech course credits for participation in the program.

Note 3. Eligibility for Tokyo Tech Fund Scholarship (70,000 yen per month)

The applicant must be a student who meets criteria 2, 3, 4, and 5 indicated above. However, applicants receiving MEXT scholarships are not eligible.

For application

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