

Application Guideline

TAIST-Science Tokyo Student Exchange Program in Thailand 2026

Precautions

- Please check the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of Japan in Thailand websites for the latest information on travel restrictions. Each student is advised to take their own measures against infectious diseases such as COVID-19.
- Please be sure to consult with and obtain the consent of your family, guarantor, and academic advisor before participating in this program.

Overview

Science Tokyo – 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)-Science Tokyo graduate program. TAIST-Science Tokyo offers the following three programs:

- Automotive and Advanced Transportation Engineering (A2TE)
- Sustainable Energy & Resources Engineering (SERE)
- Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things (AIoT)

Each program provides master's level education with the cooperation of NSTDA and Thai partner institutions: King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMUTL), King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT), Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology, Thammasat University (SIIT), Kasetsart University (KU), and Mahidol University (MU).

TAIST-Science Tokyo 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. Taking advantage of this excellent research environment, an exchange program will be conducted again this year. Participants in this program will stay at NSTDA for at least one month and participate in research internships. Credits will be awarded to those who meet the prescribed evaluation criteria.

We now open the call for applications to join this program, as specified below.

Program Details: Internship (Research Training) at NSTDA

Choose multiple preferred researchers/labs as desired study destinations from the five NSTDA research institutes listed below (refer to their websites). You will be assigned to one of the labs that can accept you, decide your research theme in consultation with the researcher, and conduct research training for at least one month. Where schedules allow, you may attend TAIST lectures.

-NSTDA's five research pillars

National Metal and Materials Technology Center ([MTEC](#)), National Nanotechnology Center ([NANOTEC](#)), National Electronics and Computer Technology Center ([NECTEC](#)), National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology ([BIOTEC](#)), National Energy Technology Center ([ENTEC](#))

Location

Near Bangkok, Thailand (NSTDA in Thailand Science Park)

Note: Science Tokyo has an overseas office (ANNEX Bangkok) located within Thailand Science Park, and local staff support will be available during your study abroad.

Program period

Approximately 1–2 months within the dates **from Friday, 1 May 2026 to Thursday, 19 March 2026**

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

*Longer stays may be permitted depending on arrangements with the host researcher/lab in Thailand.

Costs (Generally Self-Funded)

Approximately JPY 200,000–250,000 (for 1–2 months), covering travel, living expenses, overseas travel insurance, etc.

Airfare: approximately JPY 70,000–150,000

Accommodation: free

Insurance: approx. JPY 15,000

Living expenses: approx. JPY 30,000–70,000

*Costs vary mainly depending on airfare.

*Travel support (described below) may be available (up to JPY 180,000).

*Accommodation will be Sirindhorn Science Home within Thailand Science Park (dormitory type; accommodation fees covered by NSTDA).

*Participants must enroll in overseas travel insurance and a risk management service as specified by Science Tokyo.

Scholarships

Participants in this program may be eligible for the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarship (for Japanese students), or the Science Tokyo Fund Scholarship (for international students).

Students who meet certain criteria may receive a scholarship of 90,000 yen per month for travel expenses. Details and necessary documents will be provided after participant selection.

Eligibility for the JASSO Scholarship (90,000 yen per month)

- The applicant must have Japanese citizenship or permanent residence.
- 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] $((\text{number of credits of Grade Evaluation Point 3}) \times 3) + ((\text{number of credits of Grade Evaluation Point 2}) \times 2) + ((\text{number of credits of Grade Evaluation Point 1}) \times 1) + ((\text{number of credits of Grade Evaluation Point 0}) \times 0) / \text{Total number of registered credits}$

- 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.
- 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.
- JASSO scholarship applicant must be eligible to register for and receive Science Tokyo course credits for participation in the program.

Eligibility for Science Tokyo Fund Scholarship (90,000 yen per month)

- The eligibility criteria, excluding nationality, are basically in accordance with the JASSO scholarship requirements stated above.

Credits

Credits will be awarded to those who meet the prescribed evaluation criteria. Those wishing to receive credits should consult the instructor responsible for the overseas training course prepared by your department/course or the relevant courses certified for international experience, then apply.

Program Eligibility

- 1) Science Tokyo students in year B4, M1, M2, or D1-D3
- 2) Have sufficient language ability to conduct discussions in English (TOEIC and other proficiency test scores can be a crucial factor in participant selection if there are many applicants.)
- 3) Have acquired the fundamentals related to the research training

How to Apply

Submit the application form to the International Affairs Office (TAIST Administrative Office). Also submit a copy of the email or other correspondence showing the academic supervisor's consent.

Upload application documents to:

<https://science-tokyo.app.box.com/f/2025ca46fccf4fbbb51269311fee952a>

and notify the International Affairs Office (TAIST Administrative Office) by email.

*Bringing originals in person or using internal campus mail is also acceptable.

Number of Participants

Approximately 15 students may participate in this program.

Deadline

	Departure Period (Eligible)	Deadline
Spring departure call	May 2026 – Mar 2027	1/30 (Fri)
Summer departure call — 1st round	Aug 2026 – Mar 2027	3/26 (Thu)
Summer departure call — 2nd round	Sep 2026 – Mar 2027	5/15 (Thu)
Autumn departure call	Oct 2026 – Mar 2027	6/25 (Thu)
Winter departure call — 1st round	Jan 2027 – Mar 2027	8/27 (Thu)
Winter departure call — 2nd round	Feb 2027 – Mar 2027	10/15 (Thu)

Selection Process

Document screening and interview

Interview Date

To be announced

Miscellaneous

- Since participation is individual, travel schedule and research topic can be set flexibly by each participant in consultation with the host researcher/lab. (All participants are required to return to Japan on the day immediately following the program end date. (If the program end date is December 11, 2026, all participants must leave Japan on December 12, 2026.) Extension of the period of stay will not be allowed.) For details on possible research topics, please refer to the NSTDA research institutes' websites or visit the "Study Abroad Experiences" page listed below for past program examples.
- There is a Science Tokyo overseas office (ANNEX Bangkok) on site within Thailand Science Park, and participants can receive support from Thai on-site staff. Also, he/she can use the TAIST Slack channel so can always get in touch with both Japanese and Thai staff, ensuring robust support.
- All activity bases are located within Thailand Science Park and are within walking distance.
- Dormitory-type accommodation with adequate facilities is available free of charge.
- Free time and holidays may be used for socializing with local students or enjoying sightseeing.

Study Abroad Experiences

(JP) [https://www.titech.ac.jp/students/abroad/experiences?program_tag=TAIST-](https://www.titech.ac.jp/students/abroad/experiences?program_tag=TAIST-Tokyo%20Tech%20Student%20Exchange%20Program%20in%20Thailand)

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(EN): [https://www.titech.ac.jp/english/students/abroad/experiences?program_tag=TAIST-](https://www.titech.ac.jp/english/students/abroad/experiences?program_tag=TAIST-Tokyo%20Tech%20Student%20Exchange%20Program%20in%20Thailand)

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