

Application Guidelines for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation -SGU-) commencing in April 2021

Enrollment Date: April 1, 2021

Number of Awards: A few

Program Types: Doctoral Programs, Master's Programs

Student Application Period: August 11 – October 21, 2020

International students with outstanding academic records who are applying to Tokyo Institute of Technology as regular, degree-seeking students in April 2021, and current Tokyo Tech students who intend to advance from a master's program to a doctoral program at the Institute in April 2021 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 2021 will be published in December 2020. 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 graduate-level programs at Tokyo Tech on the same scholarship must apply for continuation of funding for 2021.

Reference:

https://www.titech.ac.jp/english/graduate_school/international/scholarships/mext_scholarship.html#SGU_MEXT

Qualifications:

1. Eligibility

Those who apply for the scholarship must meet one of the following conditions:

- (1) Be applying for an International Graduate Program (C) (IGP (C)) **doctoral program** commencing in April 2021 and have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with a grade point average of **2.80 (out of 3.00) or above in the last academic year**
- (2) Be advancing from a Tokyo Tech master's program to a Tokyo Tech **doctoral program** commencing in April 2021 and have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with a grade point average of **2.80 (out of 3.00) or above in the last academic year**

- (3) Be applying for a Tokyo Tech **master's program** commencing in April 2021 **and** currently be studying in Tokyo Tech Global Scientists and Engineers Program (GSEP) as of October 2020 and have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with Tokyo Tech's cumulative grade point average of **3.50 (out of 4.50) or above**

Note: For conditions (1) through (3) above, those 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 the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation -SGU-).

- (4) Be currently receiving the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation -SGU-) at Tokyo Tech and wish to continue receiving it in order to continue studies at the Institute and have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with a grade point average of **2.50 (out of 3.00) or above in the last academic year**

Applicants must also 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

The application procedures for the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation -SGU-) differ as follows:

[A] IGP (C) applicants who intend to newly enroll at Tokyo Tech as doctoral students in April 2021 must complete a separate application for admission to Tokyo Tech (the IGP (C) application) by October 21, 2020. These applicants are also required to follow the scholarship application procedure [A] on p.7.

[B] Students who intend to advance from a Tokyo Tech's master's program to a Tokyo Tech doctoral program commencing in April 2021 are required to follow scholarship application procedure [B] on p.7.

[C] Students who are applying for one of the Tokyo Tech master's programs commencing in April 2021 **and** are studying in Tokyo Tech GSEP as of October 2020 are required to follow scholarship application procedure [C] on p.8.

[D] Students currently receiving the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation -SGU-) who desire to continue their current graduate-level programs at Tokyo Tech on the same scholarship must apply for continuation of funding for 2021. These students are required to follow scholarship application procedure [D] on p.8. However, current MEXT Scholarship students (University Recommendation -SGU-) who intend to advance from a master's program to a doctoral program at Tokyo Tech in April 2021 must follow procedure **[B]**.

2. Nationality

Applicants must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.

3. Age

Applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1986. However, this does not apply to those who received the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation -SGU-) in the last academic year and wish to continue receiving the scholarship.

4. Academic Background

Doctoral program applicants must meet one of the following conditions:

- (1) Have successfully obtained a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional master's degree at a university or college outside Japan or expect to do so by the date of enrollment
- (2) Have obtained a master's degree or a professional master's degree in Japan
- (3) If not meeting conditions (1) or (2) above, be individually evaluated and recognized by the relevant School at Tokyo Tech as having academic abilities equivalent to or higher than that of a master's degree or professional master's degree holder, and be at least 24 years old at the date of enrollment

The Application for *Individual Assessment of Admission Eligibility* and supplemental documents are required for applicants who apply under condition (3). Refer to the application guidelines for International Graduate Program (C) for details.

Master's program applicants must be currently studying in Tokyo Tech GSEP 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. Arrival in Japan

Applicants who intend to come to Japan to newly enroll at Tokyo Tech must be able to arrive in Japan during the period of April 1 to April 7. Departure from their home residence should be on or after April 1, 2021.

7. Visa

For those who intend to enroll in Tokyo Tech from overseas, applicants shall, in principle, newly obtain a “Student” visa that is valid as of April 1, 2021 from the Japanese diplomatic mission located in their country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of “Student.” For all other applicants, if the applicant already has another residence status in Japan (i.e., “Permanent resident,” “Long-term resident,” etc.), the applicant must change it and newly enter Japan under “Student” status. Moreover, applicants should be aware that after expiration of their status as a MEXT Scholarship Student, if they again apply for their original resident status of “Permanent resident” or “Long-term resident,” such resident statuses might not be granted. The applicant should also be aware that provision of scholarship benefits will be stopped if they arrive in Japan without a newly obtained “Student” visa.

8. 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) [For newly enrolled students] Those who are not able to arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT or Tokyo Tech
- (3) Those who cannot complete their master’s or doctoral degree within the standard duration of study (Students taking registered absence from school are excluded)
- (4) 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 FY2021, even if their final selection results have not been decided yet
- (5) 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
- (6) Those who do not meet the academic background qualifications by the date required by their program
- (7) 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
- (8) 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.

9. 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 2021 to March 2022 (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: If a recipient desires to continue as a MEXT Scholarship student in a Tokyo Tech master's or doctoral program, they may apply for the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation –SGU-) again, provided that they have made outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria.

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 2021 and are selected for the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation –SGU-) again through this round of recruitment will receive the scholarship from April 2021 until September 2021.

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. Travel Allowance

MEXT does not provide funding for travel to/from Japan.

3. 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 arrived in Japan without having newly acquired “Student” status, or changed their residence 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 21, 2020

[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

[A] Students who intend to newly enroll in a Tokyo Tech doctoral program through IGP (C), commencing in April 2021

(1) Application Form for the MEXT Scholarship (Form 6) (**double-sided printing**, original, no photocopies)

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) (**double-sided printing**)

NOTE: IGP (C) applicants should include these documents in the same envelope with their IGP (C) application for admission. These applicants should send their documents to the Admissions Division.

[B] Tokyo Tech students who intend to advance to a doctoral program at Tokyo Tech commencing in April 2021

(1) Application Form for the MEXT Scholarship (Form 6) (**double-sided printing**, original, no photocopies)

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) (**double-sided printing**)

(3) 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 **2.80 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.)

(4) English Language Proficiency Test Score Report (originals or certified copies)

Students are required to submit English language proficiency test score reports obtained on or after January 1, 2019 from TOEFL-iBT, Revised TOEFL Paper-Delivered Test, TOEIC, or the IELTS Academic Module.

Those who have recently passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) may submit that score report together with the English language proficiency test score report. (Copies of JLPT score report are accepted. Submission of JLPT results is not mandatory).

(5) Master's Thesis Summary (Free Format) (double-sided printing)

Note: Applications for the scholarship and for the doctoral program are separate. All necessary procedures to enroll in a Tokyo Tech doctoral program must be managed by each applicant.

[C] Tokyo Tech undergraduate students studying in Tokyo Tech GSEP as of October 2020 who are applying for admission to a Tokyo Tech master's program commencing in April 2021

(1) Application Form for the MEXT Scholarship (Form 6) (double-sided printing, original, no photocopies)

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) (double-sided printing)

NOTE: Applicants to IGP (C) should include the documents stated above in one envelope together with their application for IGP (C) admission. These applicants should send their documents to the Admissions Division.

[D] 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 [A] and [C] (IGP (C) applicants), or the International Student Exchange Division for [B], [C] (applicants for programs other than IGP (C)) and [D], no later than October 21, 2020 by registered mail, courier service or a similar service.

[A] and [C] (applicants to IGP (C))

Admissions Division, Tokyo Institute of Technology
West Bldg. 8E, Room 212
2-12-1 Ookayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 152-8550 JAPAN
Please refer to [the IGP\(C\) Application Guidelines](#).

[B], [C] (applicants to programs other than IGP (C)), and [D]

International Student Exchange Division
2-12-1-S6-7 Ookayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 152-8550, JAPAN
Applicants may submit the application documents in person to Room 308, South Bldg. 6, Ookayama Campus.

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) The applicant is responsible for the tracking and receipt of all materials. Tokyo Tech strongly encourages sending the documents 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 2020. Official confirmation of the MEXT Scholarship recipients will be announced in February 2021.

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