

Outlines of Necessary Preparations for MEXT Scholarship (University recommendation -SGU-) Students Newly Coming to Japan

December 2020

You will be recommended for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship based on your anticipated enrollment at Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech) from April 1, 2021. This is to provide an overview of the necessary preparations for you to come to Japan.

Official confirmation documents and detailed information will be sent to you in early March. The information provided herein is intended to help you understand what you will need to do in the coming months.

For your reference, this information is also available online:

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

1. Tuition and fees

You are NOT required to pay enrollment or tuition fees.

Your enrollment and tuition fees will be automatically waived by Tokyo Tech. You will not be required to pay enrollment or tuition fees.

2. Visa

Only MEXT Scholarship Students living in their home countries may obtain the Student (*ryugakusei*) visa under the expedited process described below. This procedure can be handled only through the Japanese Embassy you indicated on your application.

1) Documents for MEXT Research Students. (You will receive them **early March 2021):**

a) **Certificate** verifying that you are a MEXT Scholarship Student.

b) **Document for Visa** explaining that you are a MEXT Scholarship Student who is not required to submit a Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence when applying for an entry visa. The "Document for Visa" requests that the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in your home country (hereafter, the Japanese Embassy) issue an entry visa and provides the name of an official contact person at Tokyo Tech.

2) How to obtain your visa:

a) Before going to the Japanese Embassy, it is recommended that you call their visa section and inquire about the correct procedure for obtaining a Student visa as a MEXT Scholarship Student (University recommendation -SGU-).

b) Go to the Japanese Embassy in early March to submit your visa application. **The schedule for MEXT Scholarship Students' visa procedures will be announced in early March.*

If the Japanese Embassy requests that you submit a Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence even after you have submitted the Document for Visa (explained in 1b above), please ask the Embassy to contact Tokyo Tech directly.

-For Chinese citizens-

Please consult with a designated proxy application authority in China before applying.

<List of proxy application authorities>

http://www.cn.emb-japan.go.jp/consular/visa_daili.htm

NOTE:

Regarding to arrival in Japan:

As of December 2020 (subject to change), the Japanese government requires anybody arriving from overseas to wait 15-nights at a location designated by the quarantine station chief, such as your home, and to refrain from using public transportation. For MEXT-SGU- scholars, the hotel for self-quarantine will be arranged by the travel agency after you reserved flight ticket.

The schedule and procedure for visa might be changed due to COVID-19. The schedule will be extremely tight. Before visiting the Japanese Embassy, please call their visa section and confirm the correct procedure for obtaining a Student visa as a MEXT Scholarship Student. Since you are a MEXT Scholarship Student, it should only take a few days for the Embassy to process your visa application.

Both a valid entry visa and the Certificate verifying you are a MEXT Scholarship Student (explained in 1a) are necessary to enter Japan at airport . You will be asked to present them to Immigration authorities upon your arrival at a Japanese airport. Do not fail to bring both of these important items with you when you leave your country.

3. Housing

Tokyo Tech offers off-campus dormitories to newly arrived international students. Further information will be sent by another e-mail.

If you are bringing your family to Japan, you need to arrange accommodation by yourself. It is recommended that you first come alone and secure suitable accommodations before inviting family members to join you, as it may take some time to secure accommodations for a family.

If you have any urgent questions about housing, please contact the Student Support Division at dormitory@jim.titech.ac.jp. In the email, please include your name and the name of your intended program at Tokyo Tech, and state you are a MEXT Scholarship Student.

4. Stipend

Your first stipend from MEXT will be transferred to your Japanese postal savings account in the middle of May at the earliest. Therefore, it is suggested that you bring at least 150,000 JPY to cover various expenses during your first 6 to 8 weeks in Japan.

Instructions for opening a bank account will be provided by the Student Support Division.

5. Pledge

If you intend to enroll at Tokyo Tech, you are required to submit a Pledge statement to MEXT. We will send the form in early March. You will not be officially certified as a MEXT Scholarship Student until you have completed this procedure.

6. Items to Bring to Japan

You are required to submit the following certificates (in English, original or certified copies) as part of the enrollment procedures if you did not submit them when you applied for the International Graduate Program. It is highly recommended that you prepare these documents in advance.

- Most recent Certificate of Graduation from your home university
- Complete Academic Transcript from your home university

7. Tokyo Tech Academic Calendar

For the dates of the start of the first quarter and the entrance ceremony for undergraduate and graduate students, please refer to the Tokyo Tech Academic Calendar online at <https://www.titech.ac.jp/english/enrolled/life/schedules/>

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