

Application Guidelines for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Students (University Recommendation [General Selection]) Graduate School of Information Science and Technology The University of Tokyo Enrollment in October 2026

*In the event that the contents of this Admission Guide are revised, the latest information is to be posted on the webpage: https://www.i.u-tokyo.ac.jp/edu/inter_ex/oir/scholarship.shtml

Applicants should periodically check the webpage.

What is Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Students (University Recommendation [General Selection])?

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation [General Selection]) allows each Japanese university to conduct the recruitment and preliminary selection and recommend candidates to Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, MEXT. The scholarship is designed for students to start their studies only in October each year. If accepted as a MEXT scholarship student, applicants will enroll as a “Graduate International Research Student (non-degree)” in the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology. To advance to a master's or doctoral program while receiving the MEXT scholarship, applicants must take and pass the regular admission of the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology after arriving in Japan. Additional detailed conditions must adhere to the regulations set forth for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation [General Selection]).

Things You Need to Check Before Applying

Applicants are advised to send an inquiry via email to the contact listed in Section 9 (Office of International Relations) to confirm their eligibility based on their nationality. If deemed eligible, applicants should first contact the professors at the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology to obtain an unofficial agreement for acceptance. Once this agreement is received, applicants should prepare and submit all application materials in accordance with the guidelines provided.

Important Dates

	Dates	Notes
Online application submission period	Monday, October 6th until 17:00 (JST), Friday, October 17th, 2025	
Notification of selection results	On or after Friday, November 21st, 2025	
Notification of scholarship nomination or not	On or after Friday, November 21st, 2025	
Final confirmation of intent to enter	By Friday, December 12th, 2025	Details will be informed later by e-mail

Application for MEXT Scholarship	Around January 2026	Details will be informed later by e-mail
Delivery of documents such as Letter of Acceptance for Admission	Around February 2026	
Notification of the selection results of MEXT scholarship by MEXT	Around June 2026	
Arrival in Japan	Late September to early October 2026	
Enrollment	October 2026	

1. Requirement of Eligibility

Applicants must satisfy the conditions specified in Attachment 1.

2. Selection Process

Based on the documents specified in section 6, the selection committee will review the applicants' academic ability, research achievements, research plans, etc., and make a comprehensive selection. Those who pass the selections with high scores will be nominated as MEXT scholarships applicants to the university headquarters by the Graduate School, within the designated number of nomination slots. After selection at the university headquarters, applicants are recommended to the MEXT. If they are ultimately selected after selection by MEXT, it will be eligible for the support listed in section 4 below. Those applicants who pass the entrance examination but are not selected as a MEXT scholarship recipient are still allowed to enter IST, as privately financed international students with or without other scholarships.

3. The Expected Number of Selected Applicants

1 or 2 students (The number of students that can be recommended to the university headquarters will be determined after the application period).

Applicants can choose any department of IST, i.e., Department of Computer Science, Department of Mathematical Informatics, Department of Information Physics and Computing, Department of Information and Communication Engineering, Department of Mechano-Informatics, or Department of Creative Informatics.

4. Support of MEXT scholarship (University Recommendation)

- (1) Scholarship amount: 143,000 yen/month for graduate international research student (non-degree).
Additional 2,000 yen or 3,000 yen will be granted to those who live in specific areas.
- (2) Exemption of the exam fee, entrance fee, and tuition.
- (3) Travel expenses to and from Japan (only if certain conditions are met)
- (4) **Duration of Support:** For those who are enrolled as international research students (non-degree) after arriving in Japan, the support period is generally from October 2026 to March 2028, for a maximum of 1 year and 6 months. Those who wish to continue receiving MEXT scholarship while advancing to a regular degree program should refer to Note 1 below.

Note 1: For graduate international research students (non-degree) who wish to advance to the master's or doctoral programs and meet certain criteria, particularly those with excellent academic performance, it is

possible to apply for an extension of the scholarship support period associated with their advancement. This extension may be approved based on an examination by MEXT; however, it is not guaranteed. Please take note of the following points.

- ① In order for the extension of the scholarship support period to be approved, the recipient must be selected for the extension application, pass the entrance examination for the regular degree program of the graduate school they wish to enter, and successfully enroll.
- ② Extending the scholarship period as a graduate international research student (non-degree) is not allowed.
- ③ Recipients who advance to the master's or doctoral programs without being selected for the extension application will have their scholarship support terminated (however, proceeding or enrolling as a privately funded degree international students are permitted).
- ④ When advancing from graduate international research students (non-degree) to a regular degree program in a graduate school, transferring to another university is not permitted (however, it is possible to transfer to another university as privately funded degree international students).

Note 2: Detailed conditions for receiving MEXT scholarship follow the rules for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation [General Selection]).

Note 3: Amount of the scholarship may be changed depending on the condition of Japanese governmental budget.

Note 4: Besides the screening at the University of Tokyo, applicants must undergo MEXT screening process as well. Scholarship will not be granted if the applicants fail either of the screenings. Result of the MEXT screening will be announced to the applicants around June 2026.

5. Application Process

- (1) Before applying, applicants should contact their prospective supervisors, and should get conditional acceptance for supervision at their laboratories if you are accepted as a graduate international research student.
 - Contact prospective supervisor, e.g., via e-mail.
 - Attach to the e-mail your research plan, curriculum vitae, academic transcript, and Form 5 filled out with your information.
 - Receive Form 5 signed by the prospective supervisor and submit it via WEB application system with the other documents shown in Section 6. If you cannot obtain a reply from your prospective supervisor, you can contact the address shown in Section 9. (A faculty member may not be able to accept students due to various reasons. In that case, the faculty may not reply to your e-mail.)
- (2) Applicants must submit all documents specified in Section 6 by the deadline.
- (3) Submission Method: The application form should be created through the WEB application system. Also, all required documents should be converted to PDF and uploaded to the WEB application system. Find the WEB application system from this page: https://www.i.u-tokyo.ac.jp/edu/inter_ex/oir/scholarship.shtml

Submission period: From Monday, October 6th to 17:00 on Friday, October 17th, 2025 (Japan time)

If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail of receipt by Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025, please contact Office of International Relations by e-mail. Their address is shown in Section 9.

6. Required Documents

No.	Documents	Remarks
①	Application Form	Form 3 (This will be automatically uploaded to your “My Page” through WEB application system when you create your page and fill in the form.)
②	Academic transcripts	Official transcripts of both undergraduate and graduate courses. (Submit the original paper documents at the time of enrollment.)
③	* GPA calculation form	Fill out Form 4 with your information.
④	Certificate of Graduation/ Completion and Degree from the most recent university, or Certificate of Expected Graduation/Completion and Degree from the most recent university	For those who are currently enrolled at universities, submit Certificate of Expected Graduation/Completion. (Submit the original paper document of the Certificate of Graduation/Completion and Degree at the time of enrollment.)
⑤	English proficiency certificates	Submit certificates as specified in Section 6 of Attachment 1. The documents to be submitted are: For (i), applicants must submit certificates of the required scores For (ii), applicants must submit documents certifying that they have completed their education primarily in English.
⑥	Summary of past research and current status of thesis writing	Write in English on A4-size paper. 2-5 pages.
⑦	Research achievements	If applicants have academic publications, then:
		(1) List of academic publications (including bachelor's and master's thesis)
		(2) Copies of at most three representative publications
		(3) Summaries for each representative publication, one A4-size paper each.
⑧	* Field of study and research plan	Describe your field of study and research plan.
⑨	Recommendation Letter	Letter from a faculty member from applicant's latest university at the level of dean or higher, with university's letterhead. The recommender must sign the recommendation letter by hand. The letter must be addressed to President Teruo Fujii of the

		University of Tokyo. (If you are selected as a MEXT scholarship candidate, you will need to submit the original letter.)
⑩	Copy of Passport	Copy of the page with identification photo.
⑪	* Conditional Acceptance of Prospective Supervisor	First you need to fill out the Form 5 and send it to your prospective professor to get his/her signature of conditional acceptance. After you receive the signature, submit a digital copy of Form 5. No need to submit the original hardcopy.
⑫	Receipt for Examination Fee (9,800yen)	Please refer to “Pay your examination fee” under “Online Application Procedures” on the following webpage. https://www.i.u-tokyo.ac.jp/edu/inter_ex/oir/scholarship.shtml
⑬	Other documents	Applicants can attach other documents if they will help to prove their capabilities.

Note 1: * indicates that applicants must use specific formats.

Note 2: Documents should be written either in English or Japanese; otherwise, attach their translations.

Note 3: In case the official score is directly sent from Educational Testing Service to IST, please use the following institution and department codes. **Institution Code: 8445 Department Code: 99**

Note 4: Refer to the following webpage for the deadline and submission method for the recommendation letters.
https://www.i.u-tokyo.ac.jp/edu/inter_ex/oir/scholarship.shtml

7. Selection Results Announcement and Admission Procedure

- (1) We will announce the results of the selection directly to applicants via e-mail around late November 2025. Successful applicants who have been selected as MEXT scholarship candidates will also be notified separately. The applicants who pass the selections must communicate via e-mail whether they will accept or decline enrollment and MEXT scholarship nominations by Friday, December 12nd, 2025.
- (2) The Letter of Acceptance for Admission will be delivered via e-mail around February 2026 after the screening for “The University of Tokyo Security Export Control” is completed, and information about visa application procedures will be sent around June 2026 to successful applicants via e-mail.
- (3) Applicants selected for entrance and/or scholarships must submit documents that are required for the admission and/or scholarship process within the specified periods. Otherwise, their admission and/or scholarship will be cancelled.
- (4) Admission and tuition fees (expected amount for 2026)
 1. Admission fee 84,600 yen
 2. Tuition for a half year 173,400 yen (346,800 yen per year)

※The amounts specified above are subject to change. The amount charged can be different if there is an update of the fees before or during enrollment.

※Students who receive MEXT scholarship under “4. Support” do not need to pay the admission and tuition fees. In the case that successful applicants want to decline their enrollment or find that they cannot match the conditions of offered support, applicants must notify IST by sending an e-mail to the contact address specified in

Section 9 by December 12, 2025. In case it happens after the deadline, applicants should notify us as soon as possible.

8. Notes

- (1) Applications will not be accepted if the documents specified in Section 6 are not submitted in full by the application deadline.
- (2) Applicants who require special care/assistance during examinations or after enrollment due to disabilities, etc., should contact the e-mail address specified in Section 9 by the application deadline.
- (3) Applicants with foreign nationalities must obtain a visa permitting enrollment at a Japanese graduate school, as stipulated in the “Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Law No. 319, 1951),” by the time of enrollment procedures.
- (4) After the application process is completed, no documents or other materials submitted will be returned, under any circumstances.
- (5) The University of Tokyo shall use the personal information obtained through the application process only for the purpose of 1) Selection procedures, 2) Notification of results, and 3) Enrollment procedures. For those who enroll, this personal information and the examination results used for admission selection shall also be used for 4) Educational affairs (school registration, attendance, etc.), 5) Student support (healthcare, career support, application procedure for tuition exemption and scholarships, use of libraries, etc.), and 6) the Management of tuition payment.
- (6) All dates and times stated in this Admission Guide are in Japan Standard Time (JST).
- (7) Those who make any false statements in their personal history, application, and/or in any other accompanying forms may have their admission revoked retroactively, even after being admitted.
- (8) In case of an unexpected situation such as natural disasters, please pay attention to the up-to-date information about entrance examinations posted on the website of this graduate school, etc.
- (9) Important notices will be delivered to each applicant via e-mail to the address stated on the application form. Be sure to configure your e-mail settings so that you can receive e-mails from the domain utokyo.ac.jp and receive notifications when they arrive.
- (10) The University of Tokyo has established the “The University of Tokyo Security Export Control Regulations” in accordance with Japan’s “Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act”, and rigorously implements security export control for potential students before and after their enrollment on the basis of these regulations. In particular, pre-enrollment screenings are mandatory for all international students and also for Japanese students in certain circumstances. Please be aware that applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in the Act may not receive permission to enroll at the university or may have their research activities restricted after their enrollment even if they have passed the entrance examinations.

9. Contact Information

If you have any inquiries about entrance examinations, contact us via e-mail instead of calling. We will reply to your questions during weekdays (except Saturdays, Sundays, and Japanese national holidays) from 9:00 to 17:00 in JST. You should start your application as soon as possible and contact us early if you have any questions. Note that it can take several days for us to answer your questions.

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