

National Institute of Informatics

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The National Institute of Informatics (NII) was established in April 2000 as an Inter-University Research Institute under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, with the objective of advancing "comprehensive research in informatics and the development and maintenance of an advanced infrastructure for the distribution of scholarly information" in Japan.

Its origins can be traced back to the National Center for Science Information Systems (NACSIS, 1986–2000), the Center for Bibliographic Information at the University of Tokyo (1983–1986), and the Research Center for Information and Library Science at the University of Tokyo (1976–1983), reflecting a deep historical connection with the University of Tokyo.

"Informatics," the focal discipline of this institute, is an academic field that encompasses a broad range of information-related research. It is characterized by an interdisciplinary approach that spans not only information science, engineering, and communications, but also cuts across diverse fields ranging from the natural sciences to the humanities and social sciences.

To build this new field of informatics, the institute comprises a dedicated faculty of approximately 70 full-time researchers (professors, associate professors, and assistant professors) from Japan and abroad. By establishing four research divisions—Principles of Informatics, Information Systems Architecture Science, Digital Content and Media Sciences, and Information and Society—NII promotes multifaceted research activities ranging from the exploration of theoretical foundations to applied research aimed at practical societal implementation.



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