

## **Double-Degree PhD Program between Sorbonne University and the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo AY 2027 Application Guidelines**

The Double-Degree PhD Program between Sorbonne University and the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo (hereinafter referred to as the “DD Program”) is a program under which students who have been admitted to both universities are enrolled as regular doctoral students at both institutions. During their enrollment, students receive joint research supervision from academic supervisors at both universities. Upon successfully completing a joint thesis examination conducted by both universities and fulfilling all other degree requirements, including the required academic credits, students will be awarded a degree by each university.

The information provided in these Application Guidelines is intended for students whose Home Institution is the University of Tokyo (i.e., students who first enroll at the University of Tokyo as DD students). However, it is also possible to begin the program as a Sorbonne University Home Institution student (i.e., a student who first enrolls at Sorbonne University as a DD student). In such cases, please contact Sorbonne University regarding the necessary procedures.

Any changes to these Application Guidelines will be announced on the following webpage. Please check the webpage regularly for updates.

[https://www.i.u-tokyo.ac.jp/edu/entra/doubledegree\\_e.shtml](https://www.i.u-tokyo.ac.jp/edu/entra/doubledegree_e.shtml)

### **Educational and Research Objectives**

This program aims to develop highly qualified individuals capable of playing active roles in the international community. To address research challenges that are difficult to undertake at a single university, internationally recognized faculty members from both universities collaborate across national borders to develop research themes and provide joint supervision in research, education, and thesis preparation.

### **1. Eligibility**

Applicants for this program must meet all of the following requirements. Although there is no separate selection process specifically for this program, participation in the program will be confirmed upon admission to both universities, acceptance by academic supervisors at both universities, and conclusion of the prescribed DD Agreement.

1. Applicants who will enroll in the Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo, in April 2027.
2. Applicants who will enroll in a doctoral program at Sorbonne University in September 2027.
3. Applicants who have obtained approval from academic supervisors at both universities to be accepted as DD students after enrollment.

## 2. Applications for the Doctoral Programs and Procedures for Participation in the DD Program

Applicants must complete all of the procedures described in items (1) through (3) below.

### (1) Application to the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo

The Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo, conducts admissions for the Doctoral Program and the Doctoral Program [Special Selection for Working Professionals] through its summer and winter entrance examinations. Please refer to the webpage below and submit an application and take the entrance examination within the designated application period.

[Master's and Doctoral Program | Admissions | Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, The University of Tokyo](#)

After being admitted, please promptly submit a copy of your admission notification to the Office of International Relations ([istoir.t@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:istoir.t@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)).

### (2) Application to Sorbonne University

Applications must be made in accordance with the application procedures of the relevant graduate school or doctoral program at Sorbonne University. As application procedures vary depending on the graduate school or program, please refer to the webpages below and contact the relevant graduate school or program if you have any questions.

- For information on admission and application procedures at Sorbonne University, please refer to the following webpage.

[Application and admission | Sorbonne Université | Sorbonne université](#)

- For Sorbonne University's application calendar, please refer to the following webpage:

[Registrations and Re-registrations for Doctorates | Sorbonne University](#)

- For information on the double-degree program at Sorbonne University, please refer to the following webpage:

[The co-supervision doctorate | Sorbonne Université | Sorbonne université](#)

After being admitted, please promptly submit a copy of your admission notification to the Office of International Relations ([istoir.t@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:istoir.t@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)).

### (3) Submission of the DD Program Application Form

As a general rule, applicants wishing to participate in the DD Program must submit the designated DD Program Application Form (see Appendix 1) to the folder below before applying to the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo.

[https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/:f/t/Teams.icist.t/IgCYKg7sn\\_IWQ6g2WUT\\_I8wAUR2mIug6gkxf3uG8gsN8ZU](https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/:f/t/Teams.icist.t/IgCYKg7sn_IWQ6g2WUT_I8wAUR2mIug6gkxf3uG8gsN8ZU)

Before applying to either university, applicants should contact their prospective academic supervisors at the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo, and Sorbonne University to inform them of their intention to participate in the DD Program. Applicants should obtain, whenever possible by the time of application, preliminary approval from both prospective supervisors confirming that they will accept the applicant as a DD student if the applicant is admitted to both universities. Applicants should also thoroughly discuss their study and research plans after enrollment with both supervisors.

The signatures of both supervisors are required on the application form. If obtaining a direct signature is difficult, a letter, email, or other document indicating the supervisor's consent may be accepted in place of a signature.

If the DD Program Application Form cannot be submitted by the time of application to the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo, please consult the Office of International Relations as early as possible.

When requesting acceptance from prospective supervisors, applicants must also carefully confirm in advance the completion requirements at both universities, including any required courses, as well as the procedures for the doctoral thesis examination. In particular, please note that at Sorbonne University, the requirements for compulsory courses may depend on the discretion of the academic supervisor.

In addition to the DD Program Application Form submitted before application, students who are admitted to both universities must conclude a DD Agreement setting out the details of the DD Program between the two universities and the individual student before the start of the program. Please follow the instructions of the Office of International Relations when preparing the DD Agreement.

### **3. Program Overview**

#### **(1) Tuition and Fees**

Students must pay the prescribed examination fee, admission fee, and tuition to the University of Tokyo. No payment is required to Sorbonne University.

#### **(2) Study Schedule and Supervision System**

The actual study schedule may vary depending on individual circumstances. An example is provided below (see Appendix 2).

**Year 1:** April 2027: Enrollment at the University of Tokyo

April 2027–March 2028: Residence at the University of Tokyo

September 2027: Enrollment at Sorbonne University

**Year 2:** April 2028–March 2029: Residence at Sorbonne University

**Year 3:** April 2029–March 2030: Residence at the University of Tokyo

March 2030: Completion of the program as of the respective completion dates at the University of Tokyo and Sorbonne University

If a student enrolls at the University of Tokyo in April and at Sorbonne University in September of the same year, the standard period of enrollment will be three years at the University of Tokyo and two years and seven months at Sorbonne University. Students must spend at least one year at each university.

Please note that students may not take a leave of absence from the University of Tokyo while staying at Sorbonne University, as they will remain enrolled at both universities during that period.

After enrollment at both universities, students are required, in principle, to complete the program within three years. However, the period of enrollment at the University of Tokyo may be extended by up to one year. Such an extension requires the approval of the heads of the relevant graduate schools and the academic supervisors at both universities.

If an extension of more than one year is required, the student will withdraw from Sorbonne University, and the DD Program will terminate. In such cases, no degree will be awarded by Sorbonne University. After

termination of the DD Program, the student may continue to be enrolled at the University of Tokyo as a regular student.

No credit transfer between the two universities will be conducted.

The academic supervisor at the university where the student is residing will take primary responsibility for research and thesis supervision. The supervisor at the other university will also maintain close communication with the student, for example through Zoom, and provide continuous supervision. Through this consistent joint supervisory framework, research and thesis supervision will be provided in a coordinated manner.

### **(3) Method of Doctoral Thesis Examination**

The doctoral thesis examination (oral defense) will be conducted jointly by both universities after the thesis has been approved through the preliminary examination procedures at each university. Details shall be as specified in the individual DD Agreement.

## **4. Scholarships**

The University of Tokyo does not provide financial support specifically for participation in the DD Program. However, the following are examples of major scholarship programs, and students are encouraged to apply as appropriate.

- **SPRING GX**

[Support for doctoral students Fostering Advanced Human Resources to Lead Green Transformation \(GX\)](#)

- **JASSO Student Exchange Support Program**

For details, please contact the Office of International Relations ([istoir.t@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:istoir.t@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)).

- **Tobitate! Study Abroad JAPAN** (Webpage is only available in Japanese)

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/ja/scholarship-list-kanmin.html>

- **JSPS Research Fellowships**

[Japan Society for the Promotion of Science](#)

In addition, information on scholarships provided by both public and private organizations is available on the University of Tokyo's scholarship information webpage:

[Study Abroad Scholarships | Go Global Website](#)

## **5. Contact Information**

Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo

Office of International Relations

[istoir.t@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:istoir.t@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

## Double-Degree PhD Program APPLICATION FORM

Sorbonne University – Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo

### 1. Applicant Information

Full name (LAST, First)

---

Date of birth (YYYY/MM/DD)

---

Nationality (or Region)

---

Email address

---

### 2. Home Institution

Please select your Home Institution:

☐ Sorbonne University

☐ The University of Tokyo

Faculty / Graduate School

---

Department / Program

---

Supervisor's name (LAST,  
First)

---

Student ID number (if  
applicable)

---

### 3. The Other Institution

Please select the other Institution:

☐ Sorbonne University

☐ The University of Tokyo

Faculty / Graduate School

---

Department / Program

---

Supervisor's name (LAST,  
First)

---

Research plan at the other  
Institution

---

### 4. Research Information

Title of doctoral research  
project

---

Research field \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Proposed Stay Plan under the Double-Degree Program

The plan submitted at the time of application is tentative and may be revised later if necessary; however, prior approval from the academic supervisors at both universities must be obtained for the proposed plan.

Planned period at the Home Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Planned period at the other Institution \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Preliminary Approval from Supervisors at Both Universities

Prior approval from supervisors at both universities must be obtained before application. If a direct signature cannot be provided, a letter or email indicating the supervisor's consent may be submitted instead.

Should this applicant be admitted to the doctoral program at this university, I agree to accept the applicant as a doctoral student in my laboratory/research group.

Institution: **Sorbonne University**

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Should this applicant successfully pass the doctoral entrance examination of this university, I agree to accept the applicant as a doctoral student in my laboratory/research group.

Institution: **The University of Tokyo**

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sample schedule (The admission schedules are subject to change. Be sure to check the latest information)

| Reference Schedule for University of Tokyo Home Students<br>(For students enrolling at the University of Tokyo in April and graduating in March) |       |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year                                                                                                                                             | Month | Sorbonne University (SU)<br>(Academic Year: September 1–August 31)                                    | The University of Tokyo (IST)<br>(Academic Year: April 1–March 31)                                         |
| 1                                                                                                                                                | 4     |                                                                                                       | Master (Year 2)                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 5     | (Summer Entrance Exam) Obtain preliminary approval for acceptance from a prospective supervisor at SU | (Summer Entrance Exam) Obtain preliminary approval for acceptance from a prospective supervisor at IST     |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 6     |                                                                                                       | (Summer Entrance Exam) Application deadline: DD Program Application Form must also be submitted            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 7     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 8     |                                                                                                       | (Summer Entrance Exam) Entrance exam                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 9     |                                                                                                       | (Summer Entrance Exam) Results announced                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 10    | (Winter Entrance Exam) Obtain preliminary approval for acceptance from a prospective supervisor at SU | (Winter Entrance Exam) Obtain preliminary approval for acceptance from a prospective supervisor at the IST |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 11    |                                                                                                       | (Winter Entrance Exam) Application deadline: DD Program Application Form must also be submitted            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 12    |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
| 2                                                                                                                                                | 1     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 2     |                                                                                                       | (Winter Entrance Exam) Entrance examination in February                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 3     |                                                                                                       | (Winter Entrance Exam) Results announced in early March                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 4     | Application deadline: Late April                                                                      | Enrollment at the UTokyo Doctor (Year 1)                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 5     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 6     | Results announced in early June                                                                       | Upon admission to SU, conclude the DD Agreement                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 7     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 8     | Complete enrollment procedures at SU                                                                  |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 9     | Enrollment at SU                                                                                      |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 10    |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 11    | Prepare for application for a French student visa                                                     |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 12    |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
| 3                                                                                                                                                | 1     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 2     | Preparations (insurance, travel arrangements, etc.)                                                   |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 3     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 4     | Travel to France; continue research at SU                                                             | Doctor (Year 2)                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 5     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 6     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 7     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 8     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 9     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 10    |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 11    |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 12    |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
| 4                                                                                                                                                | 1     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 2     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 3     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 4     |                                                                                                       | Return to Japan; continue research at IST Doctor (Year 3)                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 5     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 6     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 7     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 8     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 9     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 10    | Submit thesis abstract                                                                                | Submit thesis abstract                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 11    |                                                                                                       | Interim academic achievements report; Departmental                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 12    | Appointment of examiners; thesis submission                                                           | Appointment of examiners; thesis submission                                                                |
| 5                                                                                                                                                | 1     | Thesis examination                                                                                    |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 2     |                                                                                                       | Departmental Education Committee meeting                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 3     | Degree conferral                                                                                      | Education Committee meeting<br>Degree Conferral Ceremony                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                  |       |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                  |       | Enrollment at SU: 2 years and 7 months                                                                | Enrollment at the IST: 3 years                                                                             |