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POSTGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH STUDENTS
OCTOBER 2026/APRIL 2027 ENROLLMENT: APPLICATION INFORMATION
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

The Postgraduate International Research Student (Daigakuin Gaikokujin Kenkyusei) program is intended for non-Japanese students interested in conducting research into a specific subject under the supervision of a faculty member at the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology. This program does not grant any degrees or certifications.

1. REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Individuals who may enter the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology as a postgraduate international research student should have non-Japanese citizenship and meet one of the following conditions.

- (1) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete 16 years of formal education in a country other than Japan by September 30, 2026. (Note 1) (Note 2)
- (2) Those who have obtained a degree equivalent to that of a bachelor's degree, or are expected to obtain such a degree by September 30, 2026, from a foreign university or other foreign institution (limited to those whose comprehensive status of education and research activities have been assessed by the government of said foreign country or a related organization), having completed a program with a completion period of 3 years or more. (Note 1) (Note 2)
- (3) Those whom the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology has recognized as having academic abilities that are at least equivalent to Requirement (1) above.

(Note 1) Requirements (1) and (2) above include the case of having completed a correspondence program provided by a foreign school of said country while residing in Japan.

(Note 2) If requesting April 2027 admission, please replace "September 30, 2026" with "March 31, 2027" in the Requirements for Eligibility (1) and (2) above.

2. PERIOD OF APPLICATION

Admission	Period of Application	Result Notifications
October 2026	Mon, April 20, 2026 to Fri, May 8, 2026, 17:00 (JST)	Middle of July 2026
April 2027	Mon, October 19, 2026 to Fri, November 6, 2026, 17:00 (JST)	Late January 2027

* Late applications will not be accepted.

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3. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants must first choose a faculty member at the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology as their preferred academic supervisor. Before starting the application process, the applicant must contact his/her preferred academic supervisor and obtain the approval for supervision. The applicant should then submit the documents indicated in (2) below.

(1) Application Submission Method

The application form for admission should be created using **the WEB application system**. In addition, all documents required for your application should be converted to PDF and uploaded to the WEB application system. Go to the WEB application system from the graduate school web page.

(https://www.i.u-tokyo.ac.jp/edu/entra/research_students_e.shtml)

If you do not receive an email confirming your application by Friday, May 15, 2026 (or Friday, November 13, 2026), please contact us by email at the address below.

(Office of International Relations, Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, The University of Tokyo : istoir.t@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

(2) Application Documents

All documents should be created in Japanese or English.

No.	Document	Remarks
①	Application form	This will be automatically uploaded to your My Page through the WEB application system when you finish entering the required information.
②	Research plan (Form 2)	Use the prescribed format. (Form 2) Describe your motivation and research plan.
③	Certificate of Graduation and Degree from the previous university	Upload a copy of the original to the WEB Application System. The original paper document must be submitted at the time of enrollment procedures. The conferred degree must be specified in the document. Those who have not yet graduated are required to submit a certificate of expected graduation.
④	Academic transcripts from the previous university	Upload a copy of the original verifying the applicant's undergraduate and graduate performances to the WEB Application System. The original paper document must be submitted at the time of enrollment procedures. If you have multiple certificates, save them together as one PDF file. Those who are expected to graduate should submit the academic

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		transcripts issued within two months before applying. Those who have graduated should submit the final academic transcripts issued after the graduation date.
⑤	Recommendation letter	Letter of recommendation either from the department chairman or your supervisor at the university or college attended. The letter must have been signed and dated within six months of the application deadline.
⑥	Proof of acceptance from prospective supervisor (email, etc.)	Acceptance emails etc. from your prospective supervisor at the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo.
⑦	Passport copy	The ID page with your name, face photo, date of birth, etc.
⑧	Receipt for Examination Fee (9,800 yen)	Please refer to the attached "How to pay the examination fee of the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo". It is recommended for those who live outside of Japan to pay by credit card. Please note that the applicants must bear any additional charges associated with sending the money.
⑨	Certificate of residence	Applicable only to those who live in Japan at the time of application. Issued within 3 months before the application deadline.
⑩	Others	Submit any certificates for special abilities, such as a language proficiency certificate. Depending on your department, you may be required to submit documents other than the above, so please submit them if instructed.

4. SELECTION

Successful applicants will be selected by evaluating the submitted documents. Oral examinations may also be conducted.

5. ADMISSION DATES

The admission date for postgraduate international research students is October 1, 2026, or April 1, 2027.

6. ENROLLMENT PERIOD

Postgraduate international research students are enrolled for one year. If additional research is necessary, students may apply to the Dean of the Graduate School for an extension of one year (the total enrollment period may not exceed two years). Applications for extension must be made before the research period concludes.

7. NOTES

- (1) Of the documents to be submitted, the originals of 3. (2) ③ Graduation certificate and ④ Academic transcript must be submitted at the time of admission. (Copies will not be accepted.) In addition, we will not accept copies of certificates if an official seal/stamp from the issuing university is not on them.
- (2) Applications will not be accepted if the documents specified in Section 3 (2) above are not submitted in full by the application deadline. In particular, if 3. (2) ⑥ Proof of acceptance from prospective supervisor (email, etc.) is not submitted, the application will be rejected.
- (3) Applicants will be notified of the selection results. Telephone inquiries regarding results will not be accepted. Applicants who pass selection will be notified of the admission period, procedures, and documents to prepare. These procedures must be completed within the designated period.
- (4) Examination fee, admission fee, and tuition are as follows:
 - ① Examination fee: 9,800 yen
 - ② Admission fee: 84,600 yen
 - ③ Tuition: 346,800 yen (for one year)

1* The fees indicated above are estimates. If the fees change by the time of admission or while enrolled, the new amounts will apply from the time of the change.

2* The way to pay 2) Admission fee and 3) Tuition will be notified when the enrollment procedure is sent.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) applied for as a postgraduate international research student can only be used to enroll as a postgraduate international research student. If you will be enrolling as a regular student, a new Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) needs to be obtained.
- (7) 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 ① Educational Affairs (school registration, attendance, etc.), ② Student Support (healthcare, career support, application procedure for tuition exemption and scholarships, use of libraries, etc.) and ③ the Management of tuition payment.
- (8) Those who make any false statements in their personal history, application, and/or in any other accompanying forms, statements or documents may have their admission rescinded even after being admitted.
- (9) After the application process is completed, submitted documents and paid examination fee will not be returned under any circumstances.
- (10) The University of Tokyo has established “The University of Tokyo Security Export Control Regulations” in accordance with Japan’s “Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act”, and rigorously

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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.

8. INQUIRIES

If you have any inquiries about entrance examinations, contact us via e-mail instead of calling.

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