

Institute of Science Tokyo, Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences,
Doctoral Program, Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Track,
Interdisciplinary Life Science Global Leader Program (Science Tokyo-RIKEN International School)
2025 Application Guidelines for Self-Supporting Students

【Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU) and Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech) were integrated to become "Institute of Science Tokyo" as of October 1, 2024.】

Tokyo Medical Dental University and RIKEN, a leading advanced research institute in Japan, inaugurated the TMDU-RIKEN International School on April 1, 2007 which was carried on to the Institute of Science Tokyo, Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences (hereafter referred to as Science Tokyo) as of October 1, 2024. Its main purpose is to offer overseas students an opportunity to enroll directly in the Doctoral Program, Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Track, in Science Tokyo's Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences. In this program, all courses are taught in English. In cooperation with Science Tokyo, RIKEN basically covers the students' living expenses and housing costs and provides them with research opportunities in its laboratories. The students' academic supervisors are both Science Tokyo and RIKEN professors, who maintain close liaison with each other.

1. Number of students to be admitted

A few students

2. Academic supervisor

Applicants are to first obtain approval of their course of study from the prospective academic supervisor at the RIKEN laboratory you wish to join. The academic supervisors are listed below. Information on each of them can be found in RIKEN's researcher database.

Name	Position	Website
Dr. Ichiro TANIUCHI	Visiting Professor	http://www.ims.riken.jp/labo/20/publication.html
Dr. Koshi IMAMI	Visiting Professor	https://www.riken.jp/en/research/labs/ims/young_chief_investigation_program/proteome_homeost_res/index.html
Dr. Motomasa TANAKA	Visiting Professor	http://www.motomasalab.brain.riken.jp/index_eng.html
Dr. Rikiya WATANABE	Visiting Professor	http://nanobio.riken.jp/index_e.html
Dr. Shinya HAGIHARA	Visiting Professor	http://molecular-bioregulation.riken.jp/index_en.html
Dr. Tomoichiro MIYOSHI	Visiting Professor	https://www.yokohama.riken.jp/retroTE_dynamics/EN/

3. Enrollment Period

October 2025

4. Applicant Qualifications

Applicants to whom (9) (10) and either of (1)-(8) apply

- (1) Applicant has a master's or professional degree or expects to acquire such a degree by September 2025
- (2) Applicant has received the equivalent of a master's or professional degree in a foreign country or expects to acquire such a degree by September 2025
- (3) Applicant has acquired the equivalent of a master's or professional degree by completing, in Japan, correspondence courses offered by schools of other countries or expects to acquire such a degree by September 2025
- (4) Applicant has received the equivalent of a master's or professional degree by completing the course of study at a foreign educational facility that is designated in Japan as having the course of study of a university under the foreign country's educational system and has been specifically designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) minister or expects to complete such a course of study by September 2025
- (5) Applicant has completed a program and received or expects to acquire a degree equivalent to a master's degree by September 2025, from the United Nations University, which was established under the resolution of the General Assembly of the United

Nations on December 11, 1972, as stipulated in the Article 1, paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72, 1976).

- (6) Applicant has completed a course of study at a foreign school, an educational institution designated above in Part 4) of the requirements for eligibility or the United Nations University, and has passed or will have by September 2025 examinations and screenings equivalent to those specified in Article 16-2 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools recognized by this graduate school as having abilities at least equivalent to those who have a master's degree.
- (7) Applicant has been specified by the MEXT minister in accordance with Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Notice No. 118 of 1989
 1. Applicant has engaged in 2 or more years of research at a university or research center after graduating from university
 2. Applicant who is deemed to possess scholastic abilities that are equivalent to or exceed those of someone who possesses a master's degree at a university or research center for 2 or more years, after completing a 16-year course of scholastic education in a foreign country or correspondence courses offered by schools of other countries in Japan.
- (8) Applicant whom this graduate school has confirmed through a separate entrance qualification examination possesses scholastic abilities equal to or exceeding those of someone who possesses a master's or professional degree and who will have reached 24 years of age as of September 30, 2025

Note: Applicants falling under (6) to (8), please see content-11, "Screening of Application Qualifications."

- (9) Language Ability: Applicants must have sufficient knowledge of and proficiency in English.
- (10) Applicants who are not in Japan at the time they apply must arrive in Japan during the period from September 10 to October 6, 2025

Note: Acceptance will be cancelled if an applicant fails to arrive in Japan by the designated date.

5. Application Period and Application Procedures

1) Application Period

Online Application Registration Period	May 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – May 15, 2025, 3:00 p.m.
Documents Submission Period	May 12, 2025 – May 16, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Send the application by registered express mail or courier so that it arrives before the application deadline. Application documents submitted via email will NOT be accepted. Please note that it may take a long time for the package to arrive at Science Tokyo depending on from where it is mailed.

2) Interview with Prospective Supervisor

Applicants are required to contact a prospective supervisor at Science Tokyo to discuss their research and education plans and get permission for your application before applying for this course.

You will be required to enter the date when you get permission for the application from your prospective supervisor. Please get their permission via e-mail and keep the e-mail until the entrance examination finishes. If any doubt arises in your application, you may be required to submit the e-mail.

* In case it is found that you have not gained permission for application from the prospective supervisor, your application may be revoked.

3) Application Procedures

- ① Access the following website and read through the "Online Application Procedure."

<https://e-apply.jp/ds/tmdu-gs/>

- ② Access the following website, register for the Online Application Website, enter the personal information and upload the required documents.

<https://e-apply.jp/ds/tmdu-gs/>

- ③ Send the documents whose original copies are required (*) by registered express mail or courier. The application deadline is mentioned in the "1) Application Period."

*Refer to the "5) Application Documents" for the details.

4) Mailing Address

1-5-45 Yushima, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8510, Japan

Yushima Graduate Admissions Group, Admissions Division, Education Planning Department, Institute of Science Tokyo
(1st floor of Building 1-West)

5) Confirmation for Application Completion and Examination Admission Slip

① Confirm that your application documents have been received on the “Online Application Website.”

② Download the “Examination Admission Slip” on the “Online Application Website” and print it out. Confirm that the examinee’s number is printed on the examination admission slip.

NOTES

1. The examination admission slip can be downloaded after June 12, 2025.

When the examination admission slip is ready, the notification will be sent via e-mail.

2. Print out the examination admission slip and have it on hand on the day of the examination.

3. Keep the examination admission slip because it could be needed for the enrollment procedures etc..

4. When there is an emergency announcement related to the Online Application Website, it will be posted on the Science Tokyo website.

6) Application Documents

Please submit the following documents on the Online Application Website. Please submit the printout of the Form 1 and the original copies of the application documents marked (*1) referring to “2) Application Procedures③” and “3) Mailing address.” (Please submit all documents as a package.)

Also, please upload the A4 sized colored scanned data of the documents marked (*2) as PDF files on the Online Application Website.

The copies of the documents marked (*1) will NOT be accepted. After application registered, the original can be returned to the applicant if necessary. Please put a note to let us know that they should be returned. They will be sent to the address registered at the time of application.

Item	Documents to Be Submitted	Points to Note
1	Application Form	Print out the Application form after the application registration and send it by post. This can be downloaded after entering the personal information on the Online Application Website
2	Photo ID file	- A photo of your upper body with nothing covering your head taken within three months of the application - Within 10 MB
3	Field of Study and Research Plan	【Form C-4】 Field of Study and Study Program *Upload the file as a PDF file.
4	Recommendation Letter (*1)(*2)	Required: A letter of reference from a senior member of the institution to which the applicant belongs. Desired: A letter of reference from a supervisor who knows the applicant personally. *Please submit letters with physical signature.
5	Official academic transcript and Certificate of graduation from university (*1)(*2)	
6	Official academic transcript and Certificate of graduation/diploma (or expected completion) from graduate school (master's course) attended (*1)(*2)	*Only applicants who have completed (or expected to complete) Graduate School.
7	Thesis by which the applicant earned his/her master's degree (in English)	If the applicant attended a master's program that does not require a master's thesis, please state so and submit its equivalent. *Upload the file as a PDF file.
8	Training and Supervision Plan to be prepared by the prospective academic advisor	【Form C-3】 Training and Supervision Plan - Ask the prospective supervisor to send the colored scanned data of Form C-3 via e-mail and upload it to the Online Application Website. - Ask the prospective supervisor to submit the original copy of Form C-3 to the Yushima Graduate Admissions Group.
8	Color copies of both sides of either Residence Card or Entry VISA (*2)	*for those who are already in Japan
9	A photocopy of the applicant's passport (*2)	
10	Entrance exam fee	36,000 yen * There is handling charge for each payment of the examination fee.
11	International application form for graduate school admission	【Form C-2】 International Application Form for Graduate School Admission *Upload the file as a PDF file.
12	Certificates of your English language proficiency (*2)	Score of TOEFL, IELTS etc. should be presented.
13	Copy of "Notice regarding Screening Result" (Only approved applicants) (*2)	Applicants given the approval after screening of qualification should submit a copy of the notice regarding outcome of application qualifications screening that was mailed to them.

IMPORTANT NOTICES ON SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

- Applicants should download designated forms Science Tokyo's website

[<http://www.tmd.ac.jp/english/admissions/application/graduate/index.html>]

*URL is subject to change.

- Once submitted, application documents will not be returned for any reason.

- Applicants are advised to keep in close contact with their prospective academic advisors to discuss their research in the course.

- All documents should be typed in Japanese or English on paper of the same size (A4 size, preferably). A Japanese/English

translation issued by a public institution is required if an official certificate is in another language.

7. Selection Method

An oral examination and application documents will be used to select candidates for enrollment.

8. Examination Date

Date of oral examination: June 25 – June 27, 2025 (further details, TBA)

9. Announcement of Successful Applicants

1 p.m., July 11, 2025

A list of successful applicants will be posted on the Science Tokyo's website [<https://admissions.isct.ac.jp/en>]

We cannot respond to any inquiries made by telephone regarding application screening or its results.

10. Admission Procedure

(1) Period: September 9 to 16, 2025

(2) Methods: Admission documents should be mailed by express, registered mail (EMS) so that it arrives before the application deadline.

(3) Address: Yushima Graduate Admissions Group, Admissions Division, Education Planning Department,
Institute of Science Tokyo
1-5-45 Yushima, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8510, Japan

(4) Tuition and Other Costs (As of FY 2024)

Fee for matriculation: 282,000 yen

Tuition: 267,900 yen (Six months)

535,800 yen (One year)

- If the admission/tuition fee is revised, the new amount will apply from the time of revision.

- Regarding the method of admission fee payment, details will be provided during enrollment procedures.

- If you wish to pay the admission fee to our university from abroad, please contact the Yushima Graduate Admissions Group, Admissions Division by email [nyu-grad-02.adm@tmd.ac.jp].

- Payment of tuition after admission will be done through automatic deduction from the student's bank account. (Details will be provided in the admission procedure.)

- For inquiries regarding the admission fee and tuition, please contact the Fund Management Group, Accounting Division.
[suitou.adm@tmd.ac.jp].

11. Screening of Application Qualifications

Applicants who would like to base their application on Application Qualification 6) to 8) should contact the Admissions Division in advance and then carry out the following procedures.

(1) Application Period

Application period	March 10 to 12, 2025
How to apply	Send the application by registered express mail or courier so that it arrives before the application deadline. Also, please inform to Admissions Division by email in advance.
Address	Yushima Graduate Admissions Group, Admissions Division, Education Planning Department, Institute of Science Tokyo 1-5-45 Yushima, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8510, Japan

(2) Documents to be submitted

Item	Documents to Be Submitted	Points to Note
1	Application Qualifications Screening Form	【From 1】 Screening of Application Qualifications

2	Transcript (Undergraduate School) **	Issued by alma mater and written in Japanese or English.
3	Diploma/Certificate of (expected) Graduation (Undergraduate School) **	Issued by alma mater and written in Japanese or English.
4	Transcript (Graduate School Master's or Doctoral program) (Only applicants who have completed (or expect to complete) Graduate School) **	Issued by alma mater and written in Japanese or English.
5	Course completion (or expected completion) Certificate (Graduate School Master's or Doctoral Program) (Only applicants who have completed (or expect to complete) Graduate School) **	Issued by alma mater and written in Japanese or English.
** Required to submit the original, no copy accepted. After application registered, the original can be returned to the applicant if necessary. Please put a note to let us know.		
6	Certificate of Student Status (Only if Certificate of (expected) Graduation or Course completion Certificates in 3 and 5 above were not issued)	Issued by alma mater and written in Japanese or English.
7	Essay about Reasons for Applying	No designated format. Use one sheet of A4 size paper. •Fields that interest applicant •Research plan •Future goals
8	Research Résumé	No designated format. Use A4 size paper. •Duration of research •Content of research •Names of research organizations •List of papers, research articles, conference presentations
9	Record of Achievements	【From 2】 Screening of Application Qualifications 1. Dissertation title 2. Names of co-authors and collaborating presenters 3. Date of publication or presentation 4. Name of publisher, journal that carried paper, or conference where it was presented 5. Summary of no more than 200 Japanese characters Notes: 1. Include jointly authored treatises and writings 2. Supply reference numbers and provide descriptions for each dissertation
10	Résumé	【From 3】 Screening of Application Qualifications •Academic career Provide information from elementary school graduation onward. •Work experience Provide detailed information that will offer an understanding of the content of your research and other work to date.

11	Scholarly Paper	No designated format. Use A4 size paper. Copy of a paper that has recently been presented in an academic journal, is of a standard equal to or higher than a master's degree thesis, and is separately bound or provided as a copy of a conference abstract. Note that attestation of the leading role played in this research should be attached. As a rule, the paper's language should be either English or Japanese
12	Scholarly Paper Abstract	【From 4】 Screening of Application Qualifications No more than 2,000 Japanese characters or 3 pages of A4 size papers in English
13	Summary of Research conducted to date	【From 5】 Screening of Application Qualifications
14	Study Plans for research to be conducted in preferred field	【From 6】 Screening of Application Qualifications
15	Envelope for Notification of Result	Affix a (simplified registration postage) stamp to an envelope (120 × 235 mm) and write the recipient's name, address and postal code. [International applicants living outside of Japan] The mail will not be sent overseas. Therefore, applicants need not submit this item #15 "Envelope" if you cannot receive it in Japan.
16	Recommendation Letter (prospective supervisor)	No designated format. Use A4 size paper. Prepared by prospective supervisor in desired department
17	Recommendation Letters	No designated format. Use A4 size paper. These documents may be submitted at the applicant's discretion.
18	Documentary Proof of surname change (Only if submitted ID documents differ from current surname)	Copies of both sides of driver's license, residence records, family register, passport or other form of ID.
19	International Application Form for Graduate School Admission (Only applicants with international academic background)	【Form C-2】 International Application Form for Graduate School Admission Note: Have the form signed and sealed by your prospective supervisor.
20	Color copies of both sides of either Residence Card or Entry VISA (Only applicants who reside in Japan)	Note: Please note the residence duration (expiration date) in the case of residence cards
21	Other reference items to bring	No designated format Documents to be submitted voluntarily Credentials, Licenses
22	Other documents Science Tokyo deems necessary	Documentation other than the preceding may be requested.

○ Please download [Science Tokyo form] from Science Tokyo website

(<https://www.tmd.ac.jp/english/admissions/application/graduate/index.html>)

*URL is subject to change.

(3) Approval Methods

Screening to application qualification is conducted as below.

1. Document screening
The abovementioned documents are screened.
2. Interviews
March 19, 2025

(4) Result of Screening

April 10, 2025

To International applicants living outside of Japan, Notice will be emailed.

12. Others

- (1) Changes to the contents of an application (including the desired department) are not allowed after the application package has been submitted.
- (2) If the name shown on a certificate in your application package differs from that shown on your application form, be sure to attach proof of your change of name.
- (3) If any difference is found between facts and matters as described in your application documents, your enrollment may be canceled.
- (4) Handling of personal information
 - 1) Personal information collected in the course of the application and selection processes or used in the conduct of business on health guidance or education after admission will only be used the purposes for which it was provided.
 - 2) Regarding personal information collected in the course of selecting entrants, the “National University Corporation Institute of Science Tokyo Personal Information Management Rules” will be followed and Science Tokyo will not disclose any such information to third parties without consent of the applicant.
- (5) Admission will be cancelled if an applicant who applies under the condition of expecting to receive a master's degree before the deadline is not able to obtain such degree by the deadline (September 30,2025).
- (6) Tuition may be exempted based on a student's academic performance and financial status.
- (7) Students are advised to have some knowledge of Japan's culture and its system of higher education in general before coming to Japan. Study and research are conducted in English; however, acquiring some Japanese language ability is strongly advised.

※ For inquiries on program curriculum, please contact the following office
Graduate Student Affairs Group 2, Yushima Student Office, Student Division, Education Planning Department,
Institute of Science Tokyo (1F, First Building West)
E-mail: grad02@ml.tmd.ac.jp

Yushima Graduate Admissions Group, Admissions Division,
Education Planning Department, Institute of Science Tokyo
1-5-45, Yushima, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8510, JAPAN
TEL: +81-3-5803-4924 FAX: +81-3-5803-0106
E-mail: nyu-grad-02.adm@tmd.ac.jp

*Please contact us via e-mail.

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