INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE TOKYO GRADUATE SCHOOL

Global Program in Dentistry and Dental Medicine in India and ASEAN, 2026

(Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Students)

Institute of Science Tokyo Graduate School recruits overseas students who will study oral health sciences with the support of the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship and as part of the International Priority Graduate Programs (PGP) as follows:

1. FIELDS OF STUDY AND NUMBER OF GRANTEES
   (1) The Graduate School offers courses in the fields of dental research.
   (2) Number of grantees: 8 Students.

2. QUALIFICATIONS
   (1) Eligibility: In general, new international graduate students from overseas who have a grade point average of 2.30 or above (3.00 Scale) and able to maintain that grade while receiving the scholarship.
   (*In case an applicant is unable to calculate the GPA, please refer to "7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE," (5) Recommendation letter, below.)
   (*Those who are already residing in Japan may apply but there are only few spots available and they must consult with the Yushima International Student Support Group in advance.)
   (2) Nationality: Applicants must be nationals of countries to which the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship is offered, and must not be residing in Japan at the time of application.
   *Nationals from India and ASEAN countries would be given priority.
   (3) Age: Applicants must be born on or after April 2,1991.
   (4) Academic Background:
   (a) Completion or expected graduation by September 2026 with 18-years school curriculum (Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, or Veterinary degree) outside Japan.
   (b) Applicant has received or expects to receive an academic degree equal to a bachelor's degree in foreign university or other institute (limited to the facilities which the MEXT minister appoints as a facility which received the evaluation about the general situation such as the education research activities or a facility which follows it by the person who received the certification of the foreign government or the related organization) by completing courses that are 5 years or more in length (include completing the courses in Japan by completing correspondence classes offered by schools in that country and the course of study of a foreign educational facility that is designated under the foreign country's educational system) by September 2026.
   (5) Health: Applicants must be in good health.
   (6) Language Ability: Applicants must have sufficient knowledge and skills in English by meeting one of the following conditions:
   (1) Achieved an English language proficiency test score equivalent to the B2 CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) level or above at the time of admission.
   (Test scores equivalent to the B2 CEFR level: TOEFL iBT 72-94, IELTS 5.5-6.5, and etc.)
   (2) Completion of courses of study where the language of instruction is English that meet entry requirements to the Graduate School in Japan.
   (7) Arrival in Japan: Applicants must arrive in Japan from September 18 through October 14, 2026.
   (*1) Military personnel and military civilian employees registered on the active list are not eligible.
   (*2) The grant will be cancelled if the grantee fails to arrive in Japan by the designated date.
   (*3) An applicant who has already won scholarships awarded by the government of his/her own country or/from private organizations is not eligible to be selected.
   (*4) The grant will be cancelled if an applicant who is in a master's program at the time of application fails to complete his/her master's program by September 30, 2026.
   (*5) The following people are not qualified to apply for this course:

① Those who applied or will apply for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (*Monbukagakusho*) for the year 2026 with a recommendation for a university other than Institute of Science Tokyo.
② Those who applied or will apply for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (*Monbukagakusho*) for the year 2026 or 2027 with a recommendation from a Japanese embassy.
③ Those who intend to study at a university in Japan under the Student Exchange Support Program offered by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).
④ Those who are receiving or will apply for scholarships offered by incorporated administrative agencies in Japan.

(8) Visa acquisition: Applicants are required to acquire a "College Student" (*ryugaku*) visa when they come to Japan. Moreover, in exceptional cases when successful applicants have been residing in Japan before their acceptance under a status other than "College Student" and are to change their visa status within Japan, they must acquire a "College Student" visa by the end of the month prior to the month in which they are scheduled to start receiving the scholarship. Furthermore, please note that those who change their visa status to something other than "College Student" after arriving in Japan will also lose their qualifications to be Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship recipients from the date when they change their visa status.
*For those who are already residing in Japan and hold the residence status of "College Student", they could carry out the extension procedure within Japan. (For those whose current status of residence is not "College Student," they must change their status of residence to "College Student" by the end of the month prior to the month in which they are scheduled to start receiving the scholarship.)

3. TERM OF SCHOLARSHIP
Four years from October 2026 to September 2030 as full-time graduate students, at the maximum.

4. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS
(1) Allowance: 148,000 yen per month (estimated based on fiscal year 2025's amount) will be given to each grantee during the term of his/her scholarship. However, the scholarship will be suspended if a grantee is long absent from the university.
(2) Travel Expenses:
a. Transportation to Japan: The grantee will be supplied with a tourist class air ticket from the international airport nearest to his/her home address to the Tokyo International Airport Narita or Haneda. (*1)
b. Transportation from Japan: The grantee going back to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of the scholarship will be supplies upon application, with a tourist class air ticket from the New Tokyo International Airport to the international airport nearest to his/her home address.
(*1) Any aviation and accident insurance to and from Japan shall be borne by the grantee.
(*2) Departure and arrival airport are only his/her land of citizenship.
(3) Tuition and Other Fees: Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition will be exempted.

5. SELECTION AND ACCEPTANCE
(1) Institute of Science Tokyo Graduate School will select candidates from applicants by screening application documents, and will then recommend them for the Monbukagakusho.
(2) Monbukagakusho will make a final decision on grantees by reviewing the relevant documents, and will then notify Institute of Science Tokyo Graduate School of the results.
(3) Upon notification from Monbukagakusho, grantees will be notified of acceptance in late June. Grantees will then be able to enroll as full-time graduate students.

6. FEATURES OF THE GRADUATE COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

(1) Grantees will engage study and research through the medium of English.

(2) Grantees have the opportunity to take the following courses:

[Elective Basic Courses]

1. Clinical Dental Training Course
2. Dental Alliance Training Course
3. Community Dental Health Training Course
4. Dental Education Training Course

[Applied Elective Courses]

1. Global Clinical Expert Course
2. Global Dental Data Sciences Course

(3) Grantees are eligible to submit a dissertation based on their research work to the Institute of Science Tokyo Graduate School. If the Institute of Science Tokyo Graduate School accepts such a dissertation as sufficient for a doctor's degree, the grantee will be awarded a Ph.D.

7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All the following documents must be submitted to Yushima International Student Support Group at Institute of Science Tokyo from **October 27** to **November 28, 2025** (Please refer to "11. SUBMISSION METHOD" below).

(1) Application form for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship
(digital file and a paper version printed on both sides)

(2) Field of Study and Study Program (digital file and a paper version printed on both sides)

(3) Recommendation Report: Form1 (for prospective supervisor's use)

(4) Total academic Report: Form3 (for prospective supervisor's use)

(5) Recommendation letter(s):

Required: A letter of reference from the dean of the graduate school or head of the institution to which the applicant belongs.

Desired: A letter of reference from a supervisor who knows the applicant personally.

All recommendation letters should be addressed to "the President of Institute of Science Tokyo".

If the GPA cannot be calculated, the reasons why it cannot be calculated as well as why it is considered to be equivalent to 2.30 or above should be stated in the recommendation letter to the **President of Institute of Science Tokyo** as "(Applicant) is placed within the top 30% of his/her graduating cohort since his/her grade rank is XX out of XX students in the Graduate School". Any other proof will not be accepted. The submission of the above letter of recommendation will not be accepted for an applicant whose GPA is less than 2.30 as the result of a calculation.

(6) A photograph or digital image taken within the past 6 months.
Format: 4.5×3.5 cm in size, upper frontal view, without a hat)
Write your name and nationality on the back, and paste it on the application form as indicated.

(7) Certificate of family register or citizenship in the applicant's home country

(8) Official academic transcripts from university and/or graduate school attended

(9) Certificates of graduation from university and/or completion (or prospective completion) of graduate course or degree (if applicable)

(10) Academic record/transcript which certifies the achievement of an excellent academic record issued by the last school. (ex: GPA, Classification, ranking, etc.)

(11) Thesis by which the applicant earned his/her master's degree or its equivalent (in English)
(If the applicant attended a master's program which does not require a master's thesis, please state so and submit its equivalent, if any.)

(12) **Certificate of proficiency in the English language** (e.g. TOEFL, TOEIC scores)

(13) A photocopy of your passport

(14) Medical Certificate (Should be within last six months) : Form4

8. IMPORTANT NOTICES IN SUBMISSION OF THE DOCUMENTS

(1) Applicants are advised to keep in close contact with their prospective supervisor to discuss their research in the course since supervisors must submit the student's study plan to Monbukagakusho, Government of Japan.

(2) All the documents should be typed in English or Japanese on paper of the same size (A4 size, preferably). A Japanese translation is needed if an official certificate is in another language.

(3) Do not convert EXCEL and WORD files into PDF format..

(4) No application will be accepted unless all the documents mentioned above are fully and accurately completed. Any application arriving after the deadline will not be accepted.

(5) Once submitted, documents will not be returned to applicants for any reason.

9. RECRUITMENT

In order to attract the most promising candidates, applicants are recruited extensively from the academic circle of institutions which have a record of research collaboration with Institute of Science Tokyo or which send students to Institute of Science Tokyo, as well as from other educational institutions, research institutions, administrative agencies and other institutions.

10. NOTES

(1) A grantee's scholarship award will be canceled in any of the following cases:

a. A false statement has been made on the application documents.

b. Violation of any article of the grantee's pledge to the Monbukagaku-daijin (Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan).

c. Having been subjected to disciplinary action by the university or to be found to have no prospect for academic achievement.

d. When your annual grade point average falls below 2.30.

(2) Grantees are advised to have some knowledge on Japanese culture, manners, university education and conditions in general before coming to Japan. Study and research will be conducted in English, but grantees are strongly advised to learn Japanese to enable a smooth life in Japan.

(3) Grantees are advised to bring the approximate equivalent of US $2,000 to cover immediate needs after their arrival in Japan since the scholarship allowance will be paid a while later.

(4) Tokyo Medical and Dental University merged with Tokyo Institute of Technology and established a new university “Institute of Science Tokyo” in October 2024. Those completing their graduate programs on or after the day of integration will be graduates of the new university, and their diplomas will be issued under its name.

11. SUBMISSION METHOD

(1) Online Application

After preparing all the required documents listed in “7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE,” please complete the online form below and upload your files according to the instructions provided in the form.

Online Form: https://forms.office.com/r/KPrmxv6hKd

NOTE Submissions by email will **NOT** be accepted. You must upload your files through the online form above. Applications will **NOT** be accepted if the online for is left incomplete.

(2) Submission of Original Documents

After completing the online application above, the following documents listed in “7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE” must also be submitted in their original form. Please mail them to the address indicated in “12. INQUIRY.”

・(4) Total academic Report: Form3

・(8) Official academic transcripts from university and/or graduate school attended

・(9) Certificates of graduation from university and/or completion (or prospective completion) of

graduate course or degree (if applicable)

* Document (4) may alternatively be submitted directly to the Yushima International Student Support Group after coordination with your preferred department.

12. INQUIRY

Yushima International Student Support Group
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*** NOTE:**

- This guideline is tentative and may be subject to change. The official version will be posted on the university's website around November.

- Application form is tentative until MEXT publishes the format for AY2026. For now, please apply using the tentative format. Applicants will be requested to make the application again using the new format as necessary.