

Application guide for Interdisciplinary Life Science Global Leader Program Applicants with Japanese Government Scholarship

1. FIELDS OF STUDY AND NUMBER OF GRANTEES

- (1) Those who wish to continue their master's and doctoral studies in the field of Biomedical Sciences and Engineering at the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences.

For information on the fields of study and supervisors, please refer to the following link ([37803_ext_19_24.pdf\(tmd.ac.jp\)](#))

- (2) Number of grantees: 3 (provisional)

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,” Recommendation letter, below)
 - (2) Nationality: Applicants must be nationals of the countries to which the Japanese Government Scholarship is offered. Applicants who have Japanese nationality are not eligible. *Nationals from Southwest Asia countries would be given priority.
 - (3) Age: Applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1990
 - (4) Academic Background: (a) Applicants must have a minimum of 16 years of education or will complete such education by the end of September 2025, and have a bachelor's degree or will gain such degree by the end of September 2025. Alternatively, applicant's ability must be recognized by Institute of Science Tokyo Graduate School as equal or superior to that of a university graduate.
 - (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:
 - (a) Achieved an English language proficiency test score equivalent to the B2 CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) level or above.
 - (b) Completion of courses where the language of instruction is English that meet academic background requirements for this program.
 - (c) Institute of Science Tokyo, Graduate School recognizes an applicant's English proficiency as equal to or superior than the above (a) qualification.
 - (7) Arrival in Japan: Applicants must arrive in Japan between September 18 and October 14, 2025 (TBA). (In principle, applicants who live outside of Japan at the time of application and travel to Japan in October 2025, upon acceptance to the program, will be considered. However, applicants who live in Japan at the time of application can also apply to this program for potential consideration.)
- (*1) Military personnel and civilian military employees registered on the active list are not eligible.
- (*2) The grants will be cancelled if grantees fail to arrive in Japan by October 14, 2025 (TBA).
- (*3) An applicant who has already won scholarships awarded by the government of his/her own country will not be selected unless he/she declares intention to decline receipt of these scholarships once he/she is selected as this scholarship student.

(*4) The grants will be cancelled if an applicant on a bachelor's program at the time of application fails to complete the bachelor's program by September 30, 2025

(*5) The following people are not qualified to apply for this course;

1. Those who applied or will apply for the Japanese Government Scholarship for the year 2024 with the recommendation of universities other than Tokyo Medical and Dental University.
2. Those who applied or will apply for the Japanese Government Scholarship for the year 2024 or 2025 with a recommendation from a Japanese embassy.
3. Those who intend to study at a university in Japan under the Short-term Student Exchange Promotion Program Scholarship for the year 2025 offered by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).
4. Those who are receiving or will be apply for scholarships offered by independent administrative agencies in Japan.

- (8) Visa acquisition: Applicants are required to acquire a “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 “Student” and are to change their visa status within Japan, they must acquire a “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 “Student” after arriving in Japan will also lose their qualifications to be Japanese Government 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 "Student", they could carry out the extension procedure within Japan. (For those whose current status of residence is not “Student,” they must change their status of residence to " 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 2025 to September 2030 as full-time graduate students, at the maximum.

4. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

(1) Allowance: 147,000 yen per month 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 in his/her land of citizenship to the Narita International Airport or the Tokyo International Airport (Haneda).
- 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 supplied, upon application, with an economy class air ticket from the Narita International Airport or the Tokyo International Airport (Haneda) to the international airport nearest to his/her home address in his/her land of citizenship.

(*1) Any aviation and accident insurance to and from Japan shall be borne by the grantee.

(*2) The grantee shall bear all other travel expenses to/from airports on these trips, such as domestic flight tickets, bus or train ticket fees including travel in Japan, airport taxes,

and other taxes related to travel.

- (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 recommend them to the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT: Monbukagakusho).
- (2) The MEXT will make a final decision on grantees by reviewing the documents and notify Institute of Science Tokyo, Graduate School of the results.
- (3) Upon the notification from the MEXT, acceptance will be announced to grantees in early July. Grantees will enroll as full-time graduate students at Institute of Science Tokyo.

6. FEATURES OF GRADUATE COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- (1) Grantees will engage in studying and research, using English.
- (2) Applicants are allowed to take the entrance examination in their countries of residence
- (3) Once students gain required credits at master's and PhD programs, submit a dissertation on their research work, and pass a final examination, students will be awarded a Master's degree (Science or Engineering) and PhD degree (Science or Engineering).

7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All the following documents must be submitted to Yushima International Student Support Group at Institute of Science Tokyo from **November 21 to December 20, 2024** (any changes will be announced on Science Tokyo website).

1)	Application form for Japanese Government (MEXT: 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 (filled out by the prospective supervisor)
4)	Total academic Report: Form 3 (filled out by the prospective supervisor)
5)	Certificates of graduation (or expected graduation) from university. Certificate of completion (or prospective completion) of graduate course or degree, if any
6)	Official academic transcripts from university and/or graduate school attended which certifies the achievement of an excellent academic record issued by the last school you attended (e.g. GPA, classification, ranking, etc.)
7)	Thesis or its equivalent by which the applicant earned his/her bachelor's degree, if any. Only documents in English are acceptable. If the applicant attended a bachelor's program which does not require a thesis, please state so and submit its equivalent, if any.
8)	Certificate of family register or citizenship in the applicant's home country, if any
9)	A photocopy of your passport
10)	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 <u>Institute of Science Tokyo</u> 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.
11)	A photograph taken within the past 6 months (4.5×3.5 cm-sized, upper frontal view without a hat) Write the name and nationality on the back, and paste it on the application form as indicated.
12)	A document to certify English proficiency, such as a TOEFL/IELTS score, when an applicant is not a native in English.
13)	Medical certificate (should be within the past 6 months)

In case documents other than 1) – 13) will be required, it will be announced on the website.

8. IMPORTANT NOTICES IN SUBMISSION OF THE DOCUMENTS

- (1) Applicants are advised to stay in close contact with their prospective supervisor to discuss their research in the course since supervisors must submit the student's study plan to the MEXT
- (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) 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.
- (4) Documents of #7 (1) (2) (3) must be submitted on paper and by digital file document.
- (5) The documents once submitted will not be returned to applicants for any reason.

9. RECRUITMENT

In search of promising candidates for this program, applicants are recruited extensively from the academic circle (including international collaborating centers of Institute of Science Tokyo, international organizations, affiliated universities and public institutes; national and local governments in foreign countries, etc.) which have a record of research collaborations and students exchange with Institute of Science Tokyo.

10. NOTES

- (1) Grantees will be deprived of their scholarship in any of the following cases:
 - a. A false statement has been made on their application documents.
 - b. They violate any article of their pledge to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan
 - c. They have been subjected to disciplinary action by the university or 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 climate, customs and manners, and university education and conditions in general before coming to Japan. Studying and

research are conducted in English, but grantees are strongly advised to study the Japanese language for everyday life.

- (3) Grantees are advised to bring some amount of money (approximately 2,000 dollars) to cover living expenses for the time being since the scholarship allowance will be paid approximately one month after arrival in Japan.
- (4) Tokyo Medical and Dental University merged with Tokyo Institute of Technology and established a new university, “Institute of Science Tokyo,” in the fall of 2024.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

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