

Application Guide for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship 2026
“Human Resource Development Program for Smart Energy Conversion through Industry-
Academia-Government Collaboration”
(UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATION) [SPECIAL SELECTION]

Based on the adoption by Japanese Government (MEXT), NITech will accept applications from international students who seek master’s degree on the Human Resource Development Program for Smart Energy Conversion through Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration..

1. General Prospectus

The objective of this program is to develop highly skilled and globally competent engineering professionals through the construction and implementation of a quality-assured international joint education program. This program integrates and shares educational and research resources between Japan and India in the field of smart energy conversion technologies.

2. Qualifications and Conditions

(1) Eligibility

(1-1) International students with outstanding academic achievements of their bachelor’s level who enter Japan as new students or those already staying in Japan.

* “International students with outstanding academic achievements” must have earned a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.30 or above in their degreed (for those who are employed) or currently enrolled courses, and be able to maintain that GPA while receiving the scholarship. Furthermore, applicants must meet any one of the language requirements stated in (6).

*From the viewpoint of attracting the best international students, it is possible to nominate international students presently residing in Japan for priority placement (hereinafter referred to “domestic recommenders”).

[Definition of “domestic recommenders”]

1. Those who are staying in Japan with a medium- to long-term resident status at the time of application. Those who have their base of residence in Japan, not including tourists and short-term visitors who are staying in Japan for the purpose of taking entrance examinations, etc. It is irrelevant whether the applicant is residing in Japan from the time of after application to the start of scholarship payments.
2. Applicants residing outside Japan at the time of application, but will come to Japan as a privately financed international students before the start of receiving scholarship payment.
 - If you are or will be in Japan as privately financed international student, you must complete your program at the school you are enrolled or plan to enroll in before receiving scholarship payment.
 - Travel expenses will not be paid for domestic recommenders, regardless of the reasons stated in 1. and 2.. If applicants return to their country of nationality after applying under condition 1., however, there are no exceptions if students return to Japan before scholarship payment begin.

(2) Nationality:

Applicants must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.

- Applicants who have Japanese nationality at the time of application are not eligible. However, persons

with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and whose place of residence at the time of application is outside of Japan are eligible to apply as long as they choose the nationality of the other country and renounce their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan (the acquisition of student status.)

(3) Age:

Applicants, in principle, must have been born on or after April 2, 1991. Exceptions are limited to cases in which MEXT deems that the applicant could not apply within the eligible age limit due to the situation or circumstances of the applicant's country (military service obligation, loss of educational opportunities due to disturbances of war, etc.) Personal circumstances (financial situation, family circumstances, state of health, circumstances related to applicant's university or place of employment, etc.) will not be considered for exceptions.

(4) Academic Background:

Applicants must meet the qualifications for admission to a master's course at NITech. (Applicants who will certainly satisfy them at the time of enrollment are also eligible.)

(5) Fields of Study:

Applicants should apply for the following fields of study. The research theme of the applicants should be related to Human Resource Development Program for Smart Energy Conversion through Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration .

Department of Engineering

(Fields) Program of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

(6) Language proficiency:

Applicants must satisfy any one of the following conditions to prove that they have sufficient Japanese or English language ability.

<JAPANESE>

1. Applicants must pass with N2 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at the time of application.
2. Applicants must complete curriculums that meet the conditions for admission to master's course at Japanese graduate schools using Japanese as the main language.

<ENGLISH>

1. Applicants must pass or achieve scores in English language proficiency tests that correspond to B2 or higher level in the European Common Language Reference Frame (CEFR) at the time of application.
 - ※Applicants must have a score equivalent to CEFR B2 or higher on a test that measures the four skills of listening, reading, speaking, and writing.
 - ※Regarding TOEIC, applicants can only apply if they have taken both TOEIC L&R/S&W and their scores in all four skills are equivalent to CEFR B2 or above.
 - ※Only TOEIC L&R/S&W, TOEFL iBT and IELTS are acceptable. TOEIC IP and IELTS General Training Module are not considered valid tests.
 - ※Valid English language test scores refer to scores obtained within two years from the date of MEXT scholarship application is posted on this website.
2. Applicants must complete school curriculum that meet the conditions for admission in master's courses at the Japanese graduate school by using English as the main language.

(7) Health:

Applicants must be physically and mentally healthy enough to pursue their studies in Japan.

(8) Arrival in Japan:

Applicants must be able to arrive in Japan during the period specified by NITech, which is within two weeks prior to October 1st.

Excluding cases in which MEXT deems as unavoidable circumstances, the applicant must withdraw from this scholarship program if the applicant cannot arrive in Japan by the end of the specified period above. If an applicant will arrive in Japan before or after the specified period due to personal circumstances, travel expenses will not be paid.

(9) VISA Requirement/Status of Residence

Applicants must obtain a “Student” visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant’s country of nationality and enter Japan with the residence status of “Student.” Please also note that if a grantee arrives in Japan without newly obtaining a “Student” visa, scholarship payments will be cancelled. Moreover, as the Japanese government requires pre-arrival tuberculosis screening for some countries, applicants obtaining a visa shall follow guidance at the overseas establishment of Japan located in the applicant’s country of nationality.

▪ Visa requirements and status of residence for domestic recommenders

For those whose current status of residence is not “Student,” applicants must change their status of residence to “Student” at the local Immigration Services Agency in Japan by time of registration as students at NITech. Even in cases of having other statuses of residence (“Permanent Resident,” “Long Term Resident”, etc.), applicants must change their status to “Student” and begin their courses of study as Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship students. It is important to note that applications for “Permanent Resident” or “Long Term Resident” status after status of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship student ends, may not be granted as a matter of course. Also, if studies as Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship students begin without changing status of residence to “Student,” scholarships will be canceled.

For those whose current status of residence is “Student,” they must complete the renewal procedures before the expiration of their periods of stay. Additionally, in the event of changes in school enrollment, notification must be submitted pursuant to the provisions of Article 19-16 of the Immigration-Control and Refugee-Recognition Act.

(10) Non-eligibility:

Those who meet any one of the following conditions are ineligible. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, he/she must withdraw from the scholarship.

1. Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees.
2. Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the date specified by MEXT or NITech.
3. Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship programs (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after acquisition of student status).

However, this does not apply to those who wish to apply for Research Students program and meet any one of following conditions. In addition, since the *Monbukagakusho* Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students does not apply to the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs, the precious grantees can apply.

- those who have at least three years of educational or work experience following the end of the payment of the previous scholarship and the start of this scholarship;
- the past grantees of Japanese Studies Students program who have graduate or are going to graduate from universities in their home countries, Japan-Korea Joint Government Scholarship

- Program for the Students in Science and Engineering Department and Young leader's Program;
 - those who have obtained or are expected to obtain a degree as undergraduate students of the Japanese Government(MEXT)Scholarship programs(university recommendation/Special Selection).
4. Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system. This includes the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2025.
 5. Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant's country) on top of the scholarship money provided by MEXT after the start of the scholarship payment (the acquisition of student status); other scholarships or fellowships from Japanese government, a Japanese government-related organization and others after the start of the scholarship payment period.
 6. Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given.
 7. Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan (the acquisition of student status) .
 8. Those who plan to, from the time of application for the MEXT scholarship program, engage in long-term research (such as field work or internship) outside Japan or plan to take long-term leave of absence from the university.
 9. Those who have no intention of obtaining a degree.

(11) Others:

MEXT Scholarship will be granted those who are willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at schools and communities during their study in Japan while contributing to the internationalization of Japan. They shall also make efforts to promote relations between the home country and Japan by maintaining close relations with the university attended after graduation, cooperating with the conducting of surveys and questionnaires, and cooperating with relevant projects and events conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission after they return to their home countries.

3. Number of the applicants to be recommended to MEXT Scholarship

Master's Course: The number of students to be admitted is FIVE (5).

4. Period of MEXT Scholarship

The scholarship will be provided to MEXT master's students for their standard period of study for two years.

5. Scholarship Benefit

(1) Allowance:

Regular (Degree-seeking) students enrolled in master's course:147,000 JPY per month.

Due to the situation of the Japanese Government's budget, the amount of payment may be subject to change each fiscal year. If a grantee is absent from the university for an extended period, the scholarship shall be suspended for that period.

(2) Travel Expenses

A) Transportation to Japan:

MEXT will stipulate the travel schedule and route and provide an airline ticket. However, MEXT will not provide an airline ticket for cases of domestic recommenders. The airline ticket

will be an economy-class ticket for the flight from the international airport closest to the grantee's residence (in principle, the country of nationality) to an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to NITech (Chubu Centrair International Airport/NGO). The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to domestic travel from the grantee's residence to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. The grantee shall also bear at his/her own expense travel and lodging costs incurred in a third country if the grantee must travel to a third country before coming to Japan for visa purposes because there are no Japanese diplomatic missions in his/her country, and the Japanese diplomatic mission is closed in his/her country, or if there are no direct flights from the grantee's country of residence to Japan. MEXT will provide an economy-class airline ticket from the grantee's country of residence to the said third country, and from the third country to an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to NITech (Chubu Centrair International Airport/NGO). In principle, the address given in the space for "your address before departure for Japan" on the application form shall be recognized as the "residence," and the airline ticket will be arranged for a flight from the international airport nearest to that address. Except for cases when the grantee must travel to a third country to obtain a visa, MEXT will not provide an airline ticket for cases of travel to Japan from a country other than the grantee's country of residence due to the grantee's personal circumstances.

B) Transportation from Japan:

Based on the application by the grantee, MEXT will provide an airline ticket to grantees who shall graduate or complete NITech and return to the home country by the end of the final month of the period of scholarship (See "**4. Period of MEXT Scholarship**") designated by MEXT. MEXT shall provide an economy-class airline ticket from the international airport in Japan used for the normal route to and from NITech to the international airport (in principle, in the country of nationality) nearest to the returning grantee's residence. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to travel from the grantee's residence in Japan to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within the country of nationality (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. If a grantee returns to the home country before the end of period of scholarship due to personal circumstances, or reasons stated in "**6. Suspension of Payment of Scholarship**," MEXT will not pay for the returning travel expenses.

If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended (ex. proceeding to further education or being employed in Japan), travel expenses for a temporary return will also not be paid.

6. Suspension of Payment of Scholarship

Payment of the scholarship will be cancelled for the reasons given below. Should any of the following reasons apply, the grantee may be ordered to return a part of, or all of, the scholarship paid up to that time. Payment of the scholarship may also be stopped during the period up to the decision on the disposition of

the matter.

1. A grantee is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application.
2. A grantee violates any article of his/her pledge to the MEXT.
3. A grantee violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced and imprisoned for an indefinite period or for a period exceeding one year.
4. A grantee is suspended from his/her university or receives other punishment, or is removed from enrollment; as a disciplinary action in accordance with school regulations of the accepting institution.
5. It has been determined that it will be impossible for a grantee to complete the course within the standard period of study because of poor academic grades or suspension or absence from the university.
6. A grantee came to Japan without newly acquiring the “Student” residence status, or changed his/her residence status to one other than “Student.” In case of domestic recommenders, they begin studies as Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship students with a status of residence other than “Student” or changed his/her residence status to one other than “Student”.
7. A grantee has received another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenditures) .
8. A grantee proceeds to a more advanced level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship.
9. A grantee withdraws from his/her university or transfers to another university.
10. A grantee’s annual GPA is below 2.30 or the grading standard set by the university.

7. Application Procedure

Applicants should contact the academic advisor first and obtain approval of acceptance of the academic advisor. Next, applicants should send the following documents to International Affairs Division of NITech by e-mail (see the contact address shown in 14) by January 9, 2026.

Note: If it is difficult to submit some of these documents before the deadline for an unavoidable reason, please consult with the academic advisor in advance.

[Application Documents]

- (1) Application Form
- (2) MEXT Application Form
 - ※Photo data (Taken within three months, full-face portrait and hatless. The extension of the photo file must be "jpeg" or "jpg". The file size must be 120KB or more.
- (3) Field of Study and Research Plan [Research Proposal]
- (4) Official transcript of academic record
- (5) Recommendation Letter
 - ※It must be issued by the Dean of the department or higher at your university with university letter head.
 - ※The name of the addressee in the letter must be “the President of Nagoya Institute of Technology.”
- (6) Certificate of Graduation or Expected Graduation
- (7) Japanese language certificate or English language certificate (Refer to 2(6))
- (8) Copy of your passport containing the page of your name and photo
- (9) Pledge
- (10) Declaration of Applicable Specific Categories

Note;

- These documents should be in English with word-processing software in A4 sized paper.

The documents submitted will not be returned.

Applications will not be considered if the required documents are incomplete or inaccurately filled out.

Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted.

8. Preliminary Consultation for Applicants with Disabilities or Others

Special treatment is available for students with disabilities. Please contact the International Affairs Division prior to the application if you have a disability stipulated in Article 22-3 of the Order for Enforcement of the School Education Act and other disability or others, and therefore need special care to enable you to attend the admission examination.

You should inform the International Affairs Division of the content of your requirements by e-mail. Please refer to section “14 Contact/Inquiries.”

9. Selection and Notification

1. Application Period

Deadline: January 9, 2026

2. Selection

Based on the application form, academic transcripts, other documents submitted, and interview (including an online interview).

3. Date of Examination

Will be announced after submission of application documents.

4. Notification of Result

Will be announced by March 6, 2026.

10. Examination Fee, Admission Fee and Tuition

Successful applicants for the MEXT Scholarship are exempt from paying the application fee, the admission fee, and the tuition described below. MEXT Scholarship will be awarded to three students. Successful applicants must meet all the requirements outlined in the 2026 MEXT Scholarship Application Guidelines.

All applicants except those selected for the MEXT Scholarship will be required to pay the following fee:

Application Fee 30,000 JPY

Applicants who are not selected for the MEXT Scholarship will be required to pay the following fees:

Admission Fee 282,000 JPY

Tuition 535,800 JPY(annual)

(The admission fee and tuition are subject to change.)

Applicants will be informed of the payment method after the notification of their admission result.

Admission fee and tuition can be exempted, or the payment can be postponed upon request. Students who wish for the exemption or payment postponement are required to submit the application form. The detailed procedure and deadline will be informed to successful applicants separately.

11. Notes

- After your arrival in Japan, it will take about a month to a month and a half to receive your scholarship, so please prepare at least approximately 300,000 JPY to cover your immediate living expenses.
- MEXT Scholarship Students may be disqualified from their status if their annual GPA falls below 2.30 or below the grading standard set by NITech.
- All students have to enroll in National Health Insurance (Kokumin Kenko Hoken) upon arrival in Japan.
- Japanese Government (MEXT) will conduct a selection process for those recommended by the university, and will determine the scholarship recipients and the period of the scholarship in June 2025 (tentative). Therefore, there is no guarantee that you will be selected even if you are recommended by NITech.
- If you are selected as a scholarship guarantee, information about the grantee (name, gender, date of birth, nationality, host university/graduate school/faculty, major field of study, period of enrollment, post-graduate career path, and contact information) may be shared with other relevant government organizations for the purpose of utilization for international students programs implemented by the Japanese Government (support during period of study in Japan, follow-up survey, improvement of the international student system). Information regarding MEXT Scholarship Students (excluding date of birth and contact information) may be included in publicity materials prepared by the MEXT for promoting the acceptance of international students in Japan, particularly in order to introduce former MEXT Scholarship Students who are playing active roles in countries around the world.
- If you are selected as a scholarship guarantee, you will be asked to accept this handling in pledge that stipulates the items to be observed a MEXT scholarship student. MEXT will accept applicants who agree to the policies as MEXT scholarship students.
- If an applicant is judged not to meet the conditions for landing in Japan, he/she may be rejected.

12. Accommodation

NITech has a dormitory, NITech Cosmo Village, for overseas students in the main campus.

13. Security Export Control

Nagoya Institute of Technology has established the “Nagoya Institute of Technology Security Export Control regulations” in accordance with the “Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act”, and rigorously screens potential international students on the basis of these regulations.

In November 2021, in accordance with the clarification of the scope of control for “deemed exports” under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (“FEFTA”), all applicants who are to study at Nagoya Institute of Technology will be required to submit a “Declaration of applicable specific categories” based on the “Flowchart for determining applicable specific categories.” In addition, some students may be required to submit a “pledge” at the time of admission procedures.

Please be aware that applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in said regulations may have their education or research activities restricted.

[Reference]

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry “Security Export Control”

<https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/anpo/englishpage.html>

“Nagoya Institute of Technology Security Export Control regulations”

https://www.nitech.ac.jp/eng/about/regulations/files/c-1_Security_Export_Control_Regulations.pdf

14. Contact/ Inquiries

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