

Uniform call for Japanese government MEXT scholarship, nomination through the e³ program for October 2026 Intake

e³ program calls for scholarship applications by international students who wish to enroll in the Graduate School of Engineering for October 2026 intake under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program.

The application starts with screening and selection for the scholarship. Applicants are expected to be academically excellent and strongly motivated to conduct Master's or Doctoral level research at a laboratory within the e³ program. Shortlisted candidates who passed the first screening (document screening and interview with a prospective supervisor) will proceed to the second screening (document screening and interview with the nomination committee) and be asked to submit additional documents to complete the procedure.

Applicants who are nominated for the scholarship must subsequently apply for admission screening to the e³ program, the Graduate School of Engineering (Caution: MEXT Scholarship application and admission screening to the e³ program are separate procedures).

Please refer to the e³ program website for details about our program.

(<https://www.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/e3/join/adm-general>).

Caution

This is the only solicitation for MEXT Scholarships (University Recommendation) to international students by the Graduate School of Engineering. The guideline below is based on the requirements of the scholarship program titled "Next-Generation Green Transformation Leader Development Program." However, candidates for other MEXT scholarships (University Recommendation), such as "General", will be selected from the same pool of applicants.

For scholarships other than "Next-Generation Green Transformation Leader Development Program", the number of positions, result notification timeline, and conditions are subject to year-by-year change. Shortlisted candidates will be timely instructed by the e³ program about further materials to complete the application.

Special considerations

The e³ program recruits candidates for MEXT scholarship from all over the world, due regard being given to the geographic diversity of the scholarship recipients. For this scholarship call, candidates from the following regions are strongly encouraged to apply: Southwest Asia.

"Next-Generation Green Transformation Leader Development Program"

1. Number of positions of the scholarship

Master's program: 3 positions

Doctoral program: 4 positions

2. Field of study

All 13 Divisions in the fields of Mechanical Engineering, Materials Science, Applied Physics, Civil Engineering, Environmental and Resource Engineering, Architecture and Design participate in the e³ program.

3. Qualifications

- We accept applications from international students who reside outside of Japan.
- Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university are not eligible.

Visa Requirement/ Status of Residence: An applicant shall, in principle, newly obtain a "Student" visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission located 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.

Master's course

Applicants must have (or are expected to receive prior to October 2026) a bachelor's degree or equivalent and have completed at least 16 years of education (if the curriculum in the applicant's country requires less than 16 years to complete a bachelor's degree or equivalent, the bachelor's program shall not be less than 3 years).

Doctoral course

Applicants must have (or are expected to receive prior to October 2026) a master's degree or equivalent.

a. Nationality

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

(Please refer to the website below for the list of countries.)

<https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/index.html>

b. Age

Applicant's birthday must be on or after **April 2nd, 1991**.

c. Academic background

Applicants must have an excellent academic record and be proficient in English.

<Grade/GPA>

Applicants must meet a GPA requirement of good or above-average grades(ex.: 3 out of 4, over 80%).

<Minimum English Requirement>

1. TOEFL iBT: 79, TOEFL iBT Home Edition: 79
2. IELTS (Academic): Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing shall be over 5.5 respectively, and Overall Band Score shall be over 6.0.
3. TOEIC L&R (Listening 400, Reading 385) and TOEIC S&W (Speaking 160, Writing 150)
 - If you take IELTS or TOEIC test to submit as an English requirement, all the four skills shall be over CEFR B2 level.

Period of Validity of the tests:

For the MEXT Scholarship application, the official English test must be taken on or after March 31st, 2024 (tests taken before this date are not considered valid).

4. Medium of Instruction Certificate (MI)

d. Country of current residence

Applicants must be residing outside of Japan.

4. Conditions

a. Application fee for MEXT scholarship: free

b. Duration of scholarship

Master's program: 2 years

Doctoral program: 3 years

- MEXT Scholarship recipients who complete his/her Master's degree at the e³ program could apply for scholarship extension to the doctoral program. Extensions are granted on a competitive basis.

c. Amount and benefits

Monthly allowance: Master's course: 144,000 JPY (tentative) / Doctoral course: 145,000 JPY (tentative)

Examination fee for e³ special selection: exempted

Entrance fee: exempted

Tuition fees: exempted

Arrival/ Return ticket: provided

- Scholarship disbursement procedures will be conducted after your arrival in Japan. Depending on the timing of these procedures, the first stipend payment may be made in November. Therefore, please ensure you have at least two months' worth of living expenses prepared.

5. Selection Schedule

First Screening	November 21 st – November 30 th , 2025
Result Announcement of the First Screening	January 22 nd , 2026
Second Screening Interview for shortlisted candidates	January 26 th – January 30 th , 2026 [tentative]
Submission of additional documents	By the end of January 2026 [tentative]
Final Result Announcement	February 16 th , 2026 [tentative]

First Screening

Upload application documents via the e³ online system:

Applicants need to submit their documents to the e³ online system well ahead of the deadline. The e³ online system will open on November 21st at noon, and close after November 30th, 11:59 pm (Japan Standard Time), so please be punctual.

Laboratories may start reviewing the applications during the online submission period.

Interview with your prospective supervisor:

If the prospective supervisor determines that the applicant has the potential to be accepted based on the submitted documents, an online interview with the prospective supervisor will be conducted.

Result announcement of the First Screening:

Results will be notified by email from the e³ Program Office.

Only shortlisted candidates will be called for the final interview.

Second Screening

Interview for shortlisted candidates:

This is an online interview with the professors of the MEXT Scholarship Selection Committee of the e³ program. Please be sure to keep the dates of the final interview listed above available.

Submission of additional documents:

Shortlisted candidates must submit the documents specified in section 7 by the designated deadline. Submission methods and deadlines will be informed upon notification of the first screening results.

Final Result announcement:

Results will be notified by email from the e³ Program Office.

Admission to the Graduate School of Engineering:

After being selected as a nominee for the MEXT scholarship, it is required to take the entrance examination to the Graduate School of Engineering. The application for admission screening to the Master's or Doctoral course at the Graduate School of Engineering via the e³ Special Selection period is around February-March, 2026.

6. Application documents

All documents listed below must be submitted via the e³ online system by November 30th (a soft copy). At a later stage, shortlisted candidates will be asked to submit some additional documents. Please confirm the conditions for each item. The formats can be downloaded from the e³ website.

1	Motivation to Apply and Research Plan Format: e³ designated format/ Length: maximum 2 pages (excluding the citation page). ■ Please download the format through the e³ website. ■ Do not use the format for e³ special selection.
2	Abstracts of Graduation Thesis and Publications [Abstracts of Graduation thesis] Format: e³ designated format/ Length: maximum 2 pages ■ Make sure to include the title, author(s), name of supervisor, submission date (or expected submission date), and specify the type of work (Master's thesis, Bachelor's thesis, graduation project, etc) at the beginning of the abstract. ■ Do not submit the full thesis. ■ Doctoral applicants are required to submit an abstract of Bachelor's and Master's theses. ■ If a formal thesis was not a part of your degree program, please prepare a summary of the research project, extensive project, etc. you conducted at your home university. [Publications] Format: Free/ Length: maximum 2 pages per publication / Up to 3 titles ■ State the titles of books and papers you authored. ■ Please include your name, co-writers, address of publisher, and the date of publication. ■ If your paper was published in a language other than English, please prepare an English abstract. ■ If available, provide the latest impact factor for publication in an SCI (Science Citation Index) journal.

3	Academic Transcripts Submit official academic transcripts from each program from which you graduated/expected to graduate. Bachelor's degree holders: transcripts from the undergraduate school(s). Master's degree holders: transcripts from both the undergraduate and graduate schools. ■ If you are currently enrolled in a program, submit the most recent transcript. ■ If you withdrew from the program before completing it, submit your final transcript up to the date of withdrawal. ■ Please make sure the date of issue is specified. ■ If the transcript is issued in a language other than English, please submit the transcript in your native language and an English translation certified by an issuing institution or public notary. ■ Transcripts issued online are not acceptable. If your university only issues online transcripts, send an email with the necessary information, such as the URL or necessary ID number, so that the e³ program office can verify it. Alternatively, the e3 program office may contact your university. ■ <u>Please attach the grading scale/system of the university. If the grading scale/system is clearly indicated on the transcript, you don't need to submit it separately.</u>
4	Graduation/Expected Graduation Certificates [Applicants who already graduated] Submit the graduation certificates from each program from which you earned a degree. Bachelor's degree holders: Graduation Certificate from the undergraduate school(s). Master's degree holders: Graduation Certificate from both the undergraduate and graduate schools. If you have already graduated with a degree but have not received a degree certificate or have received only a Provisional Certificate at the time of applying, please submit a letter from the university stating the circumstances, the date of the degree awarded, and the expected date of the conferral ceremony of the degree certificate. [Applicants who are expected to graduate] Submit a "Certificate of Expected Graduation" with the <u>month and year</u> of expected graduation. If your university does not issue a certificate of expected graduation, please obtain a "Certificate of Enrollment" which shows the <u>month and year</u> of entry and expected graduation. ■ If your diploma/certificate is written in a language other than English, please submit a copy of the diploma in your native language with the official stamp and signature, and an English translation certified by an issuing institution or public notary. ■ High school certificates are not required.

5	Recommendation Letter Format: e³ designated letter format or free format with the official letterhead of your university. ■ The letter must be provided by your research supervisor or your academic advisor in the currently attending or most recently graduated program. ■ The wet signature handwritten by the recommender is required. Copied and pasted signatures, and typed signatures are not acceptable. If the recommender wants to use a pasted signature or an electronic signature, the recommender must send the letter directly to e³ program office via email. ■ A recommendation letter from your workplace is NOT acceptable.								
6	Documents to Prove English Proficiency Submit an English test score that exceeds the e³ minimum requirement mentioned below or a Medium of Instruction certificate that proves that English was the medium of instruction in the full-time degree program. 【Minimum English Test Score】 TOEFL iBT: 79, TOEFL iBT Home Edition: 79 IELTS (Academic): Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing shall be over 5.5 respectively, and Overall Band Score shall be over 6.0. TOEIC L&R (Listening 400, Reading 385) and TOEIC S&W (Speaking 160, Writing 150) ■ If you take IELTS or TOEIC test to submit as an English requirement, all the four skills shall be over CEFR B2 level. <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1193 1340 1624"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="320 1193 569 1256">Accepted Tests</th><th data-bbox="569 1193 1340 1256">Not Accepted Tests</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 1256 569 1361">TOEFL iBT, TOEFL iBT Home Edition</td><td data-bbox="569 1256 1340 1361">TOEFL ITP, TOEFL ITP Plus for China, Revised TOEFL PDT</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 1361 569 1424">IELTS (Academic)</td><td data-bbox="569 1361 1340 1424">IELTS (General Training) , IELTS online</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 1424 569 1624">TOEIC Listening & Reading Tests and TOEIC Speaking & Writing Tests</td><td data-bbox="569 1424 1340 1624">TOEIC IP/ TOEIC Institutional Test Sessions, TOEIC Speaking Test, TOEIC Bridge Test</td></tr> </tbody> </table> Additional procedure of English test score: TOEFL iBT and TOEFL iBT Home Edition A copy of the score report must be submitted via the e³ online system. In the Second Screening, shortlisted candidates will be asked to request Institutional Score Report to be sent directly to the e³ program office from Educational Testing Service (ETS) using our Institutional Code. Institutional Code: 8648 Please note that e³ program uses Test Date score only and does not use MyBest score.	Accepted Tests	Not Accepted Tests	TOEFL iBT, TOEFL iBT Home Edition	TOEFL ITP, TOEFL ITP Plus for China, Revised TOEFL PDT	IELTS (Academic)	IELTS (General Training) , IELTS online	TOEIC Listening & Reading Tests and TOEIC Speaking & Writing Tests	TOEIC IP/ TOEIC Institutional Test Sessions, TOEIC Speaking Test, TOEIC Bridge Test
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7	Photocopy of your passport Provide a photocopy of the page showing your photo, nationality, and name ■ If you are applying for or renewing a passport at the time of application, please submit a national ID card that includes your photo, nationality, name, and birthday. As soon as you obtain a new passport, please send a photocopy via email.

7. Additional Documents (will be requested at a later stage from the shortlisted candidates)

1. Application form for Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship
2. Field of Study and Research proposal (Japanese Government MEXT format)
3. Pledge (must be handwritten and required to submit at a later stage)
4. Official ranking certificate (free format)
5. Recommendation letter **addressed to “the President of Hokkaido University”**
 - The letter must be prepared by the Dean (Head of School or Faculty) of the currently enrolled university or the last university attended.
 - The letter must be addressed to “the President of Hokkaido University” with the letterhead of your university.
6. **【Only applicants who graduated/ are expected to graduate from a Chinese University】**

An English verification report of transcript and online verification diploma from CHSI. Please request CHSI to send them directly to e³ program office by e-mail.

CHSI: <https://www.chsi.com.cn/en/>

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