Uniform call for Japanese government MEXT scholarship, nomination through the e³ program for October 2023 Intake

e³ program calls for scholarship applications by international students who wish to enroll in the Graduate School of Engineering for October 2023 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 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 (interview with 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 "Global Engineering Leadership Program for Sustainable Development." However, candidates for other MEXT scholarships (University Recommendation) such as "General", "Top Global University Scholarship" and "Study-in-Japan Global Network Scholarship" will be selected from the same pool of applicants.

For scholarships other than "Global Engineering Leadership Program for Sustainable Development", 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.

"Global Engineering Leadership Program for Sustainable Development"

1. Number of positions of the scholarship

Master's program: 4 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 e^3 program.

MEXT Scholarship recipients of the "Global Engineering Leadership Program for Sustainable Development " will be required to study **System Engineering**, a high-priority research area of Hokkaido University, by taking one of the following courses:

- System Engineering Ⅰ

- System Engineering Ⅱ

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.

Master's course

Applicants must have (or are expected to receive prior to October 2023) 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 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 2023) a master's degree or equivalent.

a. Nationality

Applicants must have 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, 1988.

c. Academic background

Applicants must have 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>

TOEIC L&R 785

TOEFL iBT 79, TOEFL iBT Home Edition 79,

IELTS (Academic) 6.0

Medium of Instruction Certificate (MI)

d. Country of current residence

Applicants must be residing outside of Japan.

4. Conditions

a. Duration of scholarship

Master program: 2 years

Doctoral program: 3 years

* MEXT Scholarship recipients who complete his/her Master's degree at the e^3 program could apply for scholarship extension to the doctoral program. Extensions are granted on competitive basis.

b. Amount and benefits

Monthly allowance	Admission fee: exempted
- Master course: 144,000 JPY	Tuition fees: exempted
- Doctoral course: 145,000 JPY	Arrival ticket: provided
Application fee: exempted	Return ticket: provided

5. Selection Schedule

First Screening

> **Upload application documents via the e^3 online system:** December 19th-January 3rd, 2023
> Applicants are encouraged to submit their documents well ahead of the deadline. Laboratories may start reviewing the applications during the on-line submission period.

> **Result announcement of the First Screening:** February 1st, 2023
> **Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interviews.**

Second Screening

    Interview for shortlisted candidates: Februray 6th-14th, 2023 (tentative)

    Submission of additional documents: by February 24th, 2023

    Final Result announcement: At the beginning of March, 2023 (tentative, depending on the scholarship type you are nominated for, the results announcement date may vary)

Application for admission screening to the Master's or Doctoral course at the Graduate School of Engineering via the e3 Special Selection: around March-April, 2023.

6. Application documents

All documents listed below must be submitted via the e³ online system by January 3rd (a soft copy). At a later stage, shortlisted candidates will be asked to submit the originals of listed documents and some additional documents by post. Please confirm the conditions for each item. The formats can be downloaded from the website.

1	**Motivation to apply and Research Proposal** Format: e3 designated format/ Length: maximum 2 pages (excluding the citation page).
2	**Abstracts of Graduation Thesis and Publications** **Abstracts of Graduation thesis** Format: Free/ 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). Doctoral applicants are only required to submit an abstract of his/her Master's thesis. 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 State the titles of books and papers you authored. Please include your name, co-writers, address of publisher and the date of publication. You can only upload maximum 3 publications on e³ online system. 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 earned a degree. If you are currently enrolled in a program, submit the most recent transcript. If the transcript is issued in a language other than English, please submit the transcript in your native language accompanied by an English translation certified by an issuing institution or public notary. Please attach the grading scale, if available. -Bachelor's degree holders: please submit transcripts from the undergraduate school(s). -Master's degree holders: please submit transcripts from both undergraduate and graduate schools. Please make sure the date of issue is specified.
4	**Graduation/Expected Graduation Certificates** Submit the graduation certificates from each program from which you earned a degree. High school certificates are not required. Applicants who are expected to graduate: - Submit a certificate with the month and year of expected graduation. - If your university does not issue a certificate of expected graduation, please obtain a certificate of enrollment which shows the month and year of entry and graduation. - If your diploma is written in a language other than English, please submit the diploma in your native language accompanied by English translation certified by an issuing institution or public notary.
5	**2 Recommendation Letters** The first letter shall be provided by your supervisor in the currently enrolled or most recently graduated program. Format: You may either download the e^3 designated letter format or use free format.
6	**Documents to Prove English Proficiency** Submit an English test score that exceeds the e^3 minimum requirement mentioned below or Medium of Instruction certificate that proves that English was the medium of instruction in the full-time degree program. 【**Minimum English Test Score**】 TOEIC L&R: 785; TOEFL iBT Test:79; TOEFL iBT Home Edition: 79; IELTS: 6.0; Accepted / Not Accepted Tests table below

Accepted Tests	Not Accepted Tests
TOEIC Listening & Reading test	TOEIC IP, TOEIC Speaking & Writing Tests, TOEIC Speaking Test, TOEIC Bridge Test
TOEFL iBT, TOEFL iBT Home Edition	TOEFL ITP, TOEFL ITP Plus for China
IELTS (Academic）	IELTS (General Training)

Additional procedure of English test score:

TOEFL iBT and TOEFL iBT Home Edition

A copy of the score report must be submitted via the e^3 online system.

In the Second Screening, shortlisted candidates will be asked to request Institutional Score Report to be sent directly to the e^3 program office from Educational Testing Service (ETS) using our Institutional Code. **Institutional Code**: 8648

Please note that e^3 program use Test Date score only and does not use MyBest score.

IELTS (Academic)

A copy of the score report must be submitted via the e^3 online system.

In the Second Screening, shortlisted candidates will be asked to request a Test Report Form to be sent directly to the e^3 program office from International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Center.

TOEIC Listening & Reading

A copy of the score report or a screenshot of your score must be submitted via the e^3 online system.

In the Second Screening, shortlisted candidates will be asked to send to e3 Program Office an original Official Score Certificate in unopened envelop from ETS. Please be aware that once the envelop is opened, the certificate is no longer considered valid.

Period of Validity of the tests:

The test must be taken after May 2021 (tests taken before this date are not considered valid).

【Special considerations due to covid-19 situation】

Score submission delays for some days past the on-line submission deadline (January 3rd) can be considered on case-by-case basis. However, please be aware that failure to submit the original of test certificates by the specified by the program deadline will result in application disqualification.   Applicants who have difficulty traveling to the test sites due to covid related restrictions are strongly encouraged to apply for TOEFL iBT Home Edition which can be taken on-line from home.

	【**Medium of Instruction certificate (MI)**】 Applicants who completed full time degree programs in English can submit MI certificate as a proof of English proficiency. MI certificate is an official letter or a certificate stating that English is the language of instruction at the university or a specific degree program. If English being the language of instruction is clearly specified in the transcript or diploma, there is no need to submit MI certificate separately. Examples: -Master's course applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from a full-time Bachelor's degree program for which the medium of instruction is English. -Doctoral applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from a full-time Master's degree program for which the medium of instruction is English.
7	**Photocopy of your passport** Provide a photocopy of the page showing your photo, nationality, and name

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

1. Application form for Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship (handwritten signature is required on page 5)
2. Field of Study and Research proposal (Japanese Government MEXT format)
3. Pledge, original (must be handwritten)
4. Official ranking certificate (free format, copy)
5. Recommendation letter addressed to "the President of Hokkaido University"
   The letter must be prepared by 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 letter head 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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