

Japanese government MEXT scholarship, nomination through e³ program for October 2021 Intake

e³ program calls for scholarship application by international students who wish to enroll in the Graduate School of Engineering for October 2021 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 to the e³ program, the Graduate School of Engineering (Caution: MEXT Scholarship application and admission of the Graduate School of Engineering 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. This guideline is for the scholarship program titled "Global Leadership Program for Cold Region Engineering." 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 Leadership Program for Cold Region Engineering", the number of positions, results notification timeline and conditions are subject to year-by-year change. Shortlisted candidates will be timely instructed by the e³ program about further material to complete the application.

"Global Leadership Program for Cold Region Engineering"

1. Number of positions of the scholarship

Master's program: 4 positions

Doctoral program: 3 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.

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

- Fieldwork on Development Technologies in Cold Region (Course in HSI)

Reference: <https://hokkaidosummerinstitute.oia.hokudai.ac.jp/courses/CourseDetail=G100>

- Practical lecture and field trip in Russia (For 2020, students will participate in "The International Competition of Graduating Projects of Bachelor/Specialist/Master Degree Students, Architectural Drawing Competition" held in Russia.)

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 hold (or are expected to receive prior to October 2021) 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 hold (or are expected to receive prior to October 2021) 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, 1986.

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 Special Home Edition 79, PBT 550

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 e³ program could apply for scholarship extension to the doctoral program.

b. Amount and benefit

Monthly allowance

Master course: 144,000 JPY

Doctoral course: 145,000 JPY

-Application fee: exempted

-Admission fee: exempted

-Tuition fees: exempted

-Arrival ticket: provided

-Return ticket: provided

5. Selection Schedule

First Screening

Upload application documents on e³ online system: Nov 16 - Dec 4, 2020

Result announcement of First Screening: Jan 15, 2021

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

Second Screening

Interview for shortlisted candidates: Jan 25 – 29, 2021(tentative)

Submission of additional documents: By Feb 12

Final Result announcement: Feb 15

Application to e³ program, Graduate School of Engineering: Around April 2021

6. Application documents

All documents listed below must be submitted on e³ online system by Dec 4, 2020 by 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.

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| 1 | Field of Study and Research Plan Format: Use MEXT designated form/ Length: maximum 4 pages including a 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 e ³ online system. 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 updated 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. -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 **One Recommendation Letter**
 The letter shall be provided by your supervisor in the currently enrolled or most recently graduated program.
 Format: You may either download the e³ designated letter format or use free format.

Documents to Prove English Proficiency
 Submit an English test score that exceeds the e³ 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 Special Home Edition: 79; TOEFL PBT: 550; IELTS: 6.0;

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

6 **Additional procedure of English test score:**

TOEFL iBT and TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition
 A copy of the score report must be submitted on e³ online system.
 In addition, an Institutional Score Report must be sent directly to the e³ program office from Educational Testing Service (ETS) using our Institutional Code. The request to ETS must be made prior to Dec 4, 2020 to meet the scholarship application deadline.
Institutional Code: 8648
 Please note that e³ program use Test Date score only and does not use MyBest score.

IELTS (Academic)
 A copy of the score report must be submitted on e³ online system.
 In addition, a Test Report Form must be sent directly to the e³ program office from International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Center. The request to IELTS must be made prior to Dec 4, 2020 to meet the scholarship application deadline.

TOEIC Listening & Reading
 A copy of the score report or screenshot of your score must be submitted on e³ 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.

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| | <p>Period of Validity of the tests</p> <p>The test must be taken after June 2019 (tests taken before this date are not considered valid).</p> <p>Caution: if we do not receive the original of the official English test score by Feb 12, your application will not be valid.</p> <p>【Medium of Instruction certificate (MI)】</p> <p>Medium of Instruction Certificate (MI) issued by university or program is considered as an alternative certificate of English tests for the following applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants to Master’s program who graduated or are expected to graduate from a full-time Bachelor’s degree program in which the medium of instruction is English. - Doctoral applicants who graduated or are expected to graduate from a full-time Master’s degree program in which the medium of instruction is English. <p>If MI is clearly specified in the transcript or diploma, there is no need to submit an MI certificate separately.</p> |
| 7 | <p>Photocopy of your passport</p> <p>Provide a photocopy of the page showing your photo, nationality, and name</p> |

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

1. Application form for Japanese Government Scholarship (hand written signature is required in page 5)
2. Pledge, original (must be hand written)
3. Official ranking certificate (free format, copy)
4. Recommendation letter

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.
5. **【Only applicants who graduated/ are expected to graduate from a Chinese University】**

An English verification report of transcript from CHESI and online verification diploma from CDGDC. Please directly sent them from CHESI/CDGDC to e3 program office by e-mail.

CHESI: <https://www.chsi.com.cn/en/> CDGDC: <http://www.cdgdc.edu.cn/>

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