

Regular Examination

Regular Examination

I. Number of Students to be Admitted

School	Division	Number of Students to be Admitted	
		October 2024 Admission	April 2025 Admission
Graduate School of Advanced Science and Technology	Division of Advanced Science and Technology	282 (See Note 1)	282 (See Note 2)

Note 1: The number of students in October 2024 admission includes the number of students admitted in April 2024 through the Special Selections and Regular Examination to JAIST Master's program.

Note 2: The number of students in April 2025 admission includes the number of students scheduled to be admitted in October 2025 through the Special Selections and Regular Examination to JAIST Master's Program.

II. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements by the day prior to the day of desired enrollment. Eligible applicants are those who have:

1. graduated from a Japanese university.
2. been granted a bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE) as stipulated in Paragraph 7, Article 104 of the School Education Act.
3. completed a 16-year curriculum of school education in countries other than Japan.
4. completed a curriculum at a foreign-affiliated university in Japan which has a university education curriculum under the school education of its country (Its completion must be regarded as the completion of a 16-year curriculum of school education in its country) and specifically designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
5. completed a 16-year curriculum of school education in a foreign country by completing a correspondence curriculum of an overseas educational institution while residing in Japan.
6. been granted a bachelor's degree from a foreign university or other foreign institution of higher education by completing a curriculum with a completion period of three years or more.
7. completed a specialized curriculum specifically designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at a vocational school on or after the date designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. The required period for graduation is four years or longer, and which also satisfies other condition specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
8. been designated as eligible by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. For example, those who graduated from a university which is not under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology.
9. Early Graduate School Entrance Program
Applicants for the early graduate school entrance program must have completed the required number of credits set by JAIST, which is approximately three-quarters of the necessary credits to graduate from a Japanese university or an equivalent level of the curriculum in a foreign country, with excellent academic results. Prospective applicants for the early graduate school entrance program are those who have:
 - a) attended a Japanese university for at least three years.
 - b) completed a 15-year curriculum of school education in countries other than Japan.
 - c) completed a 15-year curriculum of school education in a foreign country by completing the correspondence curriculum of an overseas educational institution while residing in Japan.
 - d) completed a curriculum at a foreign-affiliated university in Japan which has a university curriculum under the school education of its country (Its completion must be regarded as the completion of a 15-year curriculum of school education in its country) and specifically designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
10. enrolled in a graduate school as stipulated in Paragraph 2, Article 102 of the School Education Act, and recognized as having sufficient academic abilities by JAIST.
11. been recognized by JAIST through the Judgment of Eligibility as having an equivalent or greater scholastic ability than that of university graduates, and have reached 22 years of age.

Note: Applicants satisfying at least one of the eligibility requirements (1) - (8) are not required to pass through the Judgment of Eligibility. Such applicants should move to “III. Application Periods”.

[Judgment of Eligibility]

Applicants who wish to apply under the eligibility requirements (9), (10) or (11) must be screened by JAIST for eligibility prior to applying. Applicants should download the instruction documents and forms for judgment of eligibility from our website and submit all the necessary documents before the following deadline. (Admissions > Application Guide > Judgment of Eligibility)

Examination		Application Deadline for Judgment of Eligibility (The application must arrive by)
October 2024 admission		Tuesday, April 23, 2024
April 2025 admission	First examination	
	Second examination	Friday, August 2, 2024
	Third examination	Wednesday, October 23, 2024

For more information about the judgment of eligibility, please see the link below.

[Judgment of Eligibility URL]

<https://www.jaist.ac.jp/english/admissions/application-guide/Eligibility.html>

Please note with great caution that if an applicant enrolls in JAIST under the eligibility requirement (9) a), they will leave their university prior to graduation. In this case, they will not be eligible for some Japanese national examinations requiring that applicants have graduated from a university and obtained a bachelor’s degree.

Each applicant will be notified of the result of the judgment of eligibility one week before the end of each application period. If you have not received the result until the last week of the application period, please contact the Admissions Section (Email:nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp). Only applicants who have been admitted to obtain the eligibility can apply for the examination.

III. Application Periods

The application periods for each examination are described below. Please make “IV. Online Application Registration” and “V. Mailing Certificates” within the application period.

Examination		Application Period (Valid with postmark within the period)
October 2024 admission		Wednesday, May 29 - Tuesday, June 11, 2024
April 2025 admission	First examination	
	Second examination	Monday, September 2 - Friday, September 13, 2024
	Third examination	Wednesday, November 20 - Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Note 1: Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Students do not need to pay the screening fee. Please email the Admissions Section (Email:nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp) by the day before the end of application period. In the case that you are the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Student who are currently enrolled in another Japanese University, please submit the Certificate of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Student that specifies the period of receiving the scholarship.

Note 2: Multiple applications (i.e. applying for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd examinations) are acceptable, but applicants must follow the same procedure for each examination they apply for.

IV. Online Application Registration

Applicants must register their applications on the Internet to apply for the Regular Examination. The application procedure will be completed by “V. Mailing Certificates” to JAIST after applicants register the online application. The online application registration can be proceeded on our website. Please see our website for the detailed information about the online application registration. (Admissions > Online Application)

[Online Application URL]

<https://www.jaist.ac.jp/english/admissions/internet-application/internet-application.html>

(1) Screening fee

Applicants need to pay the screening fee of 30,000 yen when making the online application registration. For the payment method, please see our website of the online application registration.

Type	Amount	Summary
Screening Fee	¥30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● All transfer fees shall be paid by applicants in addition to the screening fee.● The paid screening fee is non-refundable in principle.● JAIST waives the screening fee for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Students.

<For applicants in Japan>

You can make a payment through the convenience store, post office, ATM, online banking or with a credit card.

<For applicants from overseas>

You can make a payment with a credit card.

(2) Documents to be uploaded

Prescribed forms, etc. need to be uploaded when making the online application registration. Please download them from our website and enter the information. (Admissions > Prescribed Forms) The PDF format is preferable when uploading.

[Prescribed Forms URL]

<https://www.jaist.ac.jp/english/admissions/application-form/form-m.html>

1. Documents to be uploaded by all applicants

Prescribed Forms, etc.	Summary
Photograph	Please prepare your color photograph data (jpeg, jpg, png, bmp) (max:2MB) which shows your full head and shoulders facing the front without a hat or any material covering your head and face, has no background and was taken in the past 3 months, and upload it according to the website of the online application registration.
Short essay	<p>Topic: "Study and research plan at JAIST"</p> <p>The topic should be the study and research plan you wish to pursue. Applicants should describe their research background, purpose and methods in their own words.</p> <p>The condition of research preparation, the association with the research so far (e.g. graduation research) and the reason you wish to change the major etc. may be added in the essay.</p> <p>The short essay should consist of about 1,000 Japanese characters or about 600 words in English, should be written horizontally with the font size of 11 points or larger and <u>less than or equal to one page in length, single-sided, A4-sized paper.</u></p> <p>Do not attach any supplementary materials.</p>

Entry Form	<p>Please fill in each column as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Select one research area in which you are deeply interested from areas listed on p.4. ② Provide one of faculty members' name that you wish to be supervised after enrollment. If there are some laboratories interesting for you, you can write the names of three supervisors in order of priority. Write the full name(s). ③ Select one degree you wish to obtain out of three: Knowledge Science, Information Science or Materials Science. Please refer to p.3. ④ Fill in three specialized subjects in which you have excelled. ⑤ Describe a reason why you wish to study at JAIST. ⑥ Describe your future career goals after graduating from Master's Program in JAIST. <p>The entry form should be written horizontally with the font size of 11 points or larger and <u>less than or equal to one page in length, single-sided, A4-sized paper.</u></p> <p>Do not attach any supplementary materials.</p>
Self-Declaration Form of Applicability to a Specific Category	

2. Documents to be uploaded by specified applicants

<Only for applicants who meet eligibility requirement (3) (4) (5) (6)>

Prescribed Form	Summary
Curriculum vitae	Not only applicants who have studied in university, but also all the applicants who have received education in any kind of school in countries other than Japan need to upload the curriculum vitae.

<Only for non-Japanese national applicants>

Certificates	Summary
Photocopy of the passport	Non-Japanese national applicants must upload a copy of their passports (the page with your full name). For those living in Japan at the time of application, a copy of their residence cards (both sides) must also be uploaded.
Photocopy of the residence card	<p>Only for those living outside Japan at the time of application and do not have valid passports, a copy of their family registers or citizenship certificates are acceptable. In this case, please note the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Documents in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied with a translation in English or Japanese. ● Please handwrite "I do not have a valid passport." in that copy.

V. Mailing Certificates

After registering the online application, please submit the following certificates to the Admissions Section. Please place all the required documents in the envelope and bring it to us in person, or send by registered express mail for applicants in Japan, or by registered mail such as DHL, FedEx or EMS for applicants from overseas. (Please write applicant's name, address, and rubricate "Application Documents Enclosed" on the envelope.) Please note that your application will not be completed until the parcel arrives at JAIST. Kindly notify the Admissions Section (Email:nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp) of the tracking number and the name of the courier service. We will accept parcels that have been postmarked within the application period.

(1) Documents to be submitted by all applicants

Certificates	Summary
<p>Official transcript</p> <p><u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u></p>	<p>An official transcript must be issued by the president or a dean of the university, junior college or technical college from which the applicant graduated (or will graduate) and bear the stamp or embossed seal and the signature of the authorizing official. <u>In the case that applicants obtained a course by transfer admission, or attended an advanced course of a junior college or a technical college, they must submit the transcript from the previous school (university, junior college or regular course of technical college).</u></p> <p>Applicants should submit <u>one</u> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Transcript issued by university (original) b) Certified true copy of transcript by university (original) c) Certified true copy of transcript by public institution (original) <p>The certificate must be prepared in English or Japanese. Documents in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied with an official translation in English or Japanese. Translations must be issued by the university or a public institution and bear the stamp or embossed seal of the university or the institution and the signature of the authorizing official. Translations from a Japanese language school or translation company are acceptable if they are stamped with the official seal of the translating body.</p> <p>If applicants apply under the eligibility requirements (9), (10) or (11), they do not need to submit it.</p>
<p>Proof of (expected) graduation</p> <p><u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u></p>	<p>Proof of (expected) graduation must be issued by the president or a dean of the university, junior college or technical college from which the applicant graduated (or will graduate) and bear the stamp or embossed seal and the signature of the authorizing official. It must specify the exact date of (expected) graduation.</p> <p>Applicants should submit <u>one</u> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Graduation certificate issued by university (original) b) Official letter issued by university (original) c) Certified true copy of diploma by university (original) d) Certified true copy of diploma by public institution (original) <p>The certificate must be prepared in English or Japanese. Documents in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied with an official translation in English or Japanese. Translations must be issued by the university or a public institution and bear the stamp or embossed seal of the university or the institution and the signature of the authorizing official. Translations from a Japanese language school or translation company are acceptable if they are stamped with the official seal of the translating body.</p> <p>If applicants apply under the eligibility requirements (9), (10) or (11), they do not need to submit it.</p>

(2) Documents to be submitted by specified applicants

<Only for applicants who meet eligibility requirement (2) (3) (6)>

Certificate	Summary
Proof of (expected) bachelor's degree <u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u>	Proof of (expected) bachelor's degree must be issued by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE) or the president or a dean of the university, junior college or technical college from which the applicant obtained (or will obtain) his/her bachelor's degree and bear the stamp or embossed seal and the signature of the authorizing official. Applicants should submit <u>one</u> of the following: a) Bachelor's degree certificate issued by university (original) b) Official letter issued by university (original) c) Certified true copy of diploma by university (original) d) Certified true copy of diploma by public institution (original) The certificate must be prepared in English or Japanese. Documents in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied with an official translation in English or Japanese. Translations must be issued by the university or a public institution and bear the stamp or embossed seal of the university or the institution and the signature of the authorizing official. Translations from a Japanese language school or translation company are acceptable if they are stamped with the official seal of the translating body. If proof of graduation shows the bachelor's degree, proof of bachelor's degree is not necessary.

<Only for MEXT Scholarship Students who are currently enrolled in another Japanese university>

Certificate	Summary
Certificate of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Student <u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u>	The certificate must be issued by the university which the applicant is currently attending and specify the period of receiving the scholarship. Applicants who are currently enrolled in JAIST do not need to submit this.

<Only for foreign government scholarship students>

Certificate	Summary
Certificate of foreign government sponsored student *Copies are acceptable.	The certificate must prove that the applicant is a foreign government sponsored student.

<Only for applicants whose name on the certificates are different to the present one due to marriage, etc.>

Certificate	Summary
Abstract of the family register, etc.	The certificate must prove the applicant's former and present names.

[Important] The details of “*Copies are NOT acceptable.”

Certificates must be original. Certificates bearing an electronic seal but not issued on anti-counterfeiting paper are not accepted unless the envelopes are sealed by the university from which the applicants graduated (or will graduate). If applicants cannot submit the original, please submit the Certified True Copy, which is proved by the university that applicants graduated from or a public institution such as an Embassy or a Consulate that it is the true copy of the original certificate.

Mailing Address: Admissions Section Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (JAIST) 1-1 Asahidai Nomi Ishikawa 923-1292 JAPAN Email: nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp Open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except Saturdays, Sundays, Japanese national holidays, etc.)
--

VI. Delivery of Examination Admission Card

Upon the successful completion of the "IV. Online Application Registration" and "V. Mailing Certificates" procedures, once the application deadline has passed, each applicant will receive an examination admission card and pertinent documents via postal mail. Additionally, the Entrance Examination Guide for the Master's Program and associated documents will be dispatched to all applicants via email. For those applicants residing outside of Japan at the time of application, these materials will be delivered via email. If they do not arrive one week before the examination date, please contact the Admissions Section (Email:nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp).

VII. Examination Schedule and Selection Method

(1) Examination Periods

Examination will be conducted on one day (specified date from JAIST) during the period shown below. Each applicant will be notified of the date, registration and examination time when they receive the examination admission card.

Examination		Examination Period	Method
October 2024 admission		Saturday, July 6 - Sunday, July 7, 2024	Online
April 2025 admission	First examination		
	Second examination	Saturday, October 12 - Sunday, October 13, 2024	
	Third examination	Saturday, January 11 - Sunday, January 12, 2025	

Note: We cannot accept any requests for dates and times.

(2) Selection Method

Selection is conducted by an oral examination. Applicants have a choice of speaking in English or Japanese. The total time of the examination is within 30 minutes per applicant.

The oral examination is conducted online by using a web conference system designated by us that can be used from a PC, etc.

A webcam and a microphone are necessary for it. Please read carefully "Online Examination Q&A" on our website for details and prepare enough equipment and network environment by yourself.

We will have a connection test with each applicant a few days before the examination (weekdays only).

[Online Examination Q&A URL]

<https://www.jaist.ac.jp/english/admissions/outline/qa-m-online.html>

① Presentation about the short essay submitted at the time of application.

- The time allowed for your presentation is within 7 minutes.
- Your presentation material must be prepared in still images in file formats such as PDF. (There is no page limit. It is recommended to use horizontally long sheets of paper. (i.e. long sides of a sheet come to the top and bottom.)
- You will give your presentation by showing your presentation material in full screen with using the function of content sharing.
- You are allowed to have a printed copy of your presentation script during your presentation, however, distributing other materials and using any other electronic devices are strictly prohibited.

② Q&A based on the short essay and the entry form submitted at the time of application.

- The time allowed for Q&A is within 23 minutes.
- You might be asked to describe your answers on paper and explain it during Q&A. Please prepare about 5 sheets of A4 sized blank paper, which have no ruled lines, and a black or a blue felt tip pen. When examiners ask you to do so, please describe and show it to the webcam and explain it.

(3) Admissions and Evaluation Criterion

The oral examination is conducted to comprehensively assess the basic academic ability of applicants and their motivation to conduct study and research after enrollment. All applications are evaluated on the result of the oral examination and all the application documents submitted, based on the holistic screening criteria.

VIII. Notification of Admission Decision and Admission Procedures

(1) Dates of Notification of Admission Decision and Admission Procedures

The result notification letter will be sent to all applicants via postal mail on the dates shown below. Also, the examinee numbers of the successful applicants will be posted on our website; no telephone or email inquiries concerning examination results will be accepted.

Successful applicants will receive information on admission procedures at the time of notification of Admission Decision or later. Please conduct the procedures by the specified deadlines.

Examination		Date of Notification of Admission Decision	Period of Admission Procedures
October 2024 admission		Friday, July 19, 2024	Early September, 2024
April 2025 admission	First examination		Friday, October 25, 2024
	Second examination	Friday, January 24, 2025	
	Third examination		

(2) Expenses Required for Enrollment

Type	Amount	Summary
1. Entrance fee	¥282,000	The entrance fee is non-refundable. Please pay the entrance fee with the bank transfer request form which will be sent along with documents for admission procedures. If you reside outside of Japan, please make an international bank transfer.
2. Tuition	For a half year ¥267,900	The tuition payment will be made by automatic withdrawal from the student's own bank account. The automatic withdrawal date for the first semester tuition is May 20th, and for the second semester tuition, it is November 20th. The payment of the amount for a year all together is acceptable.
	For a year ¥535,800	
3. Insurance fee for two years: Gakkensai PAS Gakkensai LSR	¥2,430	JAIST students are required to purchase the both insurances.

Note 1: Instructions for completing payment will be sent to successful applicants along with documents for admission procedures.

Note 2: In case the amount of entrance fee and tuition are revised while the student is enrolling and attending JAIST, the new amount shall be applied.

Note 3: JAIST waives the entrance fee and tuition for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Students.

(3) Campus

Students who enrolled in JAIST based on this entrance examination are allowed to study only at the Ishikawa campus. Ishikawa campus students are not allowed to study at the Tokyo Satellite except for open seminars.

IX. Other Important Information

Please review "Important Information" thoroughly.