

Regular Examination

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I. Number of Students to be Admitted

School	Division	Number of Students to be Admitted	
Graduate School of Advanced Science and Technology	Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences	April 2026 Admission	5 (See Note)

Note: The number of students in April 2026 admission includes the number of students admitted through the other Selections except for Regular Examination to JAIST Doctoral program (Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences).

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. been granted a master's degree or a professional degree (are stipulated in Article 5-2 of the Rules for Degrees (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 9 of 1953) based on the Paragraph 3, Article 104 of the School Education Act. The same applies hereafter.) from a Japanese university.
2. been granted a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree in a foreign country.
3. been granted a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by completing a correspondence curriculum of an overseas educational institution while residing in Japan.
4. been granted a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree at a foreign-affiliated university in Japan which has a graduate education curriculum under the school education system of its country, and specifically designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
5. completed the master's program at the United Nations University, and obtained a degree equivalent to a master's degree.
6. taken a curriculum at a university abroad, the United Nations University, or a curriculum specified in the above 4, passed an examination or screening which is stipulated in Paragraph 2, Article 16 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 28 of 1974), and have been recognized as having an academic ability equivalent to or greater than a holder of a master's degree.
7. been designated as eligible by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology. Eligible applicants are those who have engaged in at least 2 years of research at a university or research institute after graduating from a Japanese university or completing a 16-year curriculum of school education in a foreign country, and who have been recognized by JAIST as having equivalent or greater academic ability than a holder of a master's degree.
8. been recognized by JAIST through the Judgment of Eligibility as having equivalent or greater academic ability than a holder of a master's degree or a professional degree and have reached 24 years of age.

Note: Applicants satisfying at least one of the eligibility requirements (1) - (6) 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 requirement (7) or (8) 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)
April 2026 admission	First examination	Friday, May 30, 2025
	Second examination	Thursday, August 28, 2025

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>

Each applicant will be notified of the result of the judgment of eligibility one week before the end of each application period. If you do 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" within the application period.

Examination		Application Period
April 2026 admission	First examination	Monday, June 16 - Thursday, June 26, 2025
	Second examination	Tuesday, October 21 - Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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 order to know the procedure for it. 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 and 2nd examinations) are acceptable, but applicants must follow the same procedure for each examination they apply for.

IV. Online Application Registration

Applicants must contact the faculty they wish to be supervised in the laboratory and obtain an informal consent of acceptance before making online application registration.

This consent is informal, therefore, it does not mean they succeed in the examination.

Applicants must register their applications on the Internet to apply for the Regular Examination.

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

Applicants need to upload certificates, the unspecified forms and prescribed forms, etc. when making the online application registration. Please download the prescribed forms 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-yugod.html>

1. Documents to be uploaded by all applicants

Application Documents, etc	Summary
<p>Official transcript Proof of (expected) completion</p> <p><u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u></p>	<p>Certificates must be issued by the president or a dean of the university from which the applicant obtained (or will obtain) their master's degree and bear the stamp or embossed seal and the signature of the authorizing official.</p> <p>Applicants should submit <u>one</u> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Certificates issued by the university (original) b) Certified true copy of the certificates by the university (original) c) Certified true copy of the certificates by a public institution (original) <p>Certificates 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 requirement (7) or (8), they do not need to submit it.</p> <p>Scan the original paper certificates using a multifunction printer or a similar device to upload a clear PDF, as a PDF created from a photo may be unclear.</p> <p>※ Successful applicants must submit the original paper certificates by mail within one month from the result notification date. Failure to submit the original paper certificates by the deadline will result in the cancellation of admission.</p>
<p>Photograph</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>※Do not edit the photo, as it will be used for identity verification on the day of the examination.</p>
<p>Research Outline</p>	<p>[The format is unspecified.]</p> <p>Please summarize the research you have undertaken in English or Japanese. Submissions should be less than or equal to four pages in length, single-sided, A4-sized paper. The number of words is not specified. If you have written academic papers, you may list them on the last page (Included in the number of the pages). Each page must have the applicant's name and the page number in the right upper corner.</p>
<p>Research Proposal which covers transdisciplinary research fields</p>	<p>[The format is unspecified.]</p> <p>Please summarize the research proposal that describes what you wish to work on at JAIST in English or Japanese. The research you will work on at JAIST should cover transdisciplinary research fields. Submissions should be less than or equal to two pages in length, single-sided, A4-sized paper. The number of words is not specified. Each page must have the applicant's name and the page number in the right upper corner.</p>
<p>Self-Declaration Form of Applicability to a Specific Category ※Prescribed Form</p>	
<p>Consent of acceptance</p>	<p>[The format is unspecified.]</p> <p>Submit a copy of the email which indicates the informal consent of acceptance in the laboratory from your intended supervisor.</p>

2. Documents to be uploaded by applicable applicants

<Only for applicants who meet the eligibility requirement, (2) (3) (4) (5) >

Application Documents, etc	Summary
Proof of (expected) master's degree <u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u>	Proof of master's degree must be issued by the president or a dean of the university from which the applicant obtained (or will obtain) his/her master'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) Master's degree certificate issued by the university (original) b) Official letter issued by the university (original) c) Certified true copy of diploma by the university (original) d) Certified true copy of diploma by a 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. Scan the original paper proof of master's degree using a multifunction printer or a similar device to upload a clear PDF, as a PDF created from a photo may be unclear. ※ Successful applicants must submit the original paper proof of master's degree by mail within one month from the result notification date. Failure to submit the original paper proof of master's degree by the deadline will result in the cancellation of admission.

<Only for applicants who meet the eligibility requirement, (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)>

Application Documents, etc	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 MEXT Scholarship Students who are currently enrolled in another Japanese university>

Application Documents, etc	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 currently enrolled in JAIST do not need to submit this.

<Only for foreign government scholarship students>

Application Documents, etc	Summary
Certificate of foreign government sponsored student <u>*Copies are acceptable.</u>	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.>

Application Documents, etc	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.”

Please upload the original certificates, do not upload copies. If your certificates are enveloped and sealed by the university from which you graduated, please open the envelope and upload your certificates. Even in such a case, you must resubmit the original certificates that are enveloped and sealed by the university from which you graduated, if you pass the examination and wish to enroll at JAIST.

If you are unable to upload the original certificates, please upload the Certified True Copies, which were certified by the university from which applicants graduated or a public institution such as an Embassy or a Consulate as true copies of the original certificates.

V. Delivery of Examination Admission Card

Upon the successful completion of the "IV. Online Application Registration", once the application deadline has passed, each applicant will receive an examination admission card and pertinent documents. We will not respond to inquiries regarding whether your application has been accepted. If they do not arrive one week before the examination date, please contact the Admissions Section (Email:nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp).

VI. Examination Schedule and Selection Method

(1) Examination Periods and Venues

Examinations will be conducted at **JAIST in Nomi, Ishikawa**, 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
April 2026 admission	First examination	Monday, August 18 - Tuesday, August 26, 2025
	Second examination	Monday, December 8 - Friday, December 19, 2025

Note: Except for Saturdays, Sundays and Japanese national holidays, etc.

(2) Selection Method

Selection is conducted by an oral examination about the applicant's research outline and research proposal submitted at the time of application.

● Length of the examination

Presentation	Q&A	Total
20 minutes	30 minutes	50 minutes

- Please bring your laptop if you wish to use it during your presentation. A projector will be provided by JAIST. If you wish to distribute printed materials to the examiners, please prepare four copies (A4 size, free format).

(1) Admissions and Evaluation Criterion

All applications are evaluated on the result of the oral examination and all the application documents submitted, based on the holistic screening criteria.

VII. Notification of Admission Decision and Admission Procedures

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

The result notification letter will be sent only to successful applicants 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. And, the result for the Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences Scholarship will be announced at the same time.

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

Examination		Date of Notification of Admission Decision	Period of Admission Procedures
April 2026 admission	First examination	Thursday, September 4, 2025	Late November, 2025
	Second examination	Friday, January 23, 2026	Late February, 2026

(2) Expenses Required for Enrollment

Type		Amount	Summary
1. Entrance fee		¥282,000	The entrance fee is non-refundable. 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.
	For a year	¥535,800	The payment of the amount for a year all together is acceptable.
3. Insurance fee for three years: Gakkensai PAS Gakkensai LSR		¥3,620	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.

VIII. Other Important Information

Please review "Important Information" thoroughly.