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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 Advanced Science and Technology
		April 2026 Admission	95 (See Note 2,3)
		October 2026 Admission	

Note 1: This number includes students admitted in April 2025 through the Regular Examination.

Note 2: This number includes students to be admitted through the Special Selections.

Note 3: This number includes 5 students admitted to the Advanced Information Specialist Course (JAIST×Human Course).

### ※Advanced Information Specialist Course (JAIST×Human Course)

JAIST will open the Advanced Information Specialist Course (commonly known as the JAIST×Human Course) in October 2025, following its selection for the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's fiscal 2024 project to support universities and technical colleges in enhancing their functions to secure highly specialized information technology human resources.

For more details, please check this webpage: (<https://www.jaist.ac.jp/project/jaist-human/en/>)

## 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)
October 2025 admission	Second examination	Friday, May 30, 2025
April 2026 admission	First examination	
	Second examination	Thursday, August 28, 2025
	Third examination	Wednesday, October 22, 2025
October 2026 admission	First examination	

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 receive 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
October 2025 admission	Second examination	Monday, June 16 - Thursday, June 26, 2025
April 2026 admission	First examination	
	Second examination	Tuesday, October 21 - Tuesday, November 4, 2025
	Third examination	Wednesday, December 3 - Tuesday, December 16, 2025
October 2026 admission	First examination	

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: The examination schedule for the second examination of the October 2026 admission will be announced in the Application Guide, which will be uploaded to JAIST's website in the next academic year.

Note 3: 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 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"> <li>● All transfer fees shall be paid by applicants in addition to the screening fee.</li> <li>● The paid screening fee is non-refundable in principle.</li> <li>● JAIST waives the screening fee for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Students.</li> </ul>

<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).

[Prescribed Forms URL]

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

1. Documents to be uploaded by all applicants

Application Documents, etc	Summary
Official Transcript Proof of (expected) completion  <u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u>	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.  Applicants should submit <u>one</u> of the following: a) Certificates (or letters) 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)  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. If applicants apply under the eligibility requirement (7) or (8), they do not need to submit it. 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. <b>※ 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.</b>

Photograph	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. ※Do not edit the photo, as it will be used for identity verification on the day of the examination.
Research Outline	[The format is unspecified.] 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.
Research Proposal	[The format is unspecified.] Summarize the research proposal that describes what you wish to work on at JAIST in English or Japanese. 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.
Self-Declaration Form of Applicability to a Specific Category ※Prescribed Form	
Consent of acceptance	[The format is unspecified.] Submit a copy of the email which indicates the informal consent of acceptance in the laboratory from your intended supervisor.

## 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 ※Prescribed form	Not only applicants who have studied at university, but also all the applicants who have received education in any type of school in countries other than Japan need to submit the curriculum vitae.

<Only for applicants who wish to enroll in the Advanced Information Specialist Course (JAIST×Human Course)>

Application Documents, etc	Summary
Application form for the Advanced Information Specialist Course (JAIST×Human Course) ※Prescribed Form	Applicants who wish to enroll in this course must submit this form. This course is limited to those who wish to obtain a degree in Information Science. Applicants who indicate a degree other than Information Science on their application form are not eligible for this course.

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

Certificate	Summary
Certificate of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Student *Copies are NOT acceptable.	The certificate must be issued by the university which the applicant is currently attending and specify the period of receiving the scholarship.

<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.”

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" procedure, once the application deadline has passed, each applicant will receive an examination admission card and pertinent documents via postal mail. For those applicants residing outside of Japan at the time of application, these materials will be delivered via email. We will not respond to inquiries regarding whether your application has been accepted. If you do not receive them 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
October 2025 admission	Second examination	Monday, August 18 - Tuesday, August 26, 2025
	First examination	
April 2026 admission	Second examination	Monday, December 8 - Friday, December 19, 2025
	Third examination	Monday, February 2 - Friday, February 13, 2026
	First examination	
October 2026 admission	First examination	

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).

## (3) 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.

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 2025 admission	Second examination	Thursday, September 4, 2025	Middle of September, 2025
April 2026 admission	First examination		Friday, January 23, 2026
	Second examination		
	Third examination	Friday, February 27, 2026	Middle of March, 2026
October 2026 admission	First examination		Middle of September, 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.

(3) Campus

Students enrolled at JAIST through this entrance examination are allowed to study only at the Ishikawa campus. Ishikawa campus students are not permitted to study at the Tokyo Satellite, except for open seminars.

## VIII. Other Important Information

Please review "Important Information" thoroughly.