

Regular Examination

Applicants residing outside Japan must apply for the Examination for Admission on Recommendation for Overseas Residents or the Special Examination on a Rolling Basis. The Regular Examination is not open to applicants residing outside Japan.

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I. Number of Students to be Admitted

School	Division	Number of Students to be Admitted
		April 2026 Admission
Graduate School of Advanced Science and Technology	Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences	10 (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 Master's 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. 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 requirement (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)
April 2026 admission	First examination	Tuesday, April 22, 2025
	Second examination	Friday, August 1, 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>

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."

Examination		Application Period
April 2026 admission	First examination	Wednesday, May 28 - Tuesday, June 10, 2025
	Second examination	Monday, September 1 - Friday, September 12, 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 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 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.

(2) Documents to be uploaded

Certificates and prescribed forms, etc. need to be uploaded 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-yugom.html>

1. Documents to be uploaded by all applicants

Application Documents, etc	Summary
Official transcript *Copies are NOT acceptable.	<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. 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).</p> <p>Applicants should submit one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Transcript issued by the university (original) Certified true copy of transcript by the university (original) Certified true copy of transcript by a 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. If applicants apply under the eligibility requirements (9), (10) or (11), they do not need to submit it.</p> <p>Scan the original paper transcript 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 transcript by mail within one month from the result notification date. Failure to submit the original paper transcript by the deadline will result in the cancellation of admission.</p>

<p>Proof of (expected) graduation *Copies are NOT acceptable.</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 one of the following: a) Graduation 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)</p> <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. If applicants apply under the eligibility requirements (9), (10) or (11), they do not need to submit it.</p> <p>Scan the original paper graduation certificate 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 graduation certificate by mail within one month from the result notification date. Failure to submit the original paper graduation certificate 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>Short Essay ※Prescribed Form</p>	<p>Topic: “Study and research plan which cover transdisciplinary research fields at JAIST”</p> <p>The topic should be the study and research plan you wish to pursue. In addition, they should cover transdisciplinary research fields. 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>
<p>Entry Form ※Prescribed Form</p>	<p>Fill in each column as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Select one type of “Innovation” in which you want to challenge out of three: Life Innovation, Green Innovation, System Innovation. ② Provide one of faculty members’ name that you wish to be supervised after enrollment listed on p.4. Write the full name(s). ③ Fill in three specialized subjects in which you have excelled. ④ Describe a reason why you wish to study at JAIST. ⑤ 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>
<p>Self-Declaration Form of Applicability to a Specific Category ※Prescribed Form</p>	

2. Documents to be uploaded by applicable applicants

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

Application Documents, etc	Summary
Proof of (expected) bachelor's degree <u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u>	<p>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.</p> <p>Applicants should submit <u>one</u> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bachelor'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) <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 proof of graduation shows the bachelor's degree, proof of bachelor's degree is not necessary.</p> <p>Scan the original paper degree certificate 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 graduation certificate by mail within one month from the result notification date. Failure to submit the original paper graduation certificate by the deadline will result in the cancellation of admission.</p>

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

Application Documents, etc	Summary
Curriculum Vitae ※Prescribed Form	Not only applicants who have studied at a university, but also all applicants who have received education at any type of school in countries other than Japan need to submit their curriculum vitae.

<Only for non-Japanese national applicants>

Application Documents, etc	Summary
Photocopy of the passport	Non-Japanese national applicants residing in Japan must submit a copy of their valid passports (the page with your full name) and a copy of their residence cards (both sides). ※Applicants residing outside Japan must apply for the Examination for Admission on Recommendation for Overseas Residents or the Special Examination on a Rolling Basis. The Regular Examination is not open to applicants residing outside Japan.
Photocopy of the residence card	

<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 who are 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 *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.>

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" 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. We will not respond to inquiries regarding whether your application has been accepted. If you do not receive one week before the examination date, please contact the Admissions Section at (Email:nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp).

VI. 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
April 2026 admission	First examination	Saturday, July 5 - Sunday, July 6, 2025	Online
	Second examination	Saturday, October 11 - Sunday, October 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 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.

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 via postal mail on the dates shown below. Also, the examinee numbers of the successful applicants will be posted on our website. And, the result for the Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences Scholarship will be announced at the same time. 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 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	Friday, July 18, 2025	Middle of September, 2025
	Second examination	Friday, October 24, 2025	Late November, 2025

(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.
2. Tuition	For a half year	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	
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.

VIII. Other Important Information

Please review "Important Information" thoroughly.