

Special Examination on a Rolling Basis

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The Special Examination on a rolling basis is intended for highly motivated applicants who have a clear research topic to the Master’s program. After obtaining prior consent from their desired teacher (see p.5) to conduct the examination, we will set the examination date on a rolling basis.

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 Advanced Science and Technology	A few (See Note 1.2)

Note 1: The number of students includes the number of students scheduled to be admitted through the special selections.

Note 2: If the number of admitted students reaches the quota, we will stop accepting applications even before the final deadline. In such a case, we will announce it on our website.

II. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements by the day prior to the day of desired enrollment, and guarantee enrollment upon passing the examination.

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 (NAID-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 Process".

[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	Final Deadline (must arrive by)
April 2026 admission	Friday, December 19, 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 approximately one month after submitting the required documents. If you do not receive the result within this period, please contact the Admissions Section (Email:nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp). Only applicants who have been judged "eligible" can apply for the examination.

III. Application Periods

The application deadline is three weeks before the desired examination date (whichever is earlier). The table below indicates the final application deadline dates.

Examination	The final application deadline	
April 2026 admission	Friday, January 30, 2026	Postmarked by the deadline date is valid.

IV. Application Process

Before applying, applicants must contact the faculty member they wish to be supervised by and obtain prior consent for the interview examination, with that faculty member serving as a member of the interview committee (examiner). Once consent is obtained, applicants should also consult with the faculty member regarding their preferred examination date."

(1) Application method

Applicants must mail the application documents. Please place all required documents (the originals) in an envelope (Japanese KAKU 2 size is preferred) and send it by registered mail such as DHL, FedEx, or EMS to the Admissions Section. On the envelope, please write the applicant's name, address and clearly mark it with

"Application Documents for the Special Examination on a Rolling Basis, Master's program, Enclosed". Alternatively, You may submit them in person at the Admissions Section of JAIST.

(2) Application Documents

You should submit the prescribed forms and certificates. Please download the prescribed forms from our website and enter the information. (Admissions > Prescribed Forms) We recommend inputting the forms on the computer, however, if applicants fill in the forms by hand, they should use a black ink pen or a ballpoint pen. Applicants may not use erasable ink pens or ink that disappears over time.

[Prescribed Forms URL]

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

(1) Documents to be submitted by all applicants

Application Documents, etc	Summary
Application Form ※Prescribed Form	Use the application form for Special Examination on a Rolling Basis. Do not edit the photo, as it will be used for identify verification on the day of the examination.
Official Transcript <u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u>	<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 the university (original)b) Certified true copy of transcript by the university (original)c) 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.</p> <p>If applicants apply under the eligibility requirements (9), (10) or (11), they do not need to submit it.</p>
Proof of (expected) graduation <u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u>	<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 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 applicants apply under the eligibility requirements (9), (10) or (11), they do not need to submit it.</p>

<p>Short Essay ※Prescribed Form</p>	<p>Topic: “Study and research plan which cover transdisciplinary research fields at JAIST” 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. 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>															
<p>Examination Admission Card ※Prescribed Form</p>	<p>Attach the same photo as the one on your application form.</p>														
<p>Address Labels ※Prescribed Form</p>	<p>We will use it for sending the examination admission card, the notification of admission decision and admission procedures guide. After submitting the application documents, if you change your address, please inform us of your new address. Please note that we send them <u>only to your home address.</u></p>														
<p>Proof of screening fee payment *Copies are acceptable.</p>	<p>Send 30,000 yen to the following bank account by telegraphic transfer and submit proof of payment. <u>The remitter’s name should be the applicant’s name.</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="568 1462 1249 1749"> <tr> <td>Bank Name</td> <td>The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Branch Name</td> <td>Kanazawaminamichuo Branch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Branch Address</td> <td>1-32-38, Teraji, Kanazawa, Ishikawa, Japan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beneficiary</td> <td>Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Type of Account</td> <td>Ordinary savings account</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Account Number</td> <td>6037485</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SWIFT(BIC) Code</td> <td>RIKBJPJT</td> </tr> </table> <p>[Note] When making an international bank transfer, please ensure that the corresponding bank fees are set to be "charged to the remitter." If the fees are mistakenly charged to the beneficiary, the corresponding bank will deduct them from the remittance amount, resulting in an insufficient payment to JAIST. This may lead to the rejection of your application.</p> <p>JAIST waives the screening fee for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Students.</p>	Bank Name	The Hokuriku Bank, Ltd.	Branch Name	Kanazawaminamichuo Branch	Branch Address	1-32-38, Teraji, Kanazawa, Ishikawa, Japan	Beneficiary	Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	Type of Account	Ordinary savings account	Account Number	6037485	SWIFT(BIC) Code	RIKBJPJT
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(2) Documents to be submitted only 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>	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 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. If proof of graduation shows the bachelor's degree, proof of bachelor's degree is not necessary.

<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 must submit a copy of their valid 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 submitted. 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: ● 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.
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.

<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.”

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
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V. Delivery of Examination Admission Card

If we accept the application, we will send each applicant the Examination Admission card within two weeks.

VI. Examination Schedule and Selection Method

(1) Examination periods and venue

The Examination will be conducted on one day specified by JAIST during the period shown below at the JAIST Ishikawa campus.

The examination date and time will be specified on the Examination Admission Card.

Examination	Examination Periods※
April 2026 admission	Monday, July 28 2025 - Thursday, February 19, 2026

※excluding weekends and public holidays

(2) Selection Method

Selection is conducted by an oral examination. The total time of the examination is within 30 minutes per applicant.

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 A4 size paper (unlimited pages, do not staple them, landscape orientation is recommended) as we will provide the projector with a document camera function that allows images to be displayed on the screen simply by placing the paper on the glass surface.
- You are allowed to use a printed script during your presentation, however, bringing in or distribution of any other materials or devices is 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

(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

The date of the Notification of Admission Decision will be indicated on the Examination Admission Card. The Notification of Admission Decision will be sent to each applicant. And, the result for the Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences Scholarship will be announced at the same time. The results will not posted on our website. We will not respond to inquiries regarding the results via email or telephone.

(2) Admission procedures

The admission procedures must be completed by the deadline, following the instructions provided in the Admission Procedures Guide, which will be sent at the time of Notification of Admission Decision.

Examination	Admission Procedures deadlines
April 2026 admission	The timing depends on the exam date, usually one or two months after the Notification of Admission decision

(3) 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.
	For a year ¥535,800	The payment of the amount for a year all together is acceptable.
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

(1) Even if you pass this special examination on a rolling basis, you must apply through the 'Informal Laboratory Assignment Prior to Enrollment' system, just like with other exams, if you wish to secure a placement in your desired laboratory before enrollment. For more details, please check our website (Top page → Education → Academic Procedures → Informal Laboratory Assignment Prior to Enrollment).

(2) Please review "Important Information" thoroughly.