

To Nara Institute of Science and Technology (NAIST) applicants

Shifting to a single graduate school system in FY 2018

In April 2018, NAIST plans to integrate the three current graduate schools which are focused upon education for specialized knowledge and training in the central fields of advanced science and technology, information science, biological sciences and materials science, into the "Graduate School of Science and Technology "(provisional name) to develop the education within interdisciplinary research fields deemed necessary to meet societal needs.

In FY 2018, we will carry out three entrance examinations for each of the current graduate schools in accordance with the application guidelines for FY 2018. However, when the integration of three Graduate Schools in April, 2018 is approved, enrollees in FY 2018 will enroll in the "Graduate School of Science and Technology" (provisional name) (The admission capacity for FY 2018 will not change.).

[Contents of reorganization plan]

- We will integrate the three current Graduate Schools, the "Graduate School of Information Science", "Graduate School of Biological Sciences" and "Graduate School of Materials Science" and establish the "Graduate School of Science and Technology "(Tentative name).

- In master's course, we will offer the following seven educational programs.

- Program in Information Science and Engineering (information science)
- Program in Biological Sciences (biological sciences)
- Program in Materials Science and Engineering (materials science)
- Program in Computational Biology (composed of information science and biological sciences)
- Program in Bionanotechnology (composed of biological sciences and materials science)
- Program in Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems (composed of materials science and information science)
- Program in Data Sciences (composed of information science, biological sciences and materials science)

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The seven educational programs combine the "Program in Information Science and Engineering", "Program in Biological Sciences", "Program in Materials Science and Engineering", focused on furthering expertise in the existing information science, biological sciences and materials science areas; and the "Program in Computational Biology", "Program in Bionanotechnology", "Program in Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems", "Program in Data Sciences" for gaining expertise in new interdisciplinary research fields composed of information science, biological sciences and materials science.

[Measures at the time of entrance to our University]

- All enrollees will be assigned to laboratories which are to be established in the "Graduate School of Science and Technology".

- Laboratory assignment will be conducted based on student's wishes and the following rules.

- In principle, enrollees who took the "Graduate School of Information Science" entrance examination in FY 2017 may choose a laboratory belonging to the current "Graduate School of Information Science" after admission in FY 2018
- In principle, enrollees who took the "Graduate School of Biological Sciences" entrance examination in FY 2017 may choose a laboratory belonging to the current "Graduate School of Biological Science" after admission in FY 2018
- In principle, enrollees who took the "Graduate School of Materials Science" entrance examination in FY 2017 may choose a laboratory belonging to the current "Graduate School of Materials Science" after admission in FY 2018

In addition, if you wish to enter a laboratory different than ones the examination process you participated in pertains to, you may be assigned to that laboratory upon successful screening.

- For master's course enrollees, after you are assigned to a laboratory, you will select one of the seven educational programs upon course guidance by your supervisor.

Depending on the assigned laboratory, restrictions may apply when choosing the educational program.

[Points to note]

- From FY 2019, the entrance examination will be carried out for the single Graduate School.

This plan will be approved by the university establishment council of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, so plan adjustments are possible. The confirmed details will be announced on our website upon receiving the university establishment council results.