

# International Activities

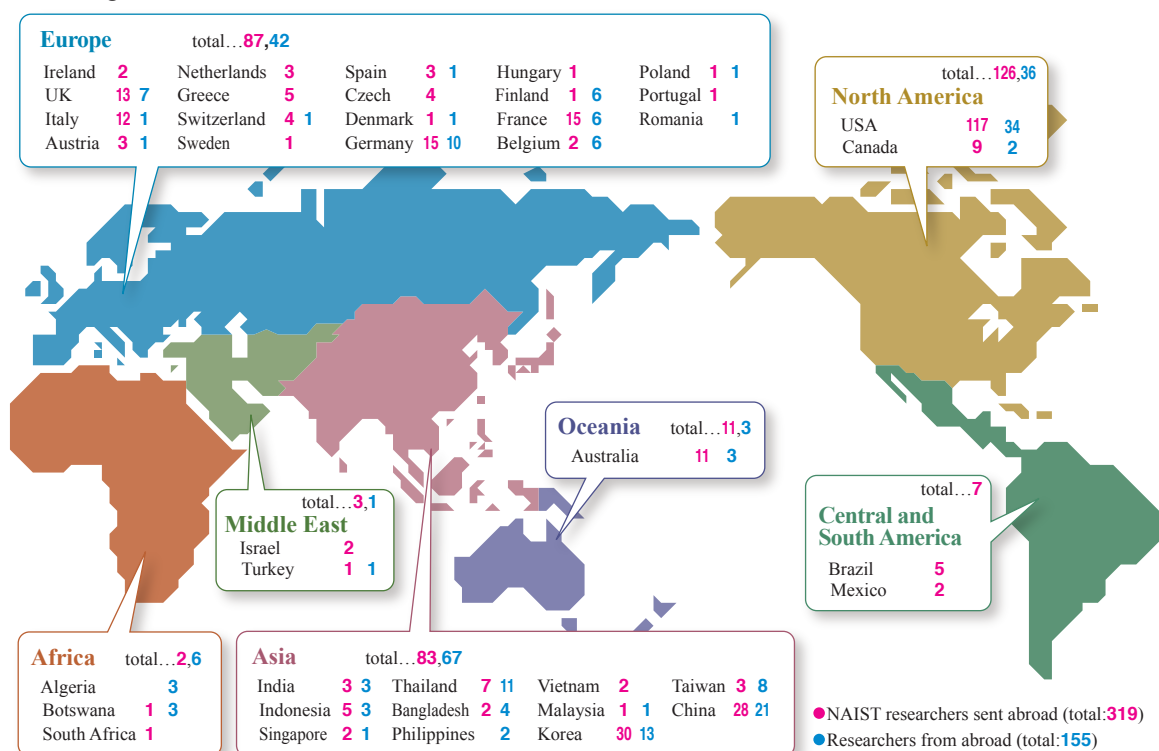


With the aim of further enhancing its global scientific research activities, NAIST is progressively promoting academic international exchange in the field of advanced science and technology, through the exchange of researchers and by hosting international symposia. These activities are funded through government projects provided by MEXT and other quasi-government programs offered by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

## Exchange of researchers

We encourage researchers to study abroad, and we accept international researchers, with an increasing number of exchanges every year. To encourage young researchers, we also offer students research opportunities at overseas institutions.

### Exchange of researchers in 2006



## Diverse researcher exchanges from short- to long-term

As part of our effort to build a network of international researchers, NAIST actively sends our experts to international symposia and invites researchers from overseas. Combined with these short-term exchanges, our long-term commitments, such as dispatching and accepting academics for periods exceeding a month, serve the purpose of promoting deeper-level international research activities. We accepted 56 long-stay researchers from overseas in 2006. This reflects the high standard of our research.

NAIST researchers sent abroad		Researchers from abroad	
Short-term (less than a month)	313	Short-term (less than a month)	99
Long-term (over a month)	6	Long-term (over a month)	56
Total number	319	Total number	155



## Academic Exchange Agreements

NAIST has concluded 29 exchange agreements with overseas universities (14 for institution-level agreements and 15 for school/department-level agreements) in a bid to strengthen international relationships and to encourage further academic exchanges. This includes research collaborations, symposia, guest lectures, faculty and student exchange, and sharing of scientific information and materials.

### Agreements on Academic Exchange with Overseas Institutes

As of July 1, 2008

Level	Graduate School	Counterpart
Institution-level	All Schools	University of California, Davis, USA University of Maryland, College Park, USA University of Joensuu, Finland Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia Mahidol University, Thailand Ege University, Turkey Åbo Akademi University, Finland Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium University Paul Sabatier, France Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology, Korea Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Korea University of Poitiers, France Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, Chinese Academy of Science, China
School / Department-level	Information Science	Computer Science and Management School, Mongolian University of Science and Technology, Mongolia Research School of Information Sciences and Engineering, Australian National University, Australia Department of Information Processing Science, Faculty of Science, University of Oulu, Finland College of Engineering, University of Hawaii, USA College of Engineering, Southern Taiwan University of Technology, Taiwan
	Biological Sciences	Biotechnology Institute, University of Minnesota, USA School of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, Korea University, Korea
	Materials Science	Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Gwangju Institute Science and Technology, Korea Faculty of Physics and Mathematics, University of Latvia, Latvia Faculty of Science, University of Zurich, Switzerland Ph.D. School in Physics, University of Debrecen, Hungary Faculty of Chemistry, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Pohang University of Science and Technology, Korea Physics and Mechanics Faculty, Saint-Petersburg State Polytechnical University, Russia Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Gebza Institute of Technology, Turkey

## International Symposia and Seminars

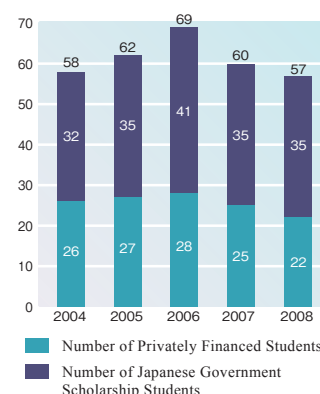
We hold international symposia and seminars to demonstrate our research worldwide and to advance research not only within our institute but also throughout Japan and overseas. In 2006 we held eleven international symposia in which nearly 1,100 people participated. We have active exchange programs with researchers in Europe, USA and Asian countries.

## International Student Profile

As of April 1, 2008

Country	Asia										Middle East	Africa			S.A.		NA		Europe					Oceania	Total
	Bangladesh	Thailand	Malaysia	Philippines	Indonesia	Korea	China	Taiwan	Turkey	Morocco	Egypt	Brazil	Dominican Republic	Panama	U.S.A.	France	Czech Republic	Spain	Bulgaria	Hungary	Papua New Guinea				
Master's Program			1			1 (1)	7 (3)	1		1		3 (1)		1	1								16 (5)		
Doctoral Program	2	3 (2)	1	3	6 (4)	2	8 (3)		2 (1)				1 (1)		1		1		1	2	1 (1)		33 (12)		
Research Students			1 (1)			2 (2)	1 (1)			1						1 (1)				1 (1)	1		8 (6)		
Total	2	3 (2)	3 (1)	3	6 (4)	5 (3)	16 (7)	1	2 (1)	1	1	3 (1)	1 (1)	1	2	1 (1)	1	2	1 (1)	1	1 (1)	1	57 (23)		

Parenthesized figures indicate the number of female students



## Support for International Students

### Student Dormitories

International students are eligible to live in campus dormitories. To support students' research work on a 24-hour basis, LAN access is provided from the dormitories, allowing access to university networks, including the university's Digital Library, as well as national and international scientific research institutions.

### Financial Support

#### Support from NAIST

##### Admission / Tuition Fees Exemption

Excellent students who are deemed to have difficulty in paying admission or tuition fees may earn exemption from all or part of such fees.

##### Teaching Assistant

We actively support students by providing opportunities for them to assist in teaching and education and receive financial assistance. TAs help in areas such as preparing teaching materials, grading reports, and providing experimental assistance.

##### Research Assistant

The RA program was introduced by MEXT in 1996 to enable outstanding Doctoral program students to participate as RAs in research projects. NAIST was the first university nationwide to introduce an RA program, in 1995, using independent funding sources. Since 1996, support from the MEXT program has allowed us to strengthen our RA program.

#### Support from sources other than NAIST

Students deemed to be outstanding are eligible to receive scholarships from the Japan Student Services Organization or private organizations.

### Social Events

The university holds the following events to provide opportunities for international students to meet each other.

#### International student excursions

One-day-trips in the historic Nara region and its environs.

#### International student parties

Japanese researchers, students, and local people are also invited to parties that offer participants the chance to get to know each other.

### Japanese Classes

Japanese classes for international students are offered, at no charge, by a charitable organization based in Ikoma City. These classes not only offer a helping hand to international students in learning Japanese, but also provide a valuable opportunity for getting to know local people.