

NAIST accepts students from various fields who are enthusiastic to learn and conduct research, and researchers/engineers who are active contributors to society. Our flexible open merit system enables distinguished students to receive a Ph.D. degree before they have completed a full schedule of courses.

Our graduates, who have experienced an environment of open and high-level research and education, are outstanding researchers in industry, able to seek out and play active roles in society.



Admission Capacity, Course Capacity and Actual Number of Students

As of March, 2007

Graduate School	Admission Capacity		Course Capacity		Actual Number of Students							Total
	Master's Program	Doctoral Program	Master's Program	Doctoral Program	Master's Program			Doctoral Program				
					1st	2nd	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	
Information Science	146	43	292	129	143 (18)	165 (20)	308 (38)	39 (4)	41 (6)	47 (5)	127 (15)	435 (53)
Biological Sciences	114	34	228	102	124 (46)	116 (41)	240 (87)	21 (6)	26 (8)	47 (13)	94 (27)	334 (114)
Materials Science	90	30	180	90	98 (16)	99 (16)	197 (32)	27 (4)	18 (3)	19 (2)	64 (9)	261 (41)
Total	350	107	700	321	365 (80)	380 (77)	745 (157)	87 (14)	85 (17)	113 (20)	285 (51)	1,030 (208)

※ Parenthesized figures indicate the number of female students

※ Figures include students admitted in October

Accelerated Degree Programs

At NAIST, the standard period for completion of a master's program is two years, and of a doctoral program, three years. Students judged to be of sufficient ability may finish the master's program in one year and then proceed to the doctoral program; and students with exceptionally high research achievements may finish the doctoral program in one year. However, students who complete the master's program in one year must subsequently spend a minimum of two years studying in the doctoral program.

■ Number of students who completed their programs early in 2007

Master's Program	Doctoral Program	Total
8 of 354	16 of 88	24 of 442

Conferment of Academic Degrees (2007)

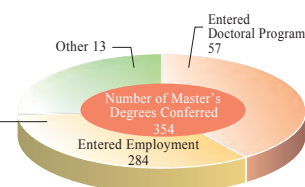
Graduate School	Master's Degree			Doctoral Degree		
	Engineering	Science	Bioscience	Engineering	Science	Bioscience
Information Science	150 (5)	4 (1)		29 (10)	6	
Biological Sciences			108			30 (1)
Materials Science	74 (2)	18		12 (2)	11 (3)	
Total	224 (7)	22 (1)	108	41 (12)	17 (3)	30 (1)

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After Completion of Master's Program (2007)

NAIST produces a large number of excellent researchers and high-level researchers for industry.

Hitachi, Ltd., Sony Corporation, IBM Japan, Ltd., NEC Corporation, Sharp Corporation, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, Toyota Motor Corporation, Denso Corporation, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., Suntory Ltd., Nisshin Seifun Group Inc., Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd., Toshiba Corporation, Canon Inc., Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Toray Industries, INC., TDK Corporation, others



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