

Students

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 April, 2009

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	148 (14)	161 (20)	309 (34)	39 (4)	36 (3)	58 (10)	133 (17)	442 (51)	
Biological Sciences	114	34	228	102	122 (45)	116 (48)	238 (93)	42 (15)	19 (5)	45 (13)	106 (33)	334 (126)	
Materials Science	90	30	180	90	99 (10)	99 (17)	198 (27)	25 (6)	17 (3)	19 (3)	61 (12)	259 (39)	
Total	350	107	700	321	369 (69)	376 (85)	745 (154)	106 (25)	72 (11)	122 (26)	300 (62)	1,045 (216)	

※ 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 2008

Master's Program	Doctoral Program	Total
8 of 353	20 of 78	28 of 431

Conferment of Academic Degrees (2008)

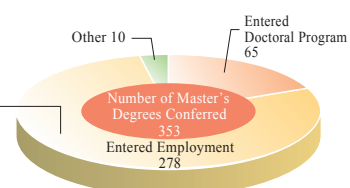
Graduate School	Master's Degree			Doctoral Degree		
	Engineering	Science	Bioscience	Engineering	Science	Bioscience
Information Science	147 (6)	7 (1)		30 (8)	3	
Biological Sciences			104			21
Materials Science	81 (1)	14		14 (8)	10 (4)	
Total	228 (7)	21 (1)	104	44 (16)	13 (4)	21

※ () indicates the number of students who completed their programs early

After Completion of Master's Program (2008)

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

Ajinomoto Co., Ltd., Canon Inc., Hitachi, Ltd., IBM Japan, Ltd., Kobayashi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, NEC Corporation, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, Nisshin Food Products, Panasonic Corporation, SANYO Electric Co., Ltd., Sharp Corporation, Shimadzu Corporation, Sony Corporation, Suntory, Ltd., TDK Corporation, Toray Industries, Inc., Toshiba Corporation, Toyota Motor Corporation, others



As of March, 2009