

Long-term Course Program

○Purpose and overview of the program

For those who may have difficulty in completing the necessary curriculum within the standard period of study (2 years for the master's course and 3 years for the doctoral course) due to circumstances such as maintaining their careers, this is a program in which you can plan and complete the course of your choice in a longer time frame to accommodate your specific needs.

○Eligible applicants

- (1) Those who are employed by government agencies, companies, etc. (excluding those who are granted a leave of absence from their work, etc.), those who are self-employed, and those who are engaged in full-time employment
- (2) Those who work part-time, etc. and who the president recognizes as being seriously affected, in relation to academic work, by that burden
- (3) Those who will give birth, or need to provide childcare or care for relatives, and who the president recognize as being seriously affected, in relation to academic work, by that burden
- (4) Those who correspond persons stipulated in number 3 above and who the president recognizes their circumstances require participation in the long-term course

※ MEXT Scholarship Students are not eligible for the long-term Course Program.

○Applications

Please fill out the Long-term Course Application and submit it to the Academic Affairs Section, Educational Affairs Division with the necessary documents.

• Submission deadline: March 16th, 2026

• Required documents

(1) Long-term Course Application

(2) Certificate of Employment

※ For those employed. Please use any format for this.

(3) For those who will give birth, or need to provide childcare or care for relatives, it is necessary to give documentation of this fact.

• The formats of the required documents can be found on

“https://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/current_students/academic_affairs/long-term.html”, please use them.

- Please consult with your supervisor regarding the Long-term Course Plan as soon as your supervisor is decided after enrollment and submit your application to the Academic Affairs Section, Educational Affairs Division.
- If you wish to take the long-term course for reasons other than work, childbirth, childcare or care for relatives, please contact the Academic Affairs Section, Educational Affairs Division in advance.
- The term for which you can apply as a long-term course period is 3 or 4 years for the master's course, and 4 , 5 or 6 years for the doctoral course. In addition to this, you may be able to extend or shorten the period according to changes in employment conditions, etc. However, if the remaining time until the end of the long-term course period is less than one year, you may not extend or shorten it.
- You will be informed of the application results at the end of April, 2026.

○Tuition fee

- The long-term student tuition fee will be equivalent to the fees for the standard term of study and charged proportionally during the period of enrollment for which long-term studies have been granted. Please note, if you are unable to complete the long-term course within the recognized period, the tuition fee after the recognized period will be the same as general students.
- Long-term course tuition fee = regular annual tuition fee (535,800 yen 【※ current amount】) × standard term of study (in years) ÷ number of years recognized for the long-term course period

【Example】 When 3-year long-term course is permitted for the master's course

Category	Annual Tuition Amount			Total Tuition Amount
Regular student (Standard duration: 2 years)	1st year 535,800 yen	2nd year 535,800 yen		1,071,600 yen
Long-term student (Duration of long- term course: 3 years)	1st year 357,200 yen	2nd year 357,200 yen	3rd year 357,200 yen	

【Example】 When a 3-year long-term course from the second year(M2) of the master's course is permitted

Regular student for 1st year、 Long- term student from 2nd year to 4th year (Duration of long- term course:3 years)	1st year	2nd	3rd	4th	1,071,600 yen
	535,800 yen	year 178,600 yen	year 178,600 yen	year 178,600 yen	

【Example】 When 6-year long-term course is permitted for the doctoral course

Category	Annual Tuition Amount						Total Tuition Amount
	Regular student (Standard duration: 3 years)	1st year 535,800 yen		2nd year 535,800 yen		3rd year 535,800 yen	
Long-term student (Duration of long- term course: 6 years)	1st year 267,900 yen	2nd year 267,900 yen	3rd year 267,900 yen	4th year 267,900 yen	5th year 267,900 yen	6th year 267,900 yen	1,607,400 yen

【Example】 When a 5-year long-term course from the second year(D2) of the doctoral course is permitted

Regular student for 1st year、Long-term student from 2nd year to 6th year (Duration of long-term course:5 years)	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	5th year	6th year	1,607,400 yen
	535,800 yen	214,320 yen	214,320 yen	214,320 yen	214,320 yen	214,320 yen	

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