



NAIST CAREER GUIDE

for international students 2026

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Career Services Office
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Please tell us your story: why you became interested in and decided to work in Japan.

After graduation, I wanted to better understand how Japanese professionals work in industry. I was especially interested in Japan's work ethic, teamwork, and attention to quality. Staying in Japan also gave me the chance to experience the culture more deeply, as the two years of my master's program were simply not enough to fully explore and understand everything.

How did the NAIST Career Office support you in your job hunting?

I actually started job hunting relatively late, about six months before graduation. I searched in several ways, such as social networks and referrals from friends, and also asked the NAIST Career Office for support. Knowing my situation, they proactively listed companies in their network and helped arrange interviews. These interviews helped me understand each company's business area and culture. Looking back, asking for support from the NAIST Career Office was truly the right decision. Their process was professional and their network was very strong.

Please share your company profile and your working experience so far.

My company is Keigan Inc., a tech startup based in Kyoto. We develop mobile robots and automation equipment for factory and logistics environments. On my first day, I was surprised by how friendly everyone was, quite different from the distant image I once had of Japanese workplaces. We even have a small "gardening club," where colleagues take care of plants and chat after lunch. Besides, members are international, so communicating in English is common, though I hope to improve my Japanese further. Here, I've received a lot of support, especially from HR, which helped me settle in very quickly.

Message to NAIST juniors about job hunting in Japan.

Well, first, start job hunting early, ideally about one year before graduation, so that you have enough time to find a company that truly fits you. Use multiple channels, but I strongly recommend starting with support from the NAIST Career Office, as it is a valuable resource for students. Before each interview, take time to research the company and its work environment, and prepare a few questions. Companies really appreciate this kind of initiative. Good luck with your job hunting!



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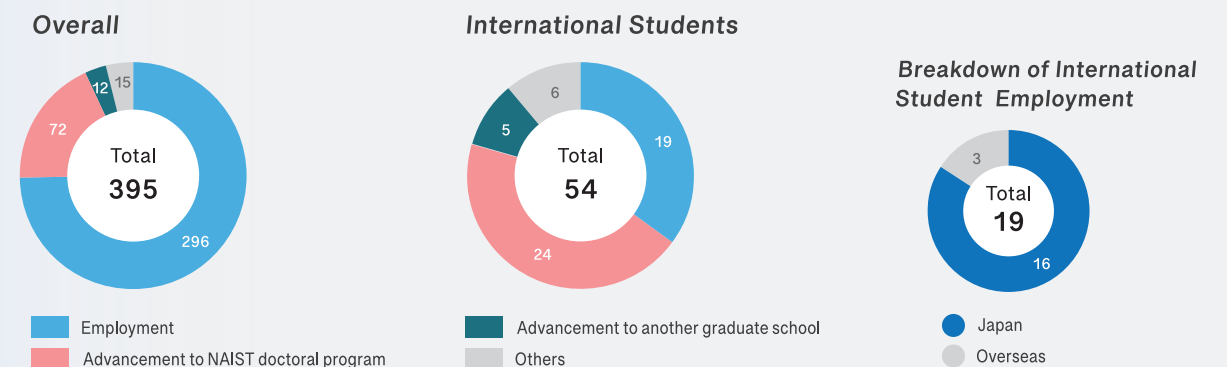
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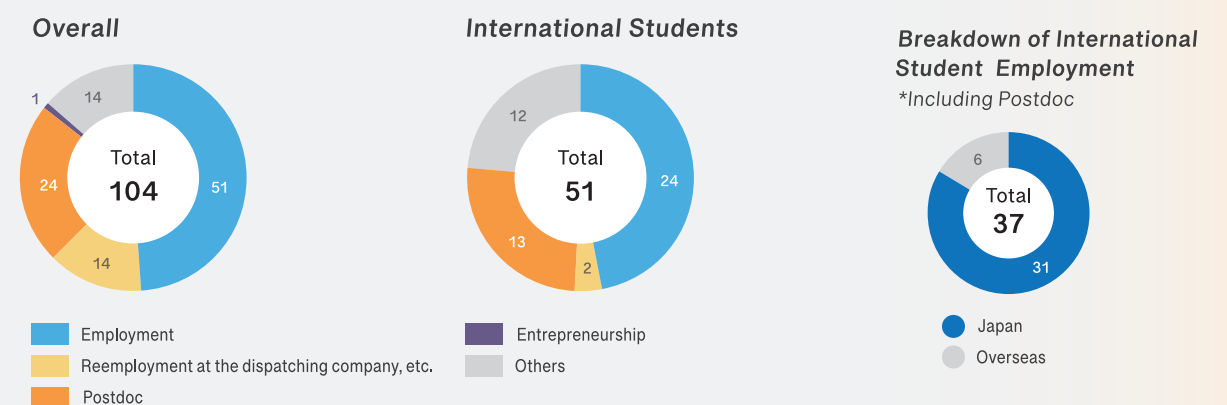
NAIST International Students Data

Career Paths and Employment Status After Completion (FY 2023)

All Master Program Graduates in FY 2023

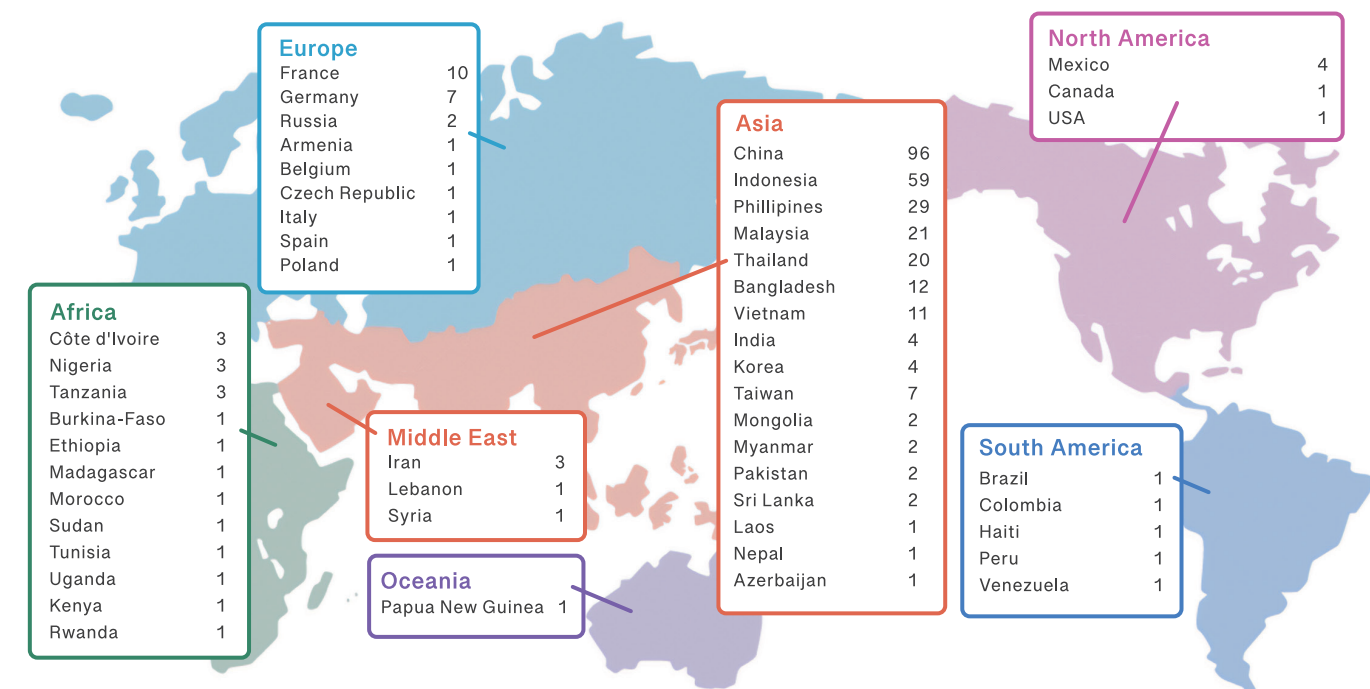


All Doctoral Program Graduates in FY 2023



Breakdown of International Students by Country of Origin

*Including Doctoral Program (as of Apr 2025)



Career Services Section

Career development for international students and post-doc researchers

At the NAIST Career Services Section, we provide comprehensive career support, mainly for international students and post-doctoral researchers who wish to work in non-academic fields in Japan.

Career Support Framework

We offer year-round 1-to-1 consultations in English for international students. The two career advisors in charge have wide overseas experience. Besides that, various career support programs are planned, including intra-university collaborations with career support staff from other departments. In addition, initiatives for company matching and diversification of career paths are being carried out through close collaborations with private companies, career support organizations, career centers of other universities and more.

Book Lending

Books that are helpful for job search and career planning are available for loan at the Career Services Office.



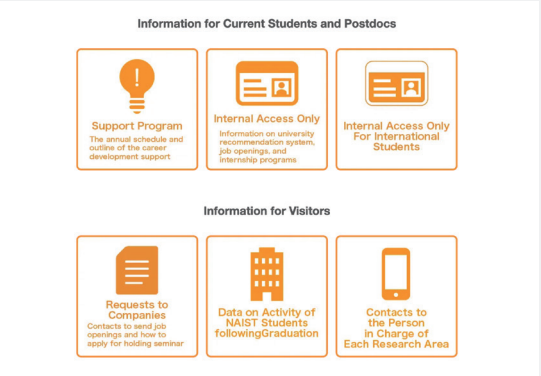
Support Programs

We provide career guidance for students who wish to work in private companies upon completing their Master's and Doctorate. Such guidance covers a wide variety of topics, such as an overview of job hunting in Japan, writing a resume/entry sheet, creating presentation slides and job interview strategies. Besides that, consultations for students with job offers from Japanese companies, as well as networking sessions on career development with alumni are held throughout the year.

About our website

At the Career Services Section's website, we offer support for international students who are seeking jobs in Japan.

We provide services such as scheduling appointments for career counseling, streaming archived videos of career guidance, and posting information about job-hunting events to assist these students.



Career Services Office (English)

https://www.naist.jp/dcd/en/index.html

How to Reserve Career Consultation

Career consultants with expertise in assisting advanced degree holders help students with all aspects of career planning.

- How to look for jobs in Japan
- Job hunting & career exploration in industry
- Internships & 1-day company visit programs
- Brushing up documents (Entry sheets, CVs, Slides)
- Job interview practice etc.

Consultation requests are made using Google Calendar reservation link provided by e-mail.

Form for Career Consultation Service for International Students, including a calendar view and a reservation form.

Characteristics of our university

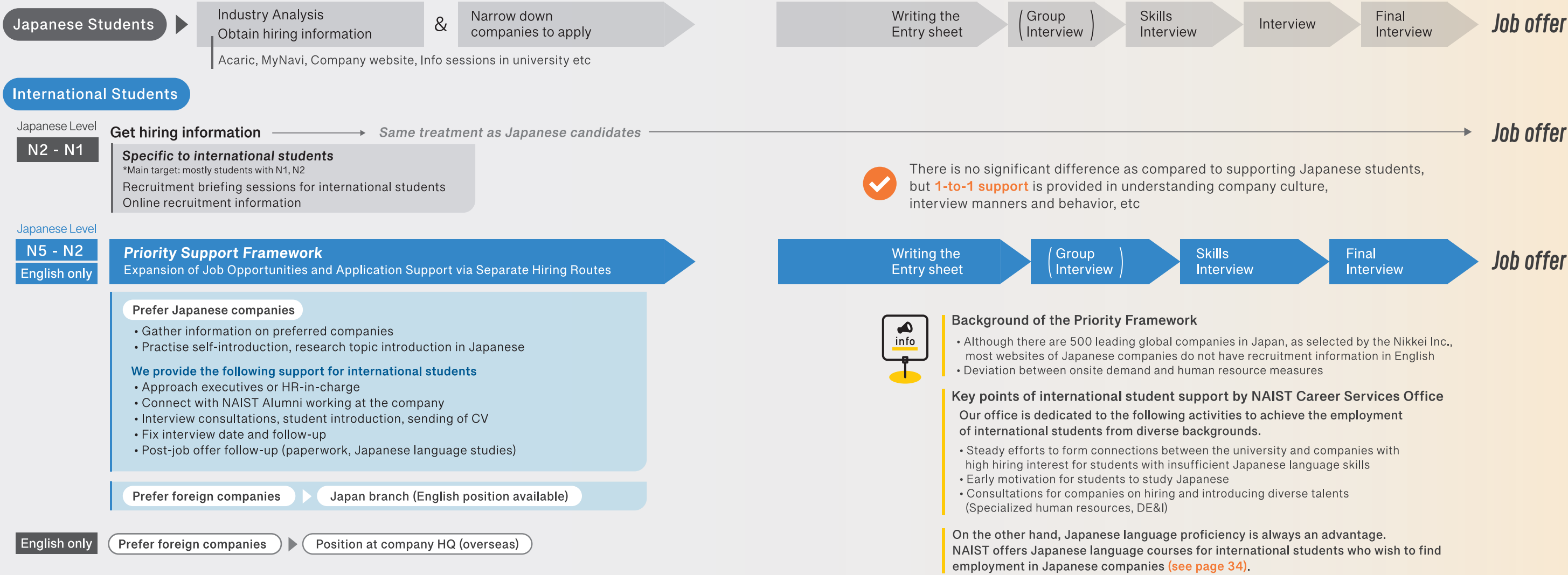
National Graduate University specializing in Science and Engineering.
Three domains of information science, biological science, and materials science, and their fusion field (data science, digital green innovation)
Emphasis on matching the specialized fields of students with the needs of companies.

Employment support challenges for international students at our university

Graduate university that offers programs in English.
Many of our international students come to Japan for graduate studies.
In most of the cases, **the period for studying Japanese** until job-hunting commences is **extremely short**.



Process of Job Hunting (Start - Receiving Job Offer)



Characteristics of Japanese Companies

Specialist vs Generalist

専門職 vs ジェネラリスト

Employees in Japan start their career as generalists, rather than specialists. This means that they are shuffled between the departments of the company and given opportunities to try out different kinds of tasks. By doing so, workers are trained such that they have a bird's eye view and understanding of how the company operates as a whole, as well as the work that goes on in each and every department.

Age-based Wage Increment

年功序列賃金

The longer you work for a company, the higher your pay will be. This is because you will have accumulated work experience and have a better understanding of your company and its businesses.

One-time Hiring of Fresh Graduates

新卒一括採用

In Japan, students who have just graduated from university will start work in April every year. These fresh graduates will enter the company together as a cohort.

Potential-based Hiring

ポテンシャル採用

Japanese companies do not hire based on existing skills/knowledge, but rather based on one's potential for future growth. Therefore, during interviews, you will be assessed based on your character rather than your skills/knowledge.

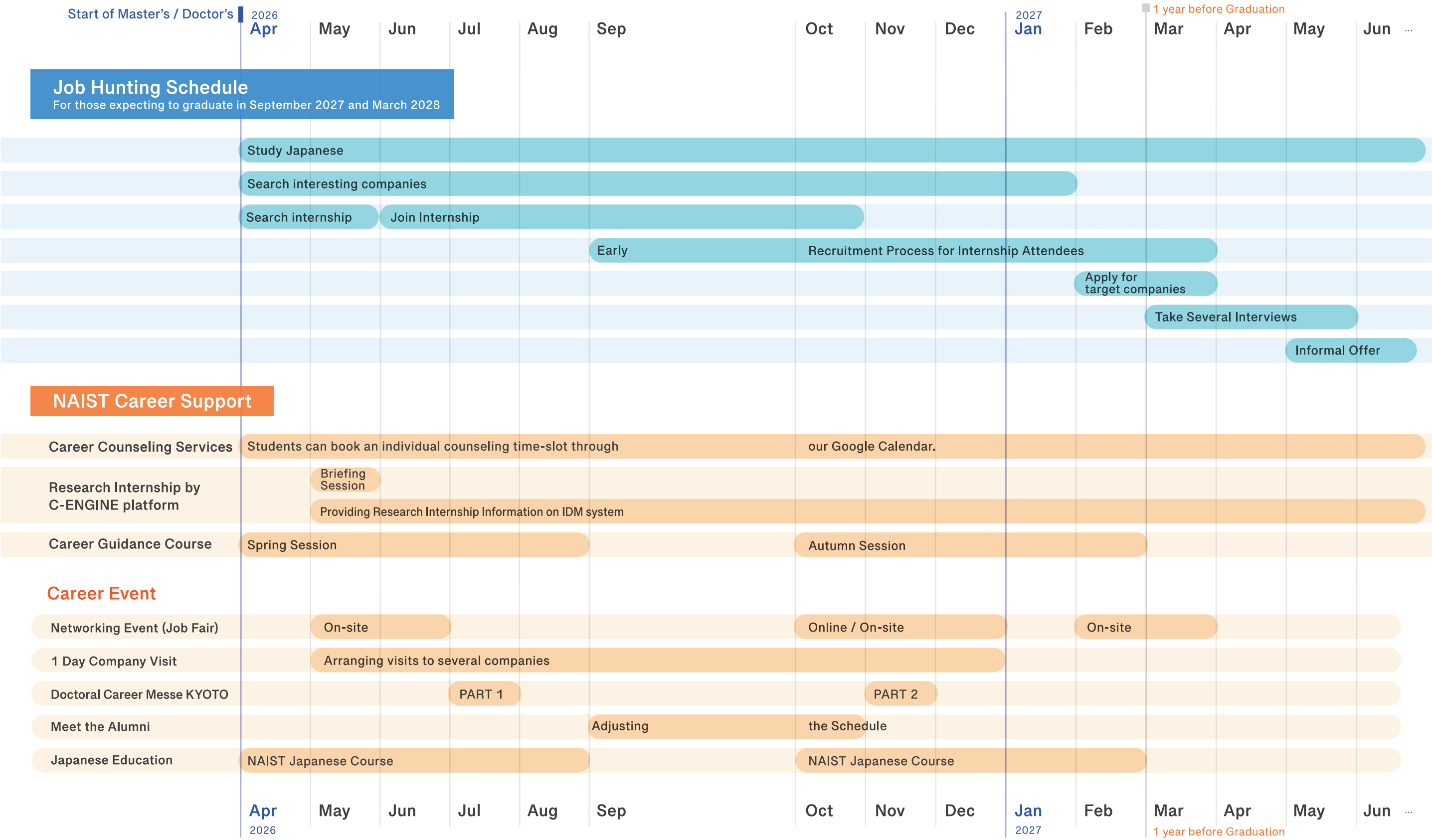
Lifetime Employment

終身雇用

The Japanese tend to stay with the same company for a long-time, some even for life. However, this is starting to change and career switching is much more common among Japanese workers today.

Career Support Program &

Job Hunting Schedule 2026



Research on Companies and Industries

Have you ever wondered which industry and which company you should work in?

Company Research (Analysis) and Industry Analysis are done to find the industry/company that best fits you. In this section, we will introduce one method each for industry analysis and company analysis.

Industry Analysis: Industry Weather Map

業界天気図



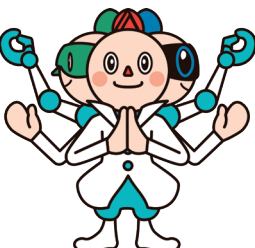
Company Analysis: SWOT Analysis

Strengths

Opportunity

Weaknesses

Threat



Industry Analysis: Industry Weather Map

Information on the current situation and outlook of the various industries are expressed as weather conditions.

For example, sunny conditions refer to a positive situation/outlook while rain would mean a negative situation/outlook. Easy, isn't it! Note that this does not mean that you should choose to work in industries with a positive outlook but rather, think about how you can solve the issues that the industry is facing.

Company Analysis: SWOT Analysis

This method is used for self-analysis, but it can also be used to understand a company better, through researching its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, and writing them down.

Such information can be found on the company's official homepage, news articles, social media and so on. By gathering these information, you will be able to match the company's characteristics with yourself and gain insights on how you can play an active role in this company.

How to write your NAIST Resume



履歴書

2026 年 4 月 1 日 現在

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年	月	学歴・職歴
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2016	9	Name of Senior high School 卒業
2017	4	Name of Univ. (Faculty of ###) 入学
2021	3	Name of Univ. (Faculty of ###) 卒業
2022	4	奈良先端科学技術大学院大学 先端科学技術研究科 情報科学領域 (Lab Name)研究室 博士前期課程 入学
2024	3	奈良先端科学技術大学院大学 先端科学技術研究科 情報科学領域 (Lab Name)研究室 博士前期課程 卒業
2024	4	奈良先端科学技術大学院大学 先端科学技術研究科 情報科学領域 (Lab Name)研究室 博士後期課程 入学
2027	3	奈良先端科学技術大学院大学 先端科学技術研究科 情報科学領域 (Lab Name)研究室 博士後期課程 卒業見込み
		職歴
2021	4	IST Corporation 入社
2021	12	日本に留学するため、退社
		以上

奈良先端科学技術大学院大学



Photo

Size 4×3cm

ふりがな Name in Hiragana

氏名 Name

生年月日 Birthday

年, 月, 日 Year, Month, Day (Age)

現住所 Current Address

帰省中又は休暇中の連絡先
Address of your home country

学歴 Education History

- Senior high school
- University (Bachelor)
- Japanese Language School
- Graduate School (Master)
- Graduate School (Doctor)

職歴 Work History

Name of Company

Left company at the end of contract term

自己紹介書

奈良先端科学技術大学院大学 先端科学技術研究科 博士後期課程 3 年 情報科学領域 (Lab Name)研究室	ふりがな 氏名	たにぐち なおや Taniguchi Naoya
教育プログラム	情報科学	
研究内容等	研究室名 (Lab Name)	
	テーマ (Research Theme)	
	指導教員 (Professor Name)	
内容	私は現在、日本の環境保全の目的で、木くずと木炭を融合させた商品のビジネスモデルの研究をしています。この研究は、資金もなく人材も集まらないという困難な状況で始まりました。この困難を乗り越えるためにおこなったことは「魅力を引き出す」ということです。産業廃棄物である木くずを再利用したり、協力してくれるようになった研究メンバーの能力を引き出したりすることで、研究を成功させることができました。目の前にある環境を最大限に利用し、しっかりと考え抜く経験は、今の自分をより上げる貴重な経験となりました。	
学生時代に打ち込んだこと	紳士服のお店でアルバイトをしています。日本語を使って長い時間で接客をすることや、紳士服の知識が全くないことが大きな課題でした。以前コンビニでもアルバイトをしていましたが、1分ほどの短い接客と大きく違い、お客様の好みのシャツやスーツから靴をヒアリングし、提案と販売を行うことに最初は迷いました。特に日本語の言葉遣いやビジネスマナーが足りないことに困っていましたが、日々にお客様に対応する経験を通じて、日本語スキルはもちろん、お客様が求める服やコーディネート提案もだんだんと慣れてきました。忙しいときは店員が慌てているとお客様にそれが伝わってしまうため、1人1人を丁寧に対応しました。お客様からは「すごく丁寧な接客だった」という言葉もいただきました。今後も様々な人とコミュニケーションを取ることで、成長していきたいと考えています。	
自己PR	私の強みは、成長したい心を持っていることです。海外から日本に渡り、言語や文化、研究の環境が違うという高い壁にぶつかりましたが、研究室ではみずから議論に参加し、周囲の意見を吸収しながら研究力を高めてきました。特に難しい課題に対しては、試行錯誤を重ねることで自分なりの解決策を見出し、以前よりも粘り強く物事に向き合えるようになりました。新しい環境でも学び続け、成長につなげられるのが私の強みです。	
志望動機	貴社の素材を通して、日本のものづくりの新しい可能性を引き出したいと考えています。研究室時代に新技術の商品化までの話を企業の方から聞く機会があり、「自分の研究しているテーマが社会のどの事業で役に立つのか」ということを考えました。貴社OBに、素材研究は「用途開発」によって、商品の新しい可能性を引き出せる点にあると伺い、素材メーカーを就職先として考えるようになりました。化学素材メーカーの中でも、貴社は『進化する個性派化学』として、燃料電池用の高機能触媒や有機EL向け発光材料の開発など、時代に先駆けた新素材を開発しておられます。貴社の高機能素材の用途開発に携わり、日本の「モノづくり」の可能性を引き出したいと考えています。	
資格・免許・賞・記録・特技など	資格・免許：TOEIC 800 点取得 (2024)、日本語能力試験 JLPT N2 (2025) その他の言語能力：英語・中国語 (ネイティブレベル)、日本語 (日常会話レベル) 受賞歴：###最優秀学生賞(2020)、文部科学省 MEXT 奨学金 (2022) 特技・趣味：料理、旅行、写真撮影	

奈良先端科学技術大学院大学

Lab Name
Research Theme
Research Supervisors (Professor)

Brief abstract about your research
- Contents
- Evaluation from outsiders (awarding)

What did you pour your energy into in your university life so far?
You can write about any experience (such as study, research, sports and volunteer activities etc.)

Appeal yourself by showing your strengths.
- Why should a company hire you?
- Why you are the best person for them?
e.g., Proactive / Resilient / Adaptability / Communication Skills / Leadership / Critical Thinking / Time Management / Growth Mindset / Accountability / Presentation Skills etc.

Please explain the reason why you decided to apply to the target company.
It is better to explain about the specific research division, products and service you want to challenge in the company.

“What is the specific motivation for the target company, compared with others?”

Self-analysis

During job hunting, you will often be asked about your “Strengths and Weaknesses.”

In order to respond to interview questions, as well as write your resume, you need to understand your own strengths and weaknesses. Self-analysis is done so that we can understand ourselves better. In this section, I will introduce 2 methods of self-analysis.

SWOT Analysis

This is the most common method of self analysis and involves writing down your Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Strengths and weaknesses are inward aspects as they apply to yourself, while opportunities and threats are in your environment and therefore, outward aspects.

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Strengths

W

Weaknesses

O

Opportunity

T

Threat

For example

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- Advanced research skills developed through Master's/Doctoral studies at NAIST
- Experience in conducting research in an international and multicultural environment
- Ability to read, write, and present academic content in English
- Logical thinking and problem-solving skills through research activities
- Experience working independently and managing long-term projects
- Proactive mindset, takes care of tasks beforehand

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- Limited Japanese proficiency for business-level communication
- Lack of familiarity with Japanese-style job hunting and recruitment processes
- Limited professional network with Japanese companies and alumni
- Difficulty understanding implicit communication and workplace norms in Japan
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- High Japanese language requirements in many Japanese companies
- Limited foreign-hiring experience in some organizations
- Competition with Japanese candidates in the new graduate job market
- Economic and social uncertainties affecting foreign talent recruitment

Reflecting on your life

By recalling your life so far, you will gain insights into your strengths and weaknesses during specific episodes, turning points as well as your actions, etc.

For example

You can note down events that occurred in your life for every five years, starting from age 5 till your current age:

Age 5 -10 - Entered kindergarten - Learnt to ride a bicycle	Age 10 -15 Volunteered at the local elderly welfare center
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For each event written down, include details on the specific actions you took as well as the outcome/results of your actions. Try to be as specific as possible in your answers, as the details will help you later on.

The actions you took will give you a hint to your strengths and weaknesses. From these, you can pick a specific episode to explore further when you explain your strength/weakness in your resume or at the job interview.

Interviews

If you pass the document screening and aptitude test (refer to p.17), the next step will be a series of interviews.

The key to succeeding in these interviews is making the interviewer think, “I want to work with this person!” Additionally, if you are not yet fluent in Japanese, it is crucial to demonstrate your potential and motivation to improve your Japanese language skills in the future — especially when applying to Japanese companies.

Below, you can find a list of common interview questions. Be sure to practice them as part of your preparation.

1. Please introduce yourself briefly.

自己紹介（じこしょうかい）をおねがいします。

2. Why have you decided to come to Japan?

なぜ日本（にほん）に来ることに決めましたか？

3. Why do you want to work in Japan(Japanese industries)?

なぜ日本（にほん）の会社（かいしゃ）で働（はたら）きたいですか？

4. Why do you want to work in our company?

志望動機（しぼうどうき）について教（おし）えてください。

5. In which of our (research) departments are you interested in working? Why?

どの研究部門（けんきゅうぶもん）で働（はたら）くことに興味（きょうみ）がありますか？それはなぜですか？

6. Please describe your research briefly.

研究概要（けんきゅうがいよう）を説明（せつめい）してください。

7. What are your strengths and weaknesses?

あなたの強み（つよみ）と弱み（よわみ）は何ですか？

8. How long are you planning to work in Japan?

あなたは日本（にほん）でどのくらい働（はたら）く予定（よてい）ですか？

9. What is your future career plan in our company?

入社後（にゅうしゃご）のキャリアプランについて教（おし）えてください。

10. Do you have any questions for us?

質問（しつもん）はありますか？

Attire for Interviews

Gentlemen

For a professional interview appearance, keep your hair-style neat, ensuring your eyebrows, ears, and neckline remain visible; wear a black, navy, or dark gray suit with plain or lightly striped patterns, leaving the last button of your suit jacket unfastened; choose a subtle-patterned necktie; pair your attire with a black or brown belt, dark-colored socks like black or navy, and well-polished black lace-up shoes.

Ladies

For a professional interview look, carry an A4-sized bag in muted colors, wear a knee-length skirt or pants in black, navy, or dark gray, and avoid accessories except for wedding rings. Keep makeup natural with pink or orange shades, and use beige nail polish if manicured. Wear clean black shoes with 3–5 cm heels and skin-tone stockings, carrying a spare pair. Keep hair neat by tying long hair in a bun or ponytail and ensuring dyed hair matches your natural color.

Making a good first impression is also important.

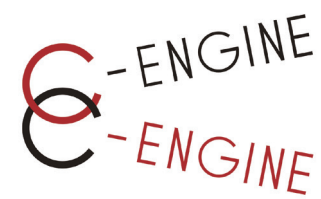
Speak cheerfully and energetically!

Eye contact

Posture

Speaking clearly with a smile, using a confident and steady voice, and demonstrating polite behavior—such as proper greetings—can help you leave a positive impression on the interviewer.

Internship



About C-ENGINE

The Association of Industry-Academia for Collaborative Education for Next-Generation INnovators & Exploration of Knowledge Intersections (AIA for C-ENGINE) is the strategic alliance between 18 universities and 32 companies.

C-ENGINE undertakes research internship programs for graduate or post-graduate students aiming to foster top graduates with innovative minds and skills to lead in business or academia.

Member Companies

BIPROGY Inc.,
Boehringer Ingelheim JP,
Canon Medical Systems Corporation,
Central Research Institute of Electric,
Power Industry,
Daicel Corporation,
DAIKIN INDUSTRIES, LTD.,
Dai Nippon Printing Co., Ltd.,
Hitachi, Ltd.,
Hitachi Metals, Ltd.,
HORIBA, Ltd.,

Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.,
Konica Minolta, Inc.,
KYOCERA Corporation,
Mitsubishi Electric Corporation,
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.,
Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.,
NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD.,
Nitto Denko Corporation,
Panasonic Corporation,
Ricoh Co., Ltd.,
ROHTO Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.,

SCREEN Holdings Co., Ltd.,
Sysmex Corporation,
Shimadzu Corporation,
Shimizu Corporation,
Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.,
TADANO LTD.,
Takenaka Corporation,
TOPPAN Inc.,
Toray Industries, Inc.,
Zeon Corporation



How to join the C-ENGINE Research Internship:
Register first IDM system !

Register IDM to check research internship themes
and company information.
<https://idm.c-engine.org/>

“NETWORKING EVENT”

The NAIST career services office has organized the event in order to provide international students with an opportunity to talk with company representatives in an at-home atmosphere in English and learn about the Japanese industries and corporate culture of participating companies. Last year we have invited 12 companies who have interests in networking with international students and are willing to communicate in English. The event was held for the first time at the Nara Bus Terminal, welcoming international students from our university as well as students from Nara Women's University and Osaka University.

<https://www.iiwasabi.com/app/events/view/654>
Reference: 2025.11.14



Synthetic Personality Inventory (SPI)



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SPI (Synthetic Personality Inventory) is an aptitude test widely used by Japanese companies in their hiring process. Developed by Recruit Management Solutions Co., Ltd., this test evaluates applicants' fundamental cognitive abilities and personality traits to assess their job suitability and adaptability within an organization.

Currently, some companies conduct aptitude tests in English, but the majority still use Japanese-based tests. In many cases, the aptitude test is conducted simultaneously with the document screening stage. As a result, the impact of the test score on the selection process varies depending on the company. Regardless, it is highly recommended to prepare for the test as early as possible.

In the SPI test, be mindful of **time management**. In particular, for the **Skills Test**, which includes mathematical calculations, many students have reported that they ran out of time and were unable to complete all the questions. Please be careful not to spend too much time on each question.

You can find an overview of the **SPI test** content on various job support websites, such as **JapanDev**.

Recommended Books & Content

“ Job Hunting Guide for International Students 2026 ”

https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/after_study_j/job/guide.html

Additionally, the "Job Hunting Guide for International Students" published annually by JASSO provides a detailed explanation. We highly recommend referring to this guide, as it is available for **free download in multiple languages**.



外国人留学生のための就活ガイド 2026 (日本語版)

https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/after_study_j/job/guide.html



“ Employment Written Exam Textbook for International Students ”

留学生のための就職筆記試験の教科書



Official E-Shop (JMAM)

<https://pub.jmam.co.jp/book/b529118.html>

There are many SPI textbooks and practice question books available, but we recommend materials specifically designed for international students.

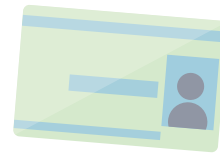
"Employment Written Exam Textbook for International Students" is a study resource that helps students understand the importance of written exams in the Japanese job-hunting process and learn effective preparation strategies through practical exercises.

This is the only SPI preparation book specifically tailored for international students, featuring furigana on vocabulary equivalent to JLPT N3 or above and kanji at the N2 level or higher. It also provides detailed explanations of key terms found in the exam questions, making it a highly useful resource for foreign students.

Once you graduate or leave school, you are no longer a Student. In order to remain in Japan after graduation, you will need to **change your status of residence**

There are **29 types** of Statuses of Residence. (as of Feb 2025)

Statuses of Residence for working in Japan include Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services, Designated Activities (Graduates of universities in Japan) and Designated Activities (Job Hunting).



Researcher

This is another type of work visa, for researchers working in the research department of private/public organizations with a work contract.
However, note that this does not include doing research in academic institutions! as this would come under the "Professor" visa.

Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services

This is the most common type for international students to work in Japan. In order to get this status of residence, what you studied in school needs to match with your job content.

Residence Permit for continuing Job Hunting Post-graduation

If you wish to continue job hunting in Japan after graduating from university, you need to change your residence status **from "Student" to "Designated Activities (Continued Job Hunting)"**.

The residence period for "Designated Activities" is **6 months**.
It can be renewed once, allowing a maximum stay of up to **1 year**.



The recommendation letter required for the residence status change application can be issued **by the International Student Affairs Section (ISAS) at the International Affairs Office**.

As a general guideline, please consult the International Affairs Office **as soon as you determine that you will need a job-hunting visa after confirming your expected graduation**.

**Please note that since a graduation certificate is required, the actual application will take place after graduation.*



Reference:

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About the Highly Skilled Foreign Professional Points System

Under the points-based system, foreign nationals recognized as "highly-skilled foreign professionals" will be given preferential immigration treatment!

The Three Categories of Activities of Highly Skilled Professionals

Advanced academic research activities - Highly Skilled Professional (i) (a)

Activities of engaging in research, research guidance or education based on a contract entered into with a public or private organization in Japan.

Advanced specialized/technical activities - Highly Skilled Professional (i) (b)

Activities of engaging in work requiring specialized knowledge or skills in the field of natural sciences or humanities based on a contract entered into with a public or private organization in Japan.

Advanced business management activities - Highly Skilled Professional (i) (c)

Activities of engaging in the operation or management of a public or private organization in Japan.



Foreign nationals, who have been permitted entry and residence as a highly-skilled professional, are entitled to the following types of preferential treatment

Highly Skilled Professional(i)

- (1) Permission for multiple purposes of activities
- (2) Grant of the "five years" period of stay
- (3) Easing of requirements for permanent residence
- (4) Permission for the spouse of the highly-skilled foreign professional to work
- (5) Permission for the parent(s) to accompany the highly-skilled foreign professional to Japan under certain conditions
- (6) Permission for a domestic worker to accompany the highly-skilled foreign professional to Japan under certain conditions
- (7) Preferential processing of entry and residence procedures



Points calculation chart ! (as of Feb 2026)

<https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/content/001398892.pdf>
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Alumni Interview

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Schneider Electric Japan Holdings Ltd.

R&D Innovation Projects Leader

Elder Akpa, Ph.D.
Country: Cote d'Ivoire

Ubiquitous Computing Systems Lab.

Completed doctoral course
in Information Science in March 2019



Q Tell us about your company, your current job and your role?

I am currently a Project Manager at Schneider Electric, a global leader in the energy management and industrial automation. I joined the company in 2019, right after graduating from the Ubiquitous Computing Systems Laboratory under the guidance of Professor Yasumoto Keiichi. Initially, I took on the role of Innovation Leader, where I focused on exploring and developing new technologies and solutions. But in November 2023, I was promoted to Project Manager, expanding my responsibilities to oversee the entire project lifecycle. My current role involves managing all aspects of projects, from initial marketing requirements gathering to final product delivery, encompassing development, verification, validation, and manufacturing. I collaborate closely with cross-functional teams, ensuring smooth communication and coordination among stakeholders. I am responsible for project planning and execution, risk management, and delivering regular progress reports and presentations. My experience at Schneider Electric has been incredibly rewarding. I have had the opportunity to contribute to innovative projects that address critical challenges in energy management and sustainability.

Q Why did you decide to work at your current company?

My current company is called Schneider Electric. Firstly, I chose to work at Schneider Electric because it is an international company. I knew about Schneider Electric before coming to Japan. So, I thought "If I start my career in Japan in an international company, it could be easier for me to go to another country or to my hometown while being in the same company". Secondly, Schneider Electric is also a France-based company so I knew I could use my mother tongue-French-as an advantage by working at the headquarter in Japan or France smoothly.

Another reason is the fact that my Japanese language level (N3) was OK for Schneider Electric. As a TRUE international company, Schneider Electric did not judge me based on my Japanese language ability only, but instead they judged me based on my IT skills, knowledge and competencies.



Q Tips for job hunting in Japan for international students

First Tip: Seek advice from senpais or alumni.

In the beginning, the job-hunting process was confusing and overwhelming, but I started to understand it better after proactively seeking advice. Everyone had different advice, so I think it is important to hear stories from many senpais.

Second Tip: Try to be a different/special candidate.

In my case, I always try to be different by standing out from other candidates. For example, I became creative with my resume/CV. I highlighted many of my accomplishments by adding a table of achievements, specifically on the practical end. For example, I wrote about the app that I invented called <<Bourses Pour Tous>>, which means "scholarship for all" in French. Anyone can access it on the Google Play store and I presented it to the job interviewers when I have interview sessions.





TERRACE MILE, Inc.

International Business Manager and Data Scientist

Hossain Shaikh Farhad, Ph.D.

Country: Bangladesh

Computational Systems Biology Lab.

Completed doctoral course
in Information Science in March 2021



Rakuten Group, Inc.

Rakuten Institute of Technology, Singapore
Research Scientist

Johanes Effendi, Ph.D.

Country: Indonesia

Augmented Human Communication Lab.

Completed doctoral course
in Information Science in September 2021



Tell us about your company, your current job/research, and your role

The name of my company is Terrace Mile. We support farmers in the era of smart agriculture, accelerating agricultural management with an "agricultural information infrastructure" that combines digital and on-site information.

I hold the position of Data Scientist and AI Researcher at Terracemile Co., Ltd, where our primary focus is on agricultural data analysis. My main responsibilities revolve around data analysis and developing prediction models.



Tell us about your company, your current job/research, and your role

I currently work as a research scientist at Rakuten Institute of Technology(RIT). My role is to contribute to the development of language technologies at Rakuten. We support the company's global expansion by breaking down language barriers through innovative language technology solutions. Recently, I contributed to the development of RakutenAI-7B, a 7-billion-parameter Japanese large language model (LLM) specifically optimized for the Japanese language. Last November, I gave a talk about this model at the Rakuten Technology Conference 2024, held at Rakuten Group's headquarters in Tokyo.

Why did you decide to work at your current company?

I possess diverse skills that I can effectively contribute to this position. I hold a bachelor's degree in Computer Science & Engineering (CSE), a Master's degree in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), and a Doctoral degree in Engineering in Information Science. In this company, I have had the opportunity to apply my academic skills and make effective contributions to this position reasonably. For this reason, I chose to work for this company.



What is your daily work schedule usually like?

I have a standard 9 am to 6 pm working schedule, although there are days when I start earlier to sync up with colleagues in the US. Lunchtime is a shared experience with the team in the office cafeteria. Our diverse team, representing various parts of the world, ensures lively and engaging discussions with a constant flow of interesting stories and perspectives.

Our work style is a mix of individual focus and collaborative discussions. We allocate time to delve into ongoing tasks, strategize for our objectives, and share insights from new research publications we come across. This blend allows for a dynamic and productive work environment.



Please share what you like about your company.

Terrace Mile is dedicated to providing exceptional agricultural information services that contribute to the advancement of the digital farming sector. Currently, we are actively engaged in huge projects focused on areas such as vegetables, greenhouse gardening, and shipment forecasting, primarily serving clients in Japan. In every new project, we acquire new knowledge and contribute to society through innovation. This brings me joy, and it reflects positively on my company.



How has NAIIST shaped your current professional journey?

My time at NAIIST has been instrumental in shaping both my academic and professional endeavors. Being part of a diverse community of international students has not only enhanced my research skills but has also provided invaluable lessons in collaborating and socializing with individuals from various cultural backgrounds. My study at the NAIIST AHC Lab was not just about acquiring expertise in cutting-edge speech and language processing technology, it was also a lesson in staying abreast of its constant evolution. In a field that perpetually advances, I learned the significance of pushing beyond one's limits to stay relevant and contribute meaningfully to ongoing developments.



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New Technology Development Office
R&D Engineer
(Secondment: Product owner, Toyota Connected Europe)

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Saraya Co. Ltd

Biochemical laboratory
Saraya Research Institute
Chief Researcher

Abigail Uy, Ph.D.
Country: The Philippines

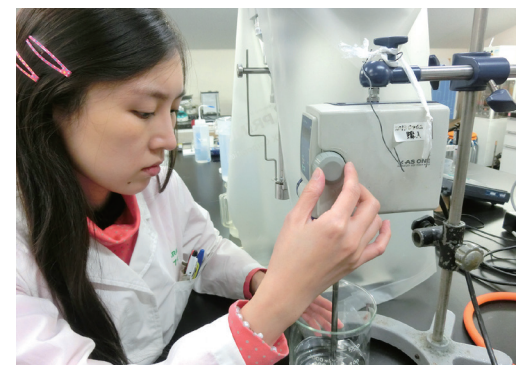
Plant Metabolic Regulation Lab.

Completed doctoral course
in Biological Science in March 2020

Tell us about your company, your current job/research, and your role

I work for Toyota Connected Europe in London. We're part of the Toyota Connected group, which focuses on developing innovative mobility, safety, and convenience services using software, data science, and design. Think mobile apps and connected car features. Essentially, we use technology to improve how people interact with their vehicles and anticipate their needs, whether it's for maintenance, charging, or even understanding driving behavior.

My current role is a product owner for several research and development (R&D) projects. I act as a bridge between Japan and Europe, using data collected from millions of Toyota vehicles daily. My background in Human-Computer Interaction allows me to work on real-time graphics research, and I've used it for various mobility and multimedia design projects. I'm also involved in exploring how AI and Large Language Models (LLMs) can be used within Toyota as it is one of the hot topics nowadays.



Tell us about your company, your current job/research and your role

I work at Saraya, a world leader in promoting health, environment, and hygiene, which has revolutionized hand washing in Japan more than 70 years ago. I work under the Natural Products Group, which develops household, personal care and cosmetic product formulations using natural, safe and environment - friendly ingredients. I previously worked on the development of baby soap, and I am currently involved in hair care formulations. I am also a member of the Global R&D Team, which promotes globalization in our research institute.



What is your daily work schedule usually like?

My day typically starts around 8:00 AM GMT with meetings. Some days it's with colleagues in Japan, and other days it's with European teams in London and Brussels. This usually goes on until 11:00 AM. After that, I focus on managing my R&D projects, making sure everything is on track with budgets, deadlines, and deliverables.

Around 12:30 PM, I take a lunch break. My afternoon is spent addressing any issues with the live products I'm responsible for, researching new technologies, and discussing future plans with colleagues. I also dedicate time for my own personal R&D efforts, exploring how they can benefit Toyota in the long run.

How has your experience at NAIST influenced your current job/career?

My time at NAIST was incredibly valuable. It instilled in me a customer-first mindset and taught me to push the boundaries of what's possible. The core values I developed there align perfectly with Toyota's values. NAIST also honed my methodological approach to work and provided me with the professional knowledge and connections I needed to succeed. Most importantly, it nurtured my love for what I do. I'm grateful for the education I received, the professors who guided me, and the people I met during my journey at NAIST.



Why did you decide to work at your current company?

First of all, I value Saraya's commitment to health, environment and hygiene. I want to work alongside a company that puts these goals at the forefront. Secondly, I like the research that is being done in Saraya, which is innovative and heavily science - based, as evidenced in the company's effective products. Lastly, I was attracted by Saraya's collaborative and growth-oriented work culture, which I was exposed to during an internship opportunity prior to my employment.



Please share what you like best about your company?

I like that I am constantly challenged to grow in Saraya. I am learning various skills and taking on various tasks, which include formulation development, evaluations, data analysis, document making, and communication with other groups. I like that I am encouraged to grow not just as a researcher, but also as a science communicator.

I have also learned to be a better team player. As I get support and guidance from my co-workers, I am also given opportunities to help others and to contribute to the company.





Kao Consumer Product Southeast Asia

R&D (New business creation)
Senior Researcher

Mahayot Fontip, Ph.D.
Country: Thailand

Cell Signaling Lab.

Completed doctoral course
in Biological Science in September 2021



ROHTO Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

Safety Design Center
Research Village Kyoto
Research Scientist

Md Zobaer Hasan, Ph.D.
Country: Bangladesh

Division of Gene Function in Animals, Graduate School of Biological Sciences

Completed doctoral course
in Biological Science in December 2014

Q About job:

I am currently making a significant impact at Kao Consumer Products Southeast Asia, a leading research center for Kao's business in ASEAN. As a Senior Researcher specializing in New Business Creation, I confidently drive consumer research efforts by leveraging advanced AI methodologies and behavioral science to achieve a comprehensive understanding of our consumers, which is essential for innovative product development. I excel in managing cross-functional teams that make informed business decisions and propel the company forward.



Q Reason to work at current company:

I chose to work at Kao Thailand because it offered me a chance to gain invaluable experience before pursuing my Ph.D. at NAIST. After completing my degree, I embarked on a rewarding journey as a biomedical researcher in Japan for months. This path has illuminated my true calling: to apply science in ways that make a real difference in people's lives. My company challenges me to innovate and think creatively about using science in consumer products. I also cherish the vibrant, multicultural environment where I collaborate with colleagues from around the world. Each day, I find joy and excitement in the work we do together.



Q What I like about company:

What I value most about Kao Thailand is its dynamic and collaborative work environment, which empowers us to continuously enhance our skills across diverse disciplines and seize growth opportunities.

Q Experience at NAIST to influence my career:

I am grateful for the guidance of my supervisor, Prof. Shiozaki. The rigorous academic atmosphere equipped me with critical thinking skills, enabled me to thrive under pressure, and facilitated collaboration with international peers, all of which broadened my perspective and prepared me for success in a multicultural workplace.

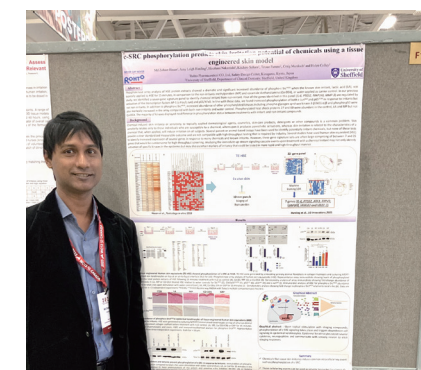
Q Please share what you like about your company.

My company has a culture that prioritizes innovation, collaboration, and employee well-being. The management fosters a supportive environment that encourages professional growth, values diversity, and emphasizes work-life balance. With cutting-edge research and development opportunities, I can focus on impactful advancements in research & innovation with meaningful contribution towards the wellbeing of society, while enjoying a harmonious work atmosphere that promotes both individual and collective success. Moreover, the determination towards global wellbeing with a "never say never" attitude keeps motivating the employee to challenge new areas and push the boundaries further.



Q How has your experience at NAIST influenced your current job/career?

NAIST has been an integral part of what I have become today. The academic environment fostered critical thinking, research skills, and a passion for continuous learning. Engaging with diverse perspectives in a multicultural setting honed my interpersonal and communication skills. The exposure to various subjects and disciplines broadened my horizons, enabling me to approach challenges with a multidimensional perspective. In hindsight, the networking opportunities provided by NAIST Career Services office through organizing career events, company visits and alumni connections have proven invaluable in my career progression. Most importantly, the mentorship and guidance I received not only equipped me with the necessary knowledge, but also instilled adaptability and resilience—traits that are essential for navigating the dynamic challenges of my current job in an industrial setting.



Q Tips for job hunting in Japan for international students

Job hunting in Japan can be challenging. Be persistent, patient, and resilient. Learn from rejections, and continually refine your approach. Try to leverage career counselling services provided by NAIST and follow guidance on job searching, resume writing, and interview skills. Please do your research thoroughly before applying to any company and try to understand their values, work culture, and expectations to tailor your applications accordingly. Many companies now emphasizing on English language ability, however minimum level of Japanese language ability would help breaking the ice and show your desire to stay long time in Japan. One last piece of advice would be "attend company/career events" and develop your network.



Pharma Foods International Co., Ltd.

Biomedical Department
Chief Researcher

Mod Warunthorn Monwan, Ph.D.
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Molecular Immunobiology Lab.

Completed doctoral course
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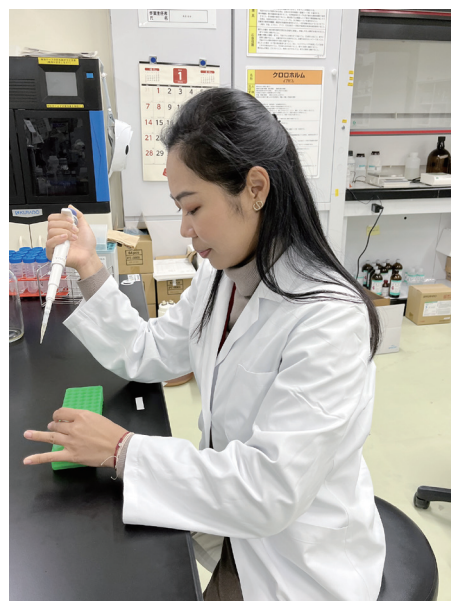
Mitsui Chemicals Singapore R&D Center Pte. Ltd.

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Assistant R&D Manager

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Laboratory of Systems Neurobiology and Medicine

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in Biological Science in September 2021



Q Please share what you like about your company.

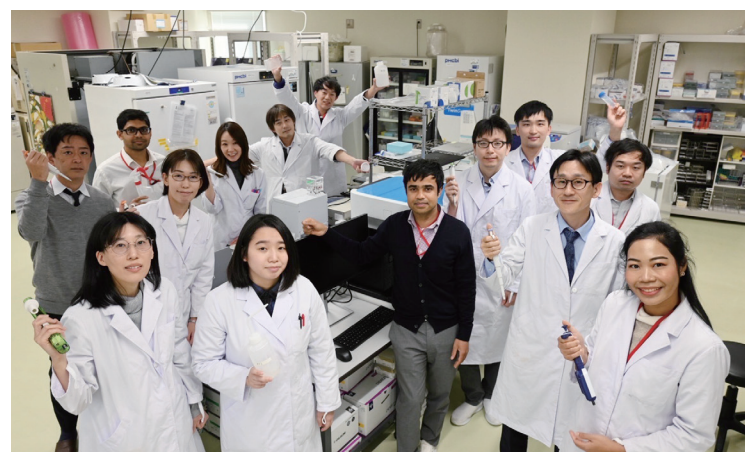
I am currently a chief researcher in the Biomedical department at Pharma Foods International Co., Ltd. I have been working here for 4 years since graduating from the Molecular Immunobiology Laboratory (Prof. Taro Kawai) with a degree in Biological Science. When I initially started job hunting in Japan, I contacted the NAIIST career center 1.5 years before graduating. My goal was to find a job related to my research or background, leading me to join the R&D department. Sensei suggested I send a resume to Pharma Foods.

Pharma Foods focuses on research involving eggs and chicken antibodies, which aligns with my interests. At PFI, we are researching familiar in food materials such as eggs, milk, and lactic acid bacteria, and exploring their functional ingredients, which are the three important elements for life activities and health maintenance: immunity, aging, and nerves.

When I began job hunting, my Japanese skills were at a basic level, but after joining the company, skills improved due to Japanese-language meetings and emails. We have flexible work hours, allowing employees to start between 7 AM and 11 AM and leave between 4 PM and 8 PM, depending on their schedule. We have a diverse team with many foreigners from various countries in Asia, Europe, and South America.

Q Tips for job hunting in Japan for international students

To NAIIST students beginning their job search in Japan, I encourage you to stay focused and not be discouraged. Showcase your talents and abilities, and strive to choose a company that aligns with your aspirations and where you genuinely want to work.



Q Tell us about your company, your current job/research, and your role

As an Assistant R&D Manager at Mitsui Chemicals Singapore R&D Centre, a subsidiary of Mitsui Chemicals Incorp., (MCI) I leverage my expertise in Biological Sciences to spearhead cutting-edge biotechnology R&D initiatives. By utilizing the biomaterials, technologies, and know-how of the Group, I drive innovations in Life and Healthcare sector by collaborating with partners across Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and the Asia-Pacific region to deliver impactful solutions. My goal is to push the boundaries of innovation and translate these efforts into an impactful contributions to the healthcare sector.



Group picture taken together with MS-R&D employees at The Kendall, Singapore Science Park II

Q Why did you decide to work at your current company?

I decided to work at Mitsui Chemicals because their Vision 2030 for Life and Healthcare aligns with my passion for driving innovations in the life sciences and biotech space. MCI's vision 2030 emphasizes creating an inclusive, circular, and comfortable society by addressing key environmental and social challenges. In the healthcare domain, MCI aims to leverage biotechnology to develop advanced medical solutions, including genetic testing. Mitsui Chemicals' dedication to solving social issues resonates well with my professional goals. Working here allows me to contribute to impactful projects and enhances my career not only in life sciences but also in project management.

Q How is it like to be working with a Japanese company?

It has been 3 exciting years for me working with Mitsui Chemicals Group, and I can unequivocally vouch that the company offers an excellent work-life balance and ensures that its employees can maintain a healthy personal and professional life. The R&D team I am working with is exceptionally professional and fosters a healthy and productive work environment. Collaboration and mutual respect are highly valued and regarded here, and I think this is what makes it rewarding experience to be part of such a dedicated, dynamic and skilled team.

R&D team at Mitsui Chemicals Singapore R&D Centre is a vibrant & diverse group, comprising talented scientists from Japan, India, Thailand, Malaysia & Vietnam



Q What is your daily work schedule usually like?

My day typically begins with a morning meeting with the R&D team. We discuss and align our projects based on the milestones that we have set. As an avid coffee lover, I make sure my day also begins with a strong cup of black coffee, which gives me the boost I need to kickstart my day ☐. Throughout the day, we conduct experiments, we sit in for meetings with our collaborators and stakeholders, and work on analyzing data to draw a meaningful conclusion. What I love the most about my job is the monthly "Sign of Change" workshops and "Innovation Workshop", where I get the opportunity to sit and brainstorm, innovative new ideas and solutions with the team for new business creation in the Life & Healthcare space.

Image captured during Dinner & Dance (D&D) event hosted by Mitsui Chemicals Group at Novotel Hotel Singapore



Sanyo Chemical Industries, Ltd.

Oil and Additives Lubricants Division
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Photonic and Reactive Molecular Science Lab.

Completed doctoral course
in Materials Science in September 2022



Micron Memory Japan

HVM PEE WET
Process engineer

Na Yunju
Country : South Korea

Organic Electronics Lab.

Completed master course
in Materials Science in March 2021

Q Tell us about your company, your current job/research, and your role

I'm currently working as Researcher in SANYO CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES Ltd. in main research office in Kyoto. I am working with the molecular design, synthesis, and evaluation of additives, mainly oil and lubricants additives for our customers in Japan, Korea, China, and USA. I'm also involved in process development including the optimization of reaction conditions to maximize the production capacity of our factory.



Q Tell us about your company, your current job/research, and your role

I work at Micron Memory Japan, the Japanese subsidiary of Micron Technology, a global semiconductor manufacturer. Micron Memory Japan handles everything from development to production of a wide variety of memory products, including the recently trending HBM. Within the company, I work as a CCRR engineer. CCRR stands for Clean, Coat, Refurbish, and Repair.

In my role, I identify opportunities for upgrades or cost reductions among the spare parts used in production equipment, find other companies capable of implementing those changes, and connect with them. Since this position involves collaborating with various external companies and departments, I find the work both enjoyable and engaging.



Q Why did you decide to work at your current company?

During my student years, I conducted research on organic semiconductors, so joining Micron was my first exposure to semiconductors that use silicon wafers. It was a difficult decision to pursue a career in a field different from my previous research, but there were three key factors that motivated me to make this choice.

First, the growth potential of the semiconductor industry. The semiconductor industry is already an indispensable part of human life, but its importance is increasing further with the advancement of AI. By choosing this field, I believed I could become someone who will be even more needed in the future.

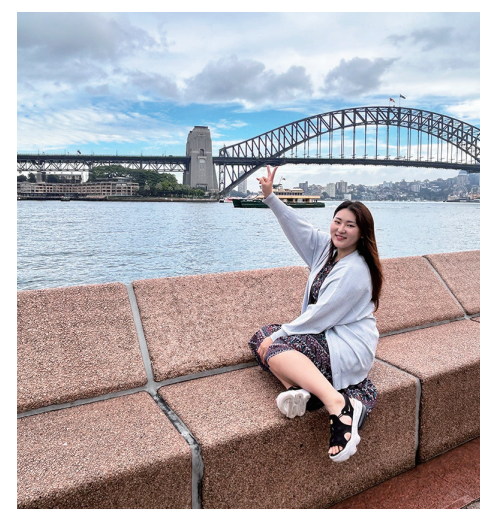
Second, the diverse workplace environment. Micron is a

global company with bases in countries like the United States and Taiwan, and it fosters an open and inclusive work culture. Within the company, there is a high proportion of employees who exclusively use English, and 30% of new hires are foreign nationals, reflecting the company's strong commitment to hiring and supporting international employees. Additionally, the high hiring rate of women engineers was another deciding factor for me. Women make up 40% of the engineers hired, and the proportion of women in leadership roles is significantly higher compared to Japanese companies. Considering my future career plans, I found this point extremely appealing.

These three factors convinced me to take on this exciting new challenge in the semiconductor industry.

Q Tips for job hunting in Japan for international students

I believe gathering as much information as possible is crucial. Expanding your perspective and exploring fields or industries you haven't considered before might unexpectedly lead you to discover where your strengths truly lie. Additionally, showing a willingness to learn Japanese is also important. Even in companies where English is used for work-related tasks, Japanese is often used for non-work-related communication. Simply demonstrating an effort to study Japanese can help improve communication with colleagues, make interactions smoother, and foster better relationships.



Q How is the work-life balance? How is the life in Japan as a worker?

One of the things I like about SANYO CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES Ltd. is that they are very aggressive in investing in research. They acknowledge the importance of innovation and continuous growth for sustainability of the company. They are also promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) –like participation in rainbow (LGBTQ+) parades and respect the individuality of each employee.

The work schedule in SANYO CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES Ltd. is flexi time (you can decide what time will you start working). One of the goals of the company is “Zero overtime” - Yes, we can leave the office even if the boss is still there. They also have “Happy Friday” campaign encouraging us to use half-day on Fridays to enjoy the weekends, also to use paid leaves before and after long holidays.

No overtime work and longer holidays gives more time to enjoy and appreciate the culture, places, and foods in Japan.

Q How was your Japanese level when you were a NAIST student?

I didn't study Japanese language while doing Ph. D, so my language skills were just elementary level during the job-hunting. The company supported and subsidized the Japanese class (which is optional and not required). Likewise, Japanese employees were encouraged to enroll in English classes. I am slowly improving my Japanese skills with the help of my colleagues in the lab.



Sysmex Corporation

Central Research Laboratories
Advanced Engineering Research Group
Research scientist

Po-Wei Yi, Ph.D.
Country : Taiwan

Bio-Process Engineering Laboratory

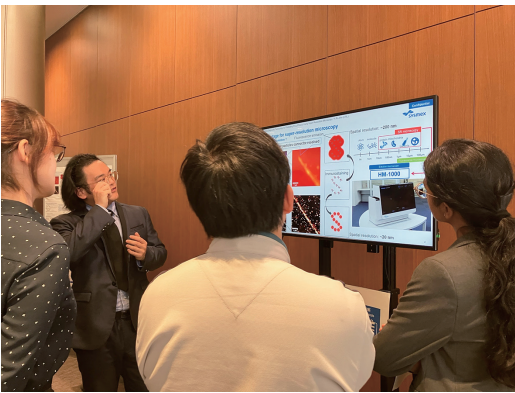
Completed doctoral course
in Material Science in April 2023

Tell us about your company, your current job/research, and your role

I am currently working at Sysmex Corporation, which holds the number one global market share in the fields of hematology, urinalysis, and hemostasis within the in vitro diagnostics (IVD) domain.

My role involves the development of clinical diagnostic techniques, particularly in the areas of optical microscopy and spectroscopy. My ongoing project focuses on evaluating drug efficacy, encompassing aspects of immunology, optical imaging, and image processing. This project has provided me with the valuable opportunity to apply my expertise while acquiring new skills.

As researchers at Sysmex, we are dedicated to optimizing current diagnostic methods for better healthcare journey.



Why did you decide to work at your current company?

I chose to work at Sysmex because it is one of the most prominent healthcare companies worldwide. I sought an opportunity to apply my background knowledge and learn cutting-edge techniques to advance the medical field. Sysmex has numerous collaborations with academic institutions and universities, which enable us to produce significant scientific output while ensuring that our research remains applicable to clinical practice.

Overall, I am able to contribute to projects and take on appropriate challenges that broaden my skillset. At the same time, I gain a deeper understanding of the systems and strategies employed by a large-scale company.

Please share what you like about your company.

Sysmex is a global and foreigner-friendly company, providing an environment that facilitates interaction between international and Japanese employees. I have had the opportunity to meet a diverse group of colleagues from various backgrounds. Their different expertise and cultures, which I had not previously encountered, have inspired me by offering unique viewpoints and perspectives.

Additionally, Sysmex has branches worldwide, presenting opportunities for us to gain more experience and insight by traveling abroad and interacting with team members in different countries.



How was your Japanese level when you were a NAIST student?

Although my Japanese proficiency was around N5 (I got near to N2 level one year after joining the company), I am truly grateful to the Career Service Office for providing extensive information about Japanese companies that require little to no Japanese proficiency. In particular, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Taniguchi-san, who patiently supported me throughout the job-hunting process.

Alumni Information Careers-after NAIST

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Hanwha Japan
Health and Nutrition
Honda Research Institute Japan
HORIBA
IBM Research Tokyo
JRCS
JTEKT Corporation
Kadokawa Dwango
Kao Corporation
KOEI TECMO GAMES

Micron Memory Japan
Nissan Motor Corporation
NTT Group
Nuvoton Technology Corporation Japan
Rakuten Group
Schneider Electric Japan
SenseTime Japan
SHARP
SHINKAWA Electric
SONY
Sony Semiconductor Solutions
Space-Time Engineering Japan
TOSHIBA
Western Digital

Yaraku
Yokogawa Electric Corporation
National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology
MonotaRO
Creation
Cognizant Japan
ZOZO
DMG MORI Digital
Develop
TOSHIBA DIGITAL SOLUTIONS
Bandai Namco Studios
Money Forward
LY
ARTNER

TOYOTA Connected Corporation
ANKH SYSTEMS Co., Ltd.
Kani Construction Co., Ltd.
Sunceed Co., Ltd.
GA technologies Co., Ltd.
SCREEN Semiconductor Solutions Co., Ltd.
DAIKIN INDUSTRIES, LTD.
Chuo Spring Co., Ltd.
TIER IV, Inc.
NTT, Inc.
Panasonic Automotive Systems Co., Ltd.
HIRANO TECSEED Co., Ltd.
Huawei Technologies Japan K.K.
pluszero, Inc.

Bangladesh
Bangladesh Bank

China
Baidu
China Unicom
Chushan Technology
Hong Kong NetEase Interactive Entertainment Limited
SAIC Motor Corporation
TenCent
Mindray Medical International

Indonesia
BPPT

Nepal
Ministry of Information and Communication Technology

Singapore
ByteDance
Biofourmis Singapore

Tanzania
Ardhi University
Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology

Thailand
Agoda
AIA
Siam Commercial Bank
Bank of Thailand

Vietnam
Posts and Telecommunications Institute of Technology

Malaysia
Malaysia Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation

UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE

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Keio University
Kyushu University
Osaka University
Ritsumeikan University
The Graduate University for Advanced Studies
University of Sciences
University of Tsukuba
Kyoto University
Tokyo Institute of Technology
The University of Tokyo
Nagoya University
Chiba University
Juntendo University
RIKEN

Australia
Monash University

Bangladesh
Noakhali Science and Technology University
Prime University

Canada
University of Alberta
University of Waterloo
Distech Controls Inc.

China
Zhejiang University of Science and Technology

France
Université de Lille

Germany
Heinrich Heine University
Graz University of Technology

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Universitas

Muhammadiyah Surakarta
Universitas Sebelas Maret

Mongolia
Mongolian University of Science and Technology

Mozambique
Lurio University

Philippines
Ateneo de Manila University
University of the Philippines Diliman

Thailand
Kasetsart University

Vietnam
Hue University
Hue Industrial College

Biological Science Division

COMPANY

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Dink
Environmental Research & Solutions
Kao Corporation
MELSMON Pharmaceutical
Pharma Foods International
ROHTO Pharmaceutical
SUNSTAR Group

TAUNS Laboratories
Denka
Sanyo Chemical Industry
SHIN NIPPON BIOMEDICAL LABORATORIES
Saraya
WORLD INTEC CO., LTD.
EBARA CORPORATION
SATO YAKUHIN KOGYO CO., LTD.
CIEL

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Kyoto University
Nagoya University
The University of Tokyo

Bangladesh
North South University

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Hunan University of Science and Technology
Shaoquan University
Anhui Agricultural University
Shenzhen University

Germany
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Indonesia
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Universitas Indonesia
Universitas Jenderal Soedirman
Universitas Pembangunan Nasional Veteran Jakarta
University of Indonesia
IPB University

Philippines
University of the Philippines Diliman
Angeles University Foundation

Singapore
National University of Singapore (NUS)
Duke-NUS Medical School, Singapore

Thailand
Chulalongkorn University

USA
The Pennsylvania State University

Vietnam
Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology

Malaysia
Applied Agricultural Resources Sdn. Bhd.
Government of Malaysia
Top Glove
Leave a Nest Malaysia

Singapore
Mitsui Chemicals Singapore R&D Center

Materials Science Division

COMPANY

JAPAN
Alchip Technologies
Alcon Japan
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Infineon Technologies
KIOXIA Corporation
MegaChips Corporation
Micron Memory Japan
Nihon Kolmar
Nissan Chemical Corporation

Nuvoton Technology Corporation Japan
Research Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth (RITE)
ROHTO Pharmaceutical
Sanyo Chemical Industries
Schlumberger
Sony Semiconductor Solutions
Sumitomo Wiring Systems Western Digital
artience
NISSAN MOTOR
SHUSAKU-YAMAMOTO

Sysmex Corporation
Samsung Japan Corporation
Honda Motor Co., Ltd.
China
Chinese Academy of Science
THINKERBIO
Indonesia
Institut Teknologi Telkom Purwokerto
Philippines
Philippine Foremost Milling Corporation
USA
Santa Cruz

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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Aoyama Gakuin University
Fujita Health University
Kyoto University
Osaka University
University of California
University of Hyogo
China
National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University

French
IS2M, University of Haute-Alsace

Germany
University of Bonn

Indonesia
Bogor Agricultural University
Universitas Gadjah Mada
University of Indonesia

Italy
Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

Malaysia
University Malaysia of Perlis

Singapore
National University of Singapore

Taiwan
National Taiwan University

Thailand
Chulalongkorn University
Kasetsart University
King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

*This is data of the past 5 years

Japanese Language Education



Japanese Course (part of NAIST syllabus)

In order to help students enjoy a fulfilling life in Japan, we offer some Japanese study subjects in our curriculum, which aim to help students acquire basic Japanese language skills, practical conversation, daily conversation, and an understanding of Japanese culture as reflected in the Japanese language. This course is also recommended for international students who wish to work for a Japanese company after graduating from NAIST.

Please check the NAIST syllabus for more details.

Private Japanese Lessons for Career-Oriented International Students

In addition to the Japanese language courses offered as part of the NAIST curriculum, the Career Services Office provides **private Japanese language lessons** for international students who are highly motivated to pursue employment in Japan.

Through this program, participants aim to reach a Japanese proficiency level that allows them to handle **daily conversations** over the course of approximately **one year**.

Students who are serious about building their careers in Japan are strongly encouraged to apply.

*Prerequisite: Applicants who can read and **understand hiragana and katakana** will be welcomed.*

Private Lesson Instructors

Noriaki Higuchi

*Specially-appointed Professor /
Japanese Language Teacher*

Through many years of business experience overseas, I have come to deeply understand the challenges of working and living abroad. I am currently working as a Japanese language teacher and career consultant, and I am fully committed to supporting everyone's success in Japan.



Makoto Deguchi

Japanese Language Teacher

Through my experience studying abroad, I realized that the world I had known was small and that it is, in fact, much wider. Now, I conduct my Japanese lessons with the hope that foreign residents in Japan will enjoy the cultural differences and new stimuli they encounter here.



Online Japanese Language Program by University of Tsukuba

Course Overview

The University of Tsukuba offers online Japanese language courses for international students from other Japanese universities, including NAIST.

These courses are offered online, so you can study from anywhere. They will help you build Japanese skills for daily life, academic study, and your future career.

From beginner to advanced levels / No tuition fees / Classes consist of **10 sessions, each 75 minutes long**

On-campus Japanese Classes (The Network Ikoma Nihongo no Kai)

Classes are held

Tuesdays

18:30-20:00

&

Saturdays

10:30-12:00



The volunteer group Network Ikoma offers extracurricular Japanese language classes on campus twice a week throughout the year to improve international students' experience at NAIST and in Japan. With 5 levels of classes from beginners to advanced, students can learn Japanese in classes suitable for their level.

These classes are established outside the academic curriculum so that students can learn Japanese in a relaxed atmosphere focused on facilitating communication and communication skills in the classroom.

Off-campus Japanese Classes (IKOMA City Japanese Language Class)

The city of Ikoma established two Japanese language classes as part of its mission to embrace its multicultural and diverse population and assist foreigners who live in Japan to improve their understanding and communication skills in reading, writing, and speaking.

These classes pair learners with Japanese volunteers so that they can individually discuss and plan the contents of their lesson, to make the most out of their time. Participants on both sides can gain insight into each other's cultural backgrounds and foreign students are able to develop ties and understanding that help them as they live in Japan.



**IKOMA City
Japanese Language Class**

生駒市日本語教室

<https://www.city.ikoma.lg.jp/0000002318.html>



Our Office's Social Media Accounts

Please Follow us!

In this page, we will post job-hunting guidance and seminars information for international students, interviews with our alumni, and job-hunting experiences of seniors who have received job offers from companies, etc.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091847361232>



LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/naist-career-services-office-nara-japan>



Job Search Websites

ACARIC アカリク	Major agent company for science-related jobs
Mynavi マイナビ	One of the major recruiting information websites in Japan
Mynavi Global Agent	Job opportunities mostly requiring JLPT N3 or above level
Connect Job コネクトジョブ	Employment support services specialized for international students
RYUKATSU リュウカツ	Jobs/Internships/Seminars information for international students
JOB TREE JAPAN	Job opportunities mostly requiring JLPT N2 level
ASIA Link アジアリンク	Especially for Asian students.
ASIA to JAPAN	Offering the face-to-face job fair in Tokyo via FAST OFFER system
JETRO	Providing job hunting seminars where you can learn in Jp and En. You can search for companies interested in foreign professionals on their OFP list
LinkedIn (Professional SNS)	Search for job opportunities in Japan and foreign countries

External Career Support Organizations

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Acaric Lounge NAIST branch
2nd Floor, University Hall 8916-5 Takayama-cho Ikoma City,
Nara Prefecture,630-0192

11:00 ~ 18:00 (Weekdays only)
*Please check the official website or official social media
accounts for the latest information.

Acaric Lounge is a membership-based student community space designed to serve as a starting point for students contemplating their careers. It offers a comfortable place to spend free time between classes and research, and is always available as a space for student interaction and communication.

Please feel free to use this space for exchanging information about job hunting. We hold career guidance seminars, company information sessions, and other events albeit on an irregular basis.

Career advisors are always available for consultation.
(Note: In-person consultations are conducted in Japanese only.)

Available to Acaric members! Free coffee service

Enjoy complimentary, richly aromatic authentic coffee.
We also offer snacks that pair perfectly with coffee, so
please help yourself!
*Coffee is self-service.



About Acaric
Acaric is a job information site specializing in graduate students and science majors.
By registering as a member and creating a profile that includes your research, you may receive offers from companies seeking your skills! We also host various job events. Furthermore, we provide agent services to support your job search from multiple angles.

Terms of Use

Being an Acaric Club member
(membership registration is free)
The Acaric Lounge regularly hosts career events. Take advantage of these workshops and company events like job fairs to plan your future career path. We also hold networking gatherings. Deepen your connections with peers outside your lab over a meal!

Scan here to register as a member



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We provide support to international students in 7 different languages ✓

In addition to employment support, we also offer online consultations in various languages. Consultation topics include Japanese language learning, living in Japan, understanding Japanese culture, career planning and design, visas, post-graduation paths, and job-related support.



Recommended contents for students who want to work in Japan!

WA.SA.Bi. JOBS

Career Support



WA.SA.Bi. is able to introduce you to suitable jobs. In order to do that, you will need to create a resume in WA.SA.Bi. on Japanese and go for an online Japanese interview with our staff.

We provide not only job matching support, but also long-term support such as work visa application, job training, as well as follow-up consultations even after you start working at the company.

We also provide 1-to-1 career consultations in your native languages.

Networking and other Events

We hold regular online/offline events for the international community, such as career fairs and networking sessions. These events provide opportunities to interact with other international and Japanese students, make new friends, and learn more about companies in Japan. Be sure to check our events page for the latest updates!



BJT Business Japanese Proficiency Test



To work in Japan, communication skills in Japanese are essential... The BJT (Business Japanese Proficiency Test) is an exam that measures Japanese communication ability in business settings.

Features of BJT:

1. BJT, like JLPT, is officially recognized by the Government of Japan.
2. It is recognized under the "Highly Skilled Professional Point System", just like the JLPT.
3. You can take the test anytime, anywhere, up to four times a year.
4. It is scored, and you can check your results immediately after completing the test.



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1,000 YEN OFF test fee for the Business Japanese Proficiency Test!!

Track your progress on learning Japanese!



Japanese language learning support

We provide advice and recommendations on learning tools (e-learning/textbooks) based on the needs of each student.



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