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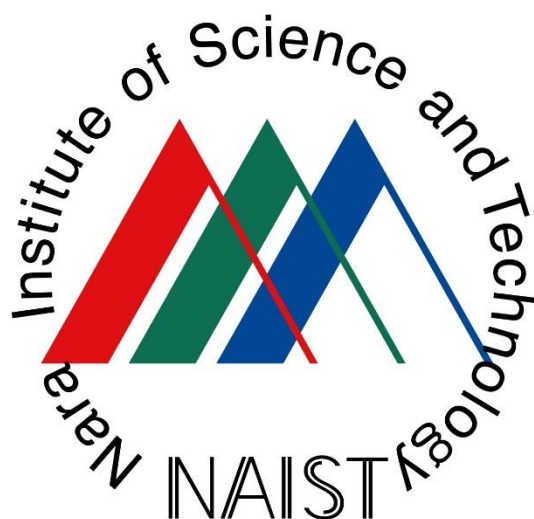
## Admission Information and Application Guide

(Doctoral Course)

Graduate School of Science and Technology

(1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Examination for Spring 2027 Admission)

(1<sup>st</sup> Examination for Fall 2027 Admission)



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Applicants to the doctoral course are strongly advised to contact the professor of the laboratory they wish to join in advance, in order to gain a thorough understanding of the research fields before preparing an individual research plan.

Applicants who do not have Japanese nationality (except for those with either Permanent Resident or Special Permanent Resident status) must complete the necessary procedure at least one month prior to the beginning of the application period. Applications will not be accepted if this procedure is not completed by the due date. Please see the following URL to confirm the necessary details; [https://www.naist.jp/en/international\\_students/prospective\\_students/preliminary\\_support.html](https://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/preliminary_support.html)  
For inquiries: Pre-Application Support Desk (Email: [admission-support@ad.naist.jp](mailto:admission-support@ad.naist.jp))

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# NAIST Education Policy

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## ● Objectives

As a graduate institution without undergraduate courses, NAIST promotes cutting-edge research and offers a sophisticated outcome-based education for each student so as to contribute to the advancement of science and technology and of society as a whole.

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## ● Educational mission

NAIST was founded in October 1991 as a graduate institution which educates individuals who will contribute to the development of advanced science and technology. Research and education at NAIST cover the three core areas: information science, biological science and materials science.

In order to realize a suitable standard of living for people throughout the world in the 21st century, and indeed to secure our very survival, the coming generation of leading researchers must possess the highest scientific and technical competence, along with a clear grounding in professional ethics. At NAIST, we aim to cultivate such researchers and educators.

Therefore, in addition to the areas of information science, biological science and materials science, we actively encourage interdisciplinary research and provide educational training in the principles of ethics and intellectual property.

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## ● Objectives for individual students

Education and research in NAIST master's course cultivate sophisticated expertise and personal initiative to support society and the economy. The doctoral courses are designed to nurture students to become researchers and engineers with the drive to seek new frontiers in science and technology and to take on leading roles internationally.

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## ● Educational policy

In addition to a specialized education, the wide-ranging curriculum cultivates ethical thinking, vision, theoretical thinking, comprehensive judgment and sharpened writing skills.

Educational programs to produce human resources who will pursue new interdisciplinary research fields are executed and those to produce human resources with a thorough, globally-focused understanding, which include collaborative programs with our overseas education and research partners, are offered.

Internal and external evaluations are implemented to continuously improve the quality of education, while enrichment of the education and research environments and the financial support for talented students are being promoted.

# NAIST Admission Policy

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## ◆ Prospective students

We are looking for students, researchers or engineers who have fundamental academic skills, a clear vision, a resolve toward the future and a strong interest and motivation for advanced science and technology regardless of their background. Especially, we actively accept applicants who have a strong interest in making the best use of their wide breadth of expertise to solve various problems facing society, and are aiming to be active in various fields of advanced science and technology.

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## ◆ Basic admissions policy

In order to select outstanding persons with the above qualifications both domestically and abroad, we stress assessment of applicants' character and capability. There are various routes for admission, including examinations centered upon interviews as well as examinations based on recommendations.

## 1. Admission Capacity

| Unit of Admission                  | Admission Capacity* | Field of Study           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Division of Science and Technology | 112                 | Information Science (45) |
|                                    |                     | Biological Science (37)  |
|                                    |                     | Materials Science (30)   |

\* Admission capacity may be adjusted and may include continuing students from NAIST Master's Course as well as some students entering in the fall term.

\* Applicant cannot apply to multiple field of study within the same admission process.

\* Admission capacity includes students who will enter the Advanced Information Specialist Course. For more details, please check the following URL;

[https://www.naist.jp/en/international\\_students/prospective\\_students/admission\\_information/ais\\_course\\_e.html](https://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/admission_information/ais_course_e.html)

## 2. Eligibility for Application

- (1) Those who hold a master's degree or a \*professional degree. (\*Stipulated in the Rules for Degrees, Article 5-2 (1953 Ministry of Education Ordinance, No. 9) in accordance with the School Education Act, Article 104-3.)
- (2) Those who are expected to be conferred a master's degree or a professional degree by March 31, 2027.
- (3) Those who hold the equivalent of a master's degree or a professional degree from a foreign country.
- (4) Those who are expected to be conferred the equivalent of a master's or professional degree in a foreign country by March 31, 2027.
- (5) Those who have been awarded the equivalent of a master's degree or a professional degree by completing a correspondence course offered by a foreign university while residing in Japan.
- (6) Those who are expected to be conferred the equivalent of a master's degree or a professional degree by March 31, 2027, by completing a correspondence course offered by a foreign university while residing in Japan.
- (7) Those who have completed a course and have been conferred the equivalent of a master's degree at a foreign educational institution in Japan which is recognized as a part of a foreign graduate education system and is separately specified or designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).
- (8) Those who are expected to be conferred the equivalent of a master's degree or a professional degree by March 31, 2027, upon completing a program at an educational institution located in Japan, which is recognized as having a graduate-level curriculum under the foreign country's education system and is separately specified or designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).
- (9) Those who have completed a postgraduate program at the United Nations University (hereinafter referred to as "UNU"), which was established based on the United Nations General Assembly resolution of December 11, 1972, as stipulated in Article 1, Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to the Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University Act No. 72 of 1972, and have been conferred a degree equivalent to a master's degree.
- (10) Those who are expected to complete a postgraduate program at a United Nations University (UNU) and be conferred a degree equivalent to a master's degree by March 31, 2027.
- (11) Those who have completed their course at a foreign university/educational institution which is specified in item (7) or at the United Nations University, and who have passed an examination or

screening equivalent to those prescribed in Article 16-2 of the Standard for Establishment of Graduate Schools (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No.28 of 1974), and are recognized as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of a holder of a master's degree.

- (12) Those who are expected to complete their course at a foreign university/educational institution which is specified in (7) or at the United Nations University, and who have passed an examination, screening, etc. prescribed in Article 16-2 of the Standard for Establishment of Graduate Schools (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No.28 of 1974), March 31, 2027, as having academic ability equivalent or higher than that of a holder of a master's degree.
- (13) Those who are deemed eligible by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) (Pursuant to Ministry of Education, 1989 Ministry of Education Ordinance, No. 118).
- ① Those who, after graduating from a university, have engaged in research for at least 2 years at a university, research institute, or equivalent institution, and who are recognized, based on the result of such research, as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of a master's degree or a professional degree. (See Note \*2)
- ② Those who, after completing a 16-year curriculum of school education in a foreign country, or after competing such a curriculum through a correspondence course offered by a foreign school while residing in Japan, have engaged in research for at least 2 years at a university, research institute, or equivalent institution, and who are recognized, based on the result of such research, as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of a holder of a master's degree or a professional degree. (See Note \*2)
- (14) Those who are recognized by NAIST through the Preliminary Screening of Applicant Suitability as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of a master's degree or a professional degree, and who will be at least 24 years old by March 31, 2027. (See Note \*2)

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\*1. The date for applicants for Fall Admission is September 30, 2027, specified in the "Eligibility for Application (2), (4), (6), (8), (10), (12),(14) above.

\*2. Applicants who wish to apply based on Eligibility for Application (13) or (14) should follow the procedures given in **Article 10: Preliminary Screening of Applicant Suitability (for applicants who meet eligibility requirements (13) and (14))** on page 12 before applying.

### 3. Application Period

| Examination Sessions   | Application Period                | Remarks   |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| Spring 1st Examination   | July 27 (Mon) – 29 (Wed), 2026    | Admission Information and an Application Guide for the 2nd examination for Fall 2027 will be provided around April, 2027. |
| Spring 2nd Examination<br>(1st Examination for Fall admission) | January 18 (Mon) – 20 (Wed), 2027 |   |

\* Applicants who do not have Japanese nationality (except for those with either Permanent Resident or Special Permanent Resident status) must complete the necessary procedure at least one month prior to the beginning of the application period. Please see the following URL to confirm the necessary details;

[https://www.naist.jp/en/international\\_students/prospective\\_students/preliminary\\_support.html](https://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/preliminary_support.html)

\* There is no limit to the number of application you can submit, but you must complete the application procedure each time you apply.

#### 4. Online Application System Registration

Applicants must register their applications online.

\*Please complete the registration by 11:59 p.m. on the final day of the respective application period (Japan Standard Time).

\*Your application will be considered complete once you have completed the online registration and paid the examination fee. Please ensure that you complete the application well in advance of the deadline.

Please register your application by the following URL;

<https://e-apply.jp/ds/naist/>

##### (1) Examination fee

Examination fee is 30,000 yen.

To complete registration, applicants must pay the examination fee.

Please choose one of the methods from ① - ④ listed below, and pay the examination fee.

For more details, please refer to Payment method appearing on the Online Application System;

<https://e-apply.jp/ds/naist/public/payment>

Please note that applicants are responsible for paying any processing fee, etc.

- ① Payment via credit card
- ② Payment via internet banking
- ③ Payment at a convenience store
- ④ Payment via ATM

\*Applicants living outside Japan can only pay the fee via credit card.

\*Applicants who are unable to pay by any of the above payment methods (e.g., if living outside Japan and do not have a credit card) must consult with the Admissions Section of the Educational Affairs Division prior to applying.

[Phone: +81(743)72-5083/5084 Fax: +81(743)72-5014 E-mail: [exam@ad.naist.jp](mailto:exam@ad.naist.jp)]

Japanese government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship Students are exempt from the examination fee. MEXT Scholarship Students enrolled at universities other than NAIST, must submit a certificate stating their status as MEXT Scholarship Students.

##### (2) Required documents

Applicants must upload the documents indicated below when registering on the Online Application System (<https://e-apply.jp/ds/naist/>).

##### ●Documents required for all applicants

| Required Documents        | Remarks   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Photograph                | Please follow the Online Application System instructions and upload your photograph.<br>Must be upper-body and full-faced without headwear (except for religious reason).<br>*Do not edit as it will be used for identification purposes on the day of the interview. |
| Overview of Past Research | Any format is acceptable. (Please use word-processing software, such as Microsoft Word, whenever possible, and upload the   |

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|   | <p>document in PDF format.)</p> <p>Document should be no more than five pages on A4 -sized paper, written on one side only. Submission in either Japanese or English are acceptable. Please be sure to write your name on every page. If you have any published papers related to your research, please attach offprints.</p>   |
| Research Plan for Admission to the Graduate School of NAIST                 | <p>Any format is acceptable. (Please use word-processing software, such as Microsoft Word, whenever possible, and upload the document in PDF format.)</p> <p>Document should be no more than two pages in A4-sized paper, written on one side only. Submission in both Japanese or English are acceptable. Please be sure to write your name on both pages.</p>   |
| Graduation Certificate /Expected Graduation Certificate for Master's Degree | <p>Must be issued by a graduate school or other educational institution. Please upload the document in PDF format.</p> <p>Applicants who meet Eligibility for Application (11) (12) (13) (14) are not required to submit this certificate.</p> <p>If the certificate is written in a language other than English or Japanese, an English or Japanese translation must be attached.</p> <p>*If there is only a paper certificate, please submit PDF files created by scanning with multifunctional device or scanner, as photo data converted to PDF may lose clarity.</p> <p>*Those with “copy”, “void”, etc. stamps resulting from scanning are also acceptable.</p>   |
| Transcript from the Bachelor's Degree                                       | <p>Must be issued by a university or other educational institution. Must be issued by the president, dean, or equivalent individual of the university from which you graduated. Please upload the document in PDF format.</p> <p>Those who have approved transfer credits must also submit transcripts from previous school(s), such as university, junior college, or other institutions.).</p> <p>Applicants who meet Eligibility for Application (13) or (14) are not required to submit this transcript.</p> <p>If the transcript is written in a language other than English or Japanese, an English or Japanese translation must be attached.</p> <p>*If there is only a paper certificate, please submit PDF files created by scanning with multifunctional device or scanner, as photo data converted to PDF may lose clarity.</p> <p>*Those with “copy”, “void”, etc. stamps resulting from scanning are also acceptable.</p> <p>*If the graduation certificate and academic transcript are combined into a single document, please upload the combined certificate.</p> |
| Transcript from the Master's Degree   | <p>Must be issued by a graduate school or other educational institution. Please upload the document in PDF format.</p> <p>Applicants who meet Eligibility for Application (11) (12) (13) (14) are not required to submit this transcript.</p> <p>If the transcript is written in a language other than English or Japanese, an English or Japanese translation must be attached.</p> <p>*If there is only a paper certificate, please submit PDF files created by scanning with multifunctional device or scanner, as photo data converted to PDF may lose clarity</p>  |

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|  | *Those with “copy”, “void”, etc. stamps resulting from scanning are also acceptable. |
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- Required only for applicants who do not have Japanese nationality (including those with either Permanent Resident or Special Permanent Resident status)

| Required Documents  | Remarks  |
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| Scanned Copy of Your Passport (the page with your full name)/Residence Card (both sides)<br>*In the case of permanent residents or special permanent residents, a copy of the Residence Card must be submitted. | <p>Either a scanned copy of your passport (the page with your full name) or a scanned copy of your residence card (both sides)</p> <p>Note: Permanent residents and special permanent residents must submit a copy of their Residence Card.</p> <p>Those who do not have either must upload a scanned copy of a government-issued photo ID.</p> <p>Please upload the document in PDF format.</p> <p>If written in a language other than English, please attach an English translation to the document.</p> <p>Please submit PDF files created by scanning with multifunctional device or scanner, as photo data converted to PDF may lose clarity.</p> |

- Required for all applicants who apply for Information Science and Biological Science and some applicants for Materials Science. (See explanation below)

| Required Documents                       | Remarks   |
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| Documents to Verify English Proficiency. | <div> <p>* All applicants to the Information Science and Biological Science program are required to submit an English Language test score.</p> <p>*For the Materials Science program, applicants whose native language is English or whose English proficiency is deemed sufficient may be exempted from submitting these documents. Please consult with the professor of the laboratory you wish to join to confirm whether submission is required, prior to the application period.</p> </div> <p>Make sure to upload the English proficiency score you have registered on the Online Application System.</p> <p>*If there is only a paper certificate, please submit PDF files created by scanning with multifunctional device or scanner, as photo data converted to PDF may lose clarity.</p> <p>&lt;Acceptable Score and Submission Procedures &gt;<br/>[When submitting during the application period]</p> <p>➤ TOEIC<br/>Score type: Listening &amp; Reading Test or Speaking &amp; Writing Tests<br/>How to submit: Please upload PDF data of the certificate to the Online Application System.</p> <p>➤ TOEFL<br/>Score type: TOEFL iBT / TOEFL ITP / TOEFL Essentials / TOEFL iBT Home Edition</p> |

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|  | <p>How to submit: ①Please upload the PDF data of the Examinee Score Report or Test Taker Score (Score Report in the case of TOEFL ITP).</p> <p>②Applicants can also send official score reports to NAIST via ETS. After completing the procedures at ETS, the report will be sent to NAIST. The score will not be accepted if it does not arrive by the deadline. Since it takes several weeks to arrive at NAIST, please allow plenty of time to complete the procedures.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Code for sending TOEFL official score report<br/> DI(Designated Institution) code: D234<br/> Department code: 99</p> </div> <p>➤ Duolingo English Test<br/> How to submit: Please upload the PDF data with which NAIST can check the score.</p> <p>➤ IELTS<br/> How to submit: Please upload the PDF data of the official score certificate.</p> <p>[When submitting after the application period]<br/> Applicants may also submit English scores after the application period within the following deadlines specified for each examination options. &lt;Must arrive by the deadline&gt;</p> <p>Spring 1st examination: August 18 (Tue), 2026<br/> Spring 2nd examination (1st examination for Fall admission): February 12 (Fri), 2027</p> <p>If you plan to submit your score by the above deadlines, please send a copy of your English proficiency score along with the “Submission Form of Document to Verify English Proficiency” by registered express mail (書留速達<sup>かきとめそくたつ</sup>) to the address below.</p> <p>* The “Submission Form of Document to Verify English Proficiency” can be downloaded from our website.<br/> (<a href="https://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/admission_information/guidelines.html">https://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/admission_information/guidelines.html</a>)</p> <p>* If you send TOEFL official score report to NAIST via ETS, please make sure it will arrive at NAIST by the deadline. Score will not be accepted if report does not arrive at NAIST by the deadline.</p> |
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|  | <p>Admissions Section, Educational Affairs Division,<br/>Nara Institute of Science and Technology<br/>8916-5, Takayama, Ikoma, Nara 630-0192, Japan<br/>Phone: +81 (743) 72-5083/5084 Fax: +81 (743) 72-5014<br/>E-mail: exam@ad.naist.jp</p> |
|  | <p>Scores cannot be submitted after the application periods or above designated deadlines.</p>  |

●Required only for applicants who meet Eligibility for Application (11) or (12)

| Required Documents  | Remarks   |
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| Confirmation Letter for the Examination Equivalent to the Doctoral Dissertation Research Qualification Assessment<br>[Original / Certified true copy] | Any format is acceptable. The certificate must be issued by the president or the dean of the graduate school. Please attach documents explaining examination standards, specific details, and other relevant information. |

●Required only for employed applicants \*(except for those who will resign before enrollment)

| Required Documents                    | Remarks   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Approval Letter from Current Employer | <p>Any format is acceptable.</p> <p>Please provide the document clearly indicating that the applicant is being officially dispatched by their company or that their application has been approved, and it must be prepared and signed by a person with appropriate authority.</p> <p>Please upload the document in PDF format.</p> <p>* If the applicant is unable to submit the above document for any reason, please provide a document explaining your current situation (any format is acceptable).</p> |

### (3) Others

- The status appearing on the Online Application System will be updated approximately 1 week after the respective application period. Please be sure to confirm that your status has changed to “Applied”.
- \*No individual notice will be given regarding the acceptance of applications.
- If you pass the examination, you are required to submit the original hard copy of “Graduation Certificate (degree certificate)” and “Transcript” (in paper form) in the enrollment procedures.
- If your home university does not issue paper certificates, digital certificates are accepted in the enrollment procedures on the condition that the following 1 and 2 are attached.
  - 1) URL of an online verification service that can verify the authenticity of the digital certificates
  - 2) URL of the issuer’s official web page indicating that the issuer is using such an online verification service

## 5. Download Examination Voucher

You will be able to download the Examination Voucher and Important Notes for Examination via the Online Application System once your application has been completed and accepted. These documents will become available approximately two weeks after the application period ends. An e-mail will be sent to the e-mail address registered on the Online Application System when it is ready.

## 6. Important Notice for Application

- Applicants who do not have Japanese nationality (except for those with either Permanent Resident or Special Permanent Resident status) must complete the necessary procedure at least one month prior to the beginning of the application period. Applications will not be accepted if this procedure is not completed by the due date. Please see the following URL to confirm the necessary details;  
[https://www.naist.jp/en/international\\_students/prospective\\_students/preliminary\\_support.html](https://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/preliminary_support.html)  
※For inquiries: Pre-Application Support Desk (Email: [admission-support@ad.naist.jp](mailto:admission-support@ad.naist.jp) )
- If the applicant has a physical disability and requires special assistance in taking examinations or in following the standard academic program, please consult with the Admissions Section of the Educational Affairs Division at least three months prior to applying. Contact within three months of the application period is permitted, however, please understand we may not be able to accommodate your request. Please prepare a copy of a disability certificate and a doctor's certificate as you will be asked to submit these in due course.  
[Phone: +81(743)72-5083/5084 Fax: +81(743)72-5014 E-mail: [exam@ad.naist.jp](mailto:exam@ad.naist.jp)]
- In principle, if the application documents are incomplete, the application will not be accepted. Further changes to the submitted documents will not be accepted.
- Applicants may be deemed to have committed a fraudulent act if you falsify, fabricate or plagiarize a document, materials or information included in your application. In such cases, any decisions made based upon the application and materials may be invalidated at a later date. If your entrance to NAIST is cancelled, your application, documents and examination fee may not be returned.

## 7. Method of Examination

### (1) Method of Examination

Examinees are evaluated according to the followings:

| Field of Study      | Method of Examination   |
|---------------------|---|
| Information Science | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Transcript</li><li>2. Interview test of English or Japanese proficiency</li><li>3. Interview test of specialized knowledge</li><li>4. Presentation of research activities and research plan, followed by corresponding interview</li><li>5. For applicants who meet the Eligibility for Application (2), (4), (6), (8) or (10), in addition to the above, a presentation on the master's thesis and an oral examination based on it will also be conducted. The presentation for 4 and 5 must be in Japanese or English and should be summarized within approximately 20 minutes in total.</li></ol> |
| Biological Science  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Transcript</li><li>2. Interview test of specialized knowledge and English proficiency</li><li>3. Presentation of research activities and research plan and corresponding interview</li><li>4. For applicants who meet the Eligibility for Application (2), (4), (6), (8) or (10), in addition to the above, a presentation on the master's thesis and an oral examination based on it will also be conducted. The presentation related to 3 and 4 must be in Japanese or English, and should be summarized within approximately 15 minutes in total.</li></ol>                                       |
| Materials Science   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Transcript</li><li>2. Evaluation based on English score submitted with application documents or on an interview test of English proficiency (Note*)</li><li>3. Presentation of research activities and research plan, followed by</li></ol>  |

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|  | <p>corresponding interview.</p> <p>4. For applicants who meet the Eligibility for Application (2), (4), (6), (8) or (10), in addition to the above, a presentation master's thesis and an oral examination based on it will also be conducted. The presentations related to 3 and 4 must be in Japanese or English, and should be summarized within approximately 20 minutes in total.</p> <p>5. Interview test of specialized knowledge based on the interview in 3 and 4.</p> <p>(Note*) The applicants whose native language is English, or whose English proficiency is deemed sufficient may be exempted from submitting English proficiency documents, but an interview test will be conducted to confirm their English ability.</p> |
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## (2) Examination period and place

- NAIST will designate your examination date within the period specified below.

| Examination Sessions   | Period                             | Time               | Place  |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Spring 1st Examination   | August 24 (Mon) – 27 (Thu), 2026   | 9:00 am to 7:00 pm | Online |
| Spring 2nd Examination<br>(1st Examination for Fall admission) | February 15 (Mon) – 16 (Tue), 2027 |                    |        |

- Details of each applicant's individual examination date (online interview) will be provided on the examination vouchers. Please note that, in principle, once the date and time have been set, they cannot be changed.

## 8. Examination Results and Enrollment Procedures

| Examination Sessions               | Announcement of Results | Enrollment Procedures |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Spring 1st Examination             | September 1 (Tue), 2026 | Late February, 2027   |
| Spring 2nd Examination             | February 19 (Fri), 2027 | Late March, 2027      |
| 1st Examination for Fall admission |                         | Late September, 2027  |

Examination results will be posted on the NAIST website (<https://www.naist.jp/en/>) from 10:00 am on the dates specified above.

## 9. Payments Required for Admission

(1) Admission fee: 282,000 yen (Provisional)

(2) Tuition fee: 267,900 yen per semester 2027 (535,800 yen for the annual fee) (Provisional)

- If there is a change in fees, the new admission and tuition fees will apply to all payments following the change.
- Tuition for the spring and fall terms can be paid together upon request.

## 10. Preliminary Screening of Applicant Suitability (for applicants who meet eligibility requirements (13) and (14))

(1) Application deadlines for Preliminary Screening of applicant suitability (**Must arrive at NAIST no later than the following dates**):

| Examination Sessions               | Preliminary Screening Required Documents Deadlines |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Spring 1st Examination             | June 26 (Fri), 2026                                |
| Spring 2nd Examination             | December 18 (Fri), 2026                            |
| 1st Examination for Fall admission |  |

(2) How to apply

- (i) Please contact Admissions Section ([exam@ad.naist.jp](mailto:exam@ad.naist.jp)) first to obtain the application form.
- (ii) Please send all the required documents by postal mail.

**\*Must be arrived on or before the deadline.**

(3) Documents required to be sent by postal mail

### ●Applicants who meet Eligibility for Application (13)

| Required Documents  | Remarks   |
|---|---|
| Application Form for Eligibility Screening                    | Use the form provided by the Admissions Section   |
| Graduation Certificate [ Original/Certified true copy]        | An English translation must be attached if written in a language other than English or Japanese.  |
| Transcript of Academic Records [Original/Certified true copy] | The transcript must be issued by the relevant university.<br>If you have transferred and received credit for courses from a previous institution (such as a university, junior college, or technical college), please also submit an official transcript from that institution.<br>If the transcript is written in a language other than Japanese or English, a Japanese or English translation must be attached. |
| Achievement Report  | Use the form provided by the Admissions Section. When describing your research achievements related to your area of specialization, please write clearly and briefly, based on objective information.   |
| Certificate of Research Activities                            | Use the form provided by the Admissions Section.<br>The document must be issued by the research institution or organization to which you currently belong to.   |
| Copies of Relevant Certificates                               | Examples: Research papers, credentials, certificates of proficiency tests or achievement tests, certificates of English proficiency tests, acquired patents, software specifications developed  |

### ●Applicants who meet Eligibility for Application (14)

| Required Documents                         | Remarks   |
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| Application Form for Eligibility Screening | Use the form provided by the Admissions Section |

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| Graduation Certificate from the Most Recent Educational Institution [Original/Certified true copy] | An English translation must be attached if written in a language other than English or Japanese.  |
| Transcript from the Most Recent Educational Institution [Original/Certified true copy]             | The transcript must be issued by the relevant university.<br>If you have transferred and received credit for courses from a previous institution (such as a university, junior college, or technical college), please submit an official transcript from that institution. If the transcript is written in a language other than Japanese or English, a Japanese or English translation must be attached. |
| Copies of Relevant Certificates  | Examples: Research papers, credentials, certificates of proficiency tests or achievement tests, certificates of English proficiency tests, acquired patents, software specifications developed  |

#### (4) Eligibility Screening Result

The results of the eligibility screening will be sent by e-mail to the address used to request the application, by the end of the application period.

## 11. Long-Term Completion System

The Long-Term Completion System is designated for students who have difficulty completing their graduate courses within the standard allotted period due to employment or other circumstances. This System allows students to extend their study plan beyond the standard period, enabling them to complete their courses in a planned and flexible manner. If approved by the university, students in doctoral course may remain enrolled beyond three years while paying tuition equivalent to three years.

The annual tuition fee is calculated by dividing the total fee for three years by the number of years approved for the extended study period. However, if there is a tuition fee revision during enrollment, the revised fee will apply from the time of the revision.

Applicants wishing to avail themselves of this system are advised to consult with the Academic Affairs Section. [[g-gakumu@ad.naist.jp](mailto:g-gakumu@ad.naist.jp)]

[https://www.naist.jp/en/international\\_students/current\\_students/academic\\_affairs/long-term.html](https://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/current_students/academic_affairs/long-term.html)

## 12. Security Export Control

At NAIST, in order to assure that there is no obstruction of the maintenance of peace and safety internationally through the education and research activities of international students, etc., export security control is being undertaken in accordance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act. Please understand that there may be cases where you may be asked to adjust or restrict educational and/or research contents.

[https://www.naist.jp/en/international\\_activities/security\\_export\\_control.html](https://www.naist.jp/en/international_activities/security_export_control.html)

## 13. Additional Information

- (1) Fees and documents once paid or submitted may not be refunded/ returned for any reason.
- (2) Any unfair or fraudulent acts (such as impersonation, cheating, receiving assistance from others, etc.) will be regarded as improper conduct, and the interview results may be invalidated. Admission to NAIST may be revoked, even after admission decisions have been made. In such cases, submitted documents and examination fee may not be refunded.
- (3) Applicants are responsible for securing the necessary environment for online interview or finding

accommodation during the examination period.

- (4) If you are unable to arrive by the designated time due to unforeseen circumstances such as a typhoon, please refer to examination guidelines and contact NAIST accordingly.

If you do not make a contact by the specified examination time, you will be considered absent from the examination.

- (5) In accordance with the Private Information Protection Law regarding private information owned by an Independent Administrative Legal Entity, any personal information submitted (including the contents of application documents and examination results) will be used only for the purpose listed below and will not be used for any other purposes:

- Procedures related to entrance examinations (including follow-up surveys)
- Reference materials for laboratory assignments
- Reference materials for the selection processes for scholarship awards and student housing applications.

- (6) Please read this guideline carefully. If you have any questions after reading it thoroughly, please contact us at the address below.

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\*When making inquiries after completing your application, please be sure to include your reception number (or your applicant ID if you have already received your examination voucher).

Please note that failure to provide this information may result in delays in processing your inquiry.