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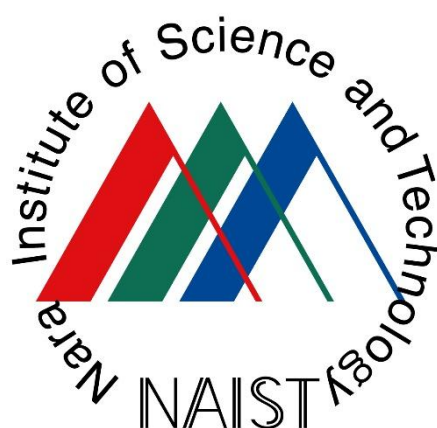
Admission Information and Application Guide

(Master's Course)

Graduate School of Science and Technology

(1st - 3rd Examination for Spring 2027 Admission)

(1st Examination for Fall 2027 Admission)



NARA INSTITUTE of SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

<https://www.naist.jp/en/>

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http://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/preliminary_support.html

For inquiries: Pre-Application Support Desk (Email: admission-support@ad.naist.jp)

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NAIST Education Policy

● 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.

● 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.

● Objectives for student development

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.

● 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

● 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 in and motivation for advanced science and technology, regardless of their background or undergraduate major. Especially, we actively accept applicants who have the ability to reason logically and accurately express their thoughts, and those who are very inquisitive and have the ability to tackle challenges.

● 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	390	Information Science (175)
		Biological Science (125)
		Materials Science (90)

* Admission capacity may be adjusted and may include students who enter in the fall term.

* Applicant cannot apply to multiple fields of study within the same examination.

* 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

2. Eligibility for Application

- (1) Those who have graduated or will graduate from universities in Japan, as stipulated in Article 83-1 of the School Education Act, by March 31, 2027.
- (2) Those who hold, or will be conferred, a bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (Japan) by March 31, 2027, in accordance with Article 104-7, of the School Education Act.
- (3) Those who have completed, or will complete, a 16-year curriculum of school education in foreign countries by March 31, 2027.
- (4) Those who have completed, or will complete, a 16-year curriculum of foreign school education by taking a foreign school's correspondence course in Japan by March 31, 2027.
- (5) Those who have completed, or will complete, a 16-year curriculum by March 31, 2027 at a foreign educational institution in Japan that is authorized by the educational system of the foreign country and is specified or designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).
- (6) Those who hold, or will be conferred, the equivalent of a bachelor's degree by March 31, 2027 by completing a course of 3 years or more at a foreign university or other foreign educational institution. This includes cases where the course is completed by taking a foreign school's correspondence course, or at a foreign educational institution in Japan that is authorized by the educational system of the respective foreign country and is specified or designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). Eligible institutions are limited to those whose educational and research activities have been evaluated by an agency accredited by the respective foreign government or relevant organization, or those specified separately by the MEXT.
- (7) Those who have completed, or will complete by March 31, 2027, specialized courses at a vocational school specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), where the course period is 4 years or longer and meets the criteria specified by the MEXT.
- (8) Those who are deemed eligible or will be deemed eligible by March 31, 2027 by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) (Bulletin No.5, Ministry of Education, 1953).
- (9) Those who, by March 31, 2027, will have been enrolled in a university for 3 years or longer or those who will have completed a 15-year curriculum as described in (3), (4) or (5) with an excellent educational record in the designated courses. (*2., *3.)
- (10) Those who are recognized by NAIST, through Preliminary Screening of Applicant Suitability, to have an academic ability equivalent to a bachelor's degree and who will be 22 years of age by March 31, 2027. (*3.)

*1. The date for applicants for Fall Admission is September 30, 2027, specified in the "Eligibility for Application (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) above.

*2. "Designated Courses" for Eligibility for Application (9): In principle, this refers to the number of credits required for graduation that will be completed by the end of the applicant's third year in their current department. These include credits for general education subjects (such as humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, foreign languages, and health and physical education) as well as credits for specialized courses. Those who enrolled at NAIST under this eligibility will be regarded as having withdrawn from the student register of their current

university and will not be eligible to take the national examinations that require graduation from a university as a prerequisite.

- *3. Applicants who wish to apply based on Eligibility for Application (9) or (10) should follow the procedures given in **Article 10: Preliminary Screening of Applicant Suitability (for applicants who meet eligibility requirements (9) and (10))** on page 12 before taking the entrance examination.

3. Application Periods

(1) Application period

Examination Sessions	Application Period	Remarks
Spring 1st Examination	June 8 (Mon) – 10 (Wed), 2026	Admission information and the application guide for the 2nd examination for Fall 2027 will be provided around April 2027.
Spring 2nd Examination	September 28 (Mon) – 30 (Wed), 2026	
Spring 3rd Examination (1st Examination for Fall 2027 Admission)	February 8 (Mon) – 10 (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 two months 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

*There is no limit to the number of applications 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 at the following URL:

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

(1) Examination fee

Examination fee is 30,000 yen.

To complete the registration, applicants must pay the examination fee.

Please choose one of the methods from ① - ④ listed below, and complete the payment.

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 any processing fee and related charges.

- 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]

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	<p>Please follow the Online Application System instructions and upload your photograph.</p> <p>Must be upper-body and full-faced without headwear (except for religious reason).</p> <p>*Do not edit as it will be used for identification purposes on the day of the interview.</p>
Research Proposal	<p>Please write a two-page paper on A4-size paper that covers the following topics: “The contents of my undergraduate studies” and “The research field/project that I want to work on at NAIST” (Any format is acceptable, however, please upload the document in PDF format.).</p> <p>It must be more than one page and no more than two pages for both subjects together.</p> <p>[Important Notes]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be sure to write your name on both pages. 2. Specify your current or previous field of studies, if any, under your name on both pages. 3. Write in English or Japanese. The language that you will be using throughout the examination. 4. You may include additional data (figures or charts) within the two-page. <p>The templates for each field of study are available on our website. Please use it as a reference; https://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/admission_information/guidelines.html</p>
Graduation Certificate/Expected Graduation Certificate	<p>Must be issued by a university or other educational institution.</p> <p>Please upload the document in PDF format.</p> <p>For those who have graduated from a foreign university and received a bachelor's degree, please upload the PDF data of the Certificate of Bachelor's Degree. (If the graduation certificate shows that a bachelor's degree has been awarded, a separate Certificate of Bachelor's Degree is not required.)</p> <p>Applicants who meet Eligibility for Application (9) or (10) are not required to submit this certificate. If the certificate is written in a language other than English or Japanese, an English 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 acceptable.</p> <p>*If the graduation certificate and academic transcript are combined into a</p>

	single document, please upload the combined certificate.
Transcript of Academic Records	<p>Must be issued by a university or other educational institution. Please upload the document in PDF format. Those who have approved transfer credits or who meet Eligibility for Application (2) must also upload the PDF data of transcripts from previous school(s) (university, junior college, or college of technology, etc.). Applicants who meet Eligibility for Application (9) or (10) are not required to submit a transcript. If the transcript is written in a language other than English or Japanese, an English translation must be attached. *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. *Those with “copy”, “void”, etc. stamps resulting from scanning are acceptable. *If the graduation certificate and academic transcript are combined into a single document, please upload the combined certificate.</p>

● Submission of applicable English test scores is optional.

*Applicants who do not submit English test scores may still participate in the interview; however, their English score will be recorded as zero.

Required Documents	Remarks
Documents to Verify English Proficiency.	<p>Make sure to upload the English proficiency score you have registered on the Online Application System. *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><Acceptable Score and Submission Procedures> [When submitting during the application period]</p> <p>➤ TOEIC Score type: Listening & Reading Test or Speaking & Writing Tests How to submit: Please upload PDF data of the certificate to the Online Application System.</p> <p>➤ TOEFL Score type: TOEFL iBT / TOEFL ITP / TOEFL Essentials / TOEFL iBT Home Edition How to submit: ① Please upload the PDF data of the Examinee Score Report or Test Taker Score (Score Report in the case of TOEFL ITP). ② Applicants can also send official score reports to NAIST via ETS. After completing 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-top: 10px;"> <p>Code for sending TOEFL official score report DI (Designated Institution) code: D234 Department code: 99</p> </div>

	<p>➤ Duolingo English Test How to submit: Please upload the PDF data with which NAIST can check the score.</p> <p>➤ IELTS How to submit: Please upload the PDF data of the official score certificate.</p> <p>[When submitting after the application period] Applicants may also submit English scores after the application period; however, they must arrive by the deadlines set for each examination option. <Must arrive by the deadline></p> <p>Spring 1st examination: July 1 (Wed), 2026 Spring 2nd examination: October 21 (Wed), 2026 Spring 3rd examination (1st examination for Fall admission): March 5 (Fri), 2027</p> <p>If you 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^{かきとめそくたつ}) to the address below. *The “Submission Form of Document to Verify English Proficiency” can be downloaded from our website. (https://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/admission_information/guidelines.html) *If you send TOEFL official score report to NAIST via ETS, please make sure it will arrive at NAIST by the deadline. Scores will not be accepted if report does not arrive at NAIST by the deadline.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Admissions Section, Educational Affairs Division, Nara Institute of Science and Technology 8916-5, Takayama, Ikoma, Nara 630-0192, Japan Phone: +81 (743) 72-5083/5084 Fax: +81 (743) 72-5014 E-mail: exam@ad.naist.jp </div> <p>Scores cannot be submitted after the application periods or above designated deadlines.</p>
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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
Scanned Copy of Your Passport (the page with your full name)/Residence Card (both sides) *In the case of permanent residents or special permanent residents, a copy of the Residence Card must be submitted.	Either a scanned copy of your passport (the page with your full name) or a scanned copy of your residence card (both sides) Note: Permanent residents and special permanent residents must submit a copy of their Residence Card. Those who do not have either must upload a scanned copy of a government-issued photo ID. Please upload the document in PDF format. If written in a language other than English, please attach an English

	translation to the document. Please submit PDF files created by scanning with multifunctional device or scanner, as photo data converted to PDF may lose clarity.
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●Required only for applicants who meet Eligibility for Application (2)

Required Documents	Remarks
Certificate of Degree Conferral or Certificate of Expected Degree Conferral	The Certificate must be issued by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education, or by the president of the relevant junior college or college of technology. Please upload the document in PDF format. *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.

●Required only for applicants who have awards or other recognized activities (optional)

Required Documents	Remarks
Certificate of Awards or Other Recognized Activities	Certificates of awards and other recognized activities you have registered on the Online Application System. Please upload the document in PDF format. *We do not set specific criteria for recognizing awards or other activities. Please upload any documents that you believe demonstrate your relevant accomplishments. *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.

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

Required Documents	Remarks
Current Employer's Approval of Application	Any format is acceptable. Please provide a letter from an authorized representative of your current employer confirming that you have been granted approval to submit this application. Please upload the document in PDF format. *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).
Letter of Provisional Acceptance for Employed Applicants	Use the form provided by NAIST; http://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/admission_information/guidelines.html The letter must be issued by a professor in the field of study you are applying to, and must be written in either English or Japanese. Please download the designated form from the university website, fill in the required information, and send it to the faculty member of your preferred laboratory (the one selected as your first choice during online application registration) to request provisional acceptance. *1: Please be sure to contact the professor whose lab you wish to join and obtain his/her preliminary approval of acceptance well in advance. *2: Before requesting a Letter of Provisional Acceptance, applicants should decide on the laboratory they wish to join. Requesting Letters of Provisional Acceptance from more than one professor at the same time is not permitted.

	<p>Once provisional acceptance is granted, the faculty member will return a signed Letter of Provisional Acceptance by email.</p> <p>Please upload the PDF version of the signed document.</p> <p>Please note that this letter does not guarantee you passing the examination.</p>
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(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 address registered in the Online Application System once the documents are available for download.

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 two months 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
 For inquiries: Pre-Application Support Desk (Email: 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]
- 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 they falsify, fabricate or plagiarize a document, materials or information included in their 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, their application, documents and examination fee may not be returned.

7. Method of Examination

(1) Method of Examination

<For all applicants>

- The examination will consist of a 20 minute interview in Japanese or English, depending on the language selected at the time of application registration.
- In principle, interviews are conducted remotely using an online conferencing system.
- Please refer to the Online Application System for details on the technical conditions required for the online interview: <https://e-apply.jp/ds/naist/>

*If the number of applicants reaches twice the number of admission capacity specified for a given field of study,

a preliminary screening may be conducted based on the submitted documents. In such cases, only those who pass the preliminary screening will be eligible to take the interview examination. Please note that the examination fee will not be refunded to applicants who do not pass the preliminary screening.

Information Science

- (i) Oral examination on questions of mathematics (algebra, analysis, etc.)
- (ii) Questions regarding the research proposal and areas of information science relevant to the examinee's area of specialization.

Make sure that no materials are in sight during the interview.

[Scope of mathematics questions]

Algebra: From Chapter 1 to Chapter 7 of the following book.

Gilbert Strang, Introduction to Linear Algebra, Fourth edition, Wellesley-Cambridge Press.

Analysis: From Chapter 1 to Chapter 15 of the following book.

Serge Lang, A First Course in Calculus, Fifth edition Springer.

Biological Science

- (i) A 5-minute oral presentation on the examinee's research proposal.
 - (ii) Oral examination based on the research proposal and oral presentation.
- No materials may be in sight except for examinee's own research proposal.

[Scope of biological science questions]

Basic knowledge related to the examinee's field of study and research plan at NAIST.

Materials Science

- (i) A 5-minute oral presentation on their research proposal.
 - (ii) A 15-minute oral examination related to materials science will be conducted, based on the submitted research proposal and the examinee's area of specialization.
- No materials may be in sight except for the examinee's own research proposal. Figures or charts in research proposals may be used or explained.

[Scope of materials science questions]

Basic knowledge of materials science relevant to examinee's area of specialization.

(2) Evaluation criteria

In the interview, basic academic ability, enthusiasm for research, and potential as a researcher will be evaluated comprehensively.

(3) Acceptance criteria

Successful applicants will be decided on the basis of an overall evaluation of interview results, the research proposal, school transcripts, TOEIC / TOEFL / IELTS / Duolingo English Test scores, as well as awards and other activities.

(4) Examination period and location

- NAIST will designate your examination date within the period specified below.
- Applicants will have a preliminary connection test prior to the examination date indicated as follows.

Examination Sessions	Location	Period	Interview Time
Spring 1st Examination	Online (Preliminary Connection Test)	July 6 (Mon) – 11 (Sat), 2026 July 2 (Thu) – 3 (Fri), 2026	9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Spring 2nd Examination	Online (Preliminary Connection Test)	October 27 (Tue) – 29 (Thu), 2026 October 22 (Thu) – 23 (Fri), 2026	
Spring 3rd Examination	Online	March 10 (Wed), 2027	
(1st Examination for Fall admission)	(Preliminary Connection Test)	March 8 (Mon), 2027	

- Details of each applicant's individual examination date (online interview) and the preliminary connection test schedule will be provided on the examination vouchers. Please note that, in principle, once the date and time have been set, they cannot be changed.
- If there are any dates during the examination period on which you are unable to attend, please enter the date(s) and the reason(s) in the Online Application System. However, depending on the timing, and number of applicants, we may not be able to meet your request.
- In the event that the Spring 1st examination cannot be conducted due to unforeseen circumstances such as a typhoon, it will be rescheduled to the pre-determined alternative date (July 13 (Mon)).

8. Examination Results and Enrollment Procedures

Examination Sessions	Announcements of the Results	Enrollment Procedures
Spring 1st Examination	July 21 (Tue), 2026	Late February, 2027
Spring 2nd Examination	November 6 (Fri), 2026	
Spring 3rd Examination	March 15 (Mon), 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.

* Applicants who meet Eligibility for Application (9)

Applicants who pass the examination but fall under Eligibility for Application (9), and are therefore required to complete the prescribed credits with excellent results by the end of their third year, will be designated as “provisional passers” on the date of the examination results announced.

“Provisional passers” are required to submit transcripts covering their first three years of undergraduate studies by 4:00 pm on March 15 (Mon), 2027. If the transcripts meet the stipulated conditions, these students will be officially recognized as successful applicants on March 17 (Wed), 2027. In this case, the enrollment period take place in late March, 2027.

If Applicants for Fall admission cannot submit transcripts covering their first three years of undergraduate studies by 4:00 pm on March 15 (Mon), 2027, they must submit their transcripts by the mid-September, 2027. After confirming through transcripts that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements, official notification of acceptance will be issued in mid-September 2027. In this case, the enrollment procedure period is in late September, 2027.

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 (9) and (10))

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

Spring 1st Examination	Spring 2nd Examination	Spring 3rd Examination (1st examination for Fall admission)
May 8 (Fri), 2026	August 28 (Fri), 2026	January 8 (Fri), 2027

(2) How to apply

- Please contact Admissions Section (exam@ad.naist.jp) first to obtain the application form.
- 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 (9)

Required Documents	Remarks
Application for Eligibility Screening	Use the form provided by the Admissions Section
Transcript of Academic Records [Original / Certified true copy]	Must be issued by a university or other educational institution. If subjects you are currently taking are not listed in the transcript, please submit the documents indicating subjects you are currently enrolled in. Applicants with approved transfer credits must also submit transcripts from their previous institution(s) (university, junior college, etc.). If the documents are written in a language other than English or Japanese, an English or Japanese translation must be attached.
Student Registration Certificate [Original / Certified true copy]	Any format is acceptable. Must be issued by the president or academic dean of the relevant university.
Academic Year Course List	The list should indicate the subject name, academic year, number of credits, whether the subject is required or elective, and the condition for the applicant's promotion to the fourth year and graduation.
Photocopy of Syllabus	The description of the course contents must be included.

●Applicants who meet Eligibility for Application (10)

Required Documents	Remarks
Application for Eligibility Screening	Use the form provided by the Admissions Section
Graduation Certificate from the Most Recent Educational Institution Last School Attended [Original / Certified true copy]	If the documents are written in a language other than English or Japanese, an English or Japanese translation must be attached.
Transcript of Academic Record from the Most Recent	The transcript must be issued by the relevant university.

Educational Institution [Original / Certified true copy]	If the transcript is written in a language other than English or Japanese, an English or Japanese 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 forms required for the application, by the end of the application period.

11. Long-Term Completion System

The Long-Term Completion System is designed 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 may remain enrolled beyond two years while paying tuition equivalent to two years.

The annual tuition fee is calculated by dividing the total fee for two 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]

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

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 cannot be refunded.
- (3) Applicants are responsible for securing the necessary environment for the online interview.
If you do not make contact by the specified time, you will be considered absent from the examination.
- (4) Depending on the number of applicants, and their scores, additional candidates may be accepted.
- (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.