

2026 Guide to the Master's Program Entrance Examination

Department of Architecture, Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo

1. Eligibility

Applicants must meet the requirements for eligibility in the Guidelines for Applicants to the 2026 Master's Program of Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo. There are no restrictions regarding past fields of specialization or when qualifications were attained.

This is the only master's program entrance examination in this year.

2. Prospective Supervisors and Application Forms

Graduate students pursue research under their supervisors. Therefore, applicants must select up to 3 prospective supervisors from the supervisor list on page 3 - 5 and fill their names in the box A of the exhibit 1. The exhibit must be uploaded with the other application documents at the time of application. The exhibit 1 - 4 must be uploaded with the other application documents at the time of application.

- (1) Master's Program Research: Applicants must describe their desired Master's Program Research in the exhibit 2-4. In addition, fill the name of your prospective supervisors in the box A and a "o" in box B for the selected group for Specialized subject II of the exhibit 1.
- (2) Score proof of English language test: English language test for the entrance examination of Department of Architecture will be based on the official scores of TOEFL (TOEFL iBT or TOEFL iBT Home Edition) submitted by the applicants. Follow the instructions provided in the document "Notice regarding Foreign Language (English) Examinations in 2026 The University of Tokyo Graduate School of Engineering Entrance Examinations (How to submit TOEFL score) (Master's Program, Doctoral Program 【Application Schedule A・B】)" distributed by the Graduate School of Engineering for submitting your score. The English language score must be uploaded and received by 8th Aug. 2025 (JST). The English test scores are only valid for examinations taken in September 2023 or later.

3. Enrollment Capacity and Admission Period

The enrollment capacity for the 2026 master's program of the department of architecture is 32. The number of students admitted to each professor is restricted to avoid unbalanced research environments within the department. Successful applicants usually enter in April 2026. However, successful applicants who have graduated or are expected to graduate from university by September 2025 may enter in October 2025 if the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is published. We strongly recommend April 2026 enrollment due to the trend of delayed issuance of COE.

4. Selection Methods

Selection of students for admission shall be based on a written examination and an oral examination described below.

(A) Written examination

Subject	Time limit	Content
1. Foreign language *1		English (evaluation by TOEFL®)
2. Specialized subjects *1 (1) Specialized subject I	3 hours	(1) is a fundamental test related to architecture.
(2) Specialized subject II	3 or 4 hours	As for (2), applicants select a group out of four groups below and solve the problem related to the selected group. The selected group must be described in <u>the Box B of the exhibit 1.</u> Group 1: Design (4 hours) Group 2: Architectural Planning & Design, Architectural History, and Building System & Construction (3 hours) Group 3: Environmental Engineering (3 hours) Group 4: Structures & Materials (3 hours)

*1 Applicants who do not take all the foreign language and specialized subjects (specialized subject I and specialized subject II) will be disqualified.

(B) Oral examination

Interviews for several minutes per person shall be conducted. The language of the interviews will be Japanese or English. Applicants who do not take the oral examination will be disqualified.

5. Examination Schedule

	Subject	Date & time	Items to bring	Important note
(A) Written examination	English			Submit TOEFL® score.
	Specialized subject I	Tuesday, August 26 9:00 - 12:00	Pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, compasses, and set squares	
	Specialized subject II Group 1	Wednesday, August 27 9:00 - 13:00	Pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, compasses, T-squares, rulers, coloring devices, and set squares Others: visit the Department's website*1.	
	Specialized subject II Group 2 Group 3 Group 4	Wednesday, August 27 9:00 - 12:00	Pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, compasses, and set squares	
(B) Oral examination (Interviews)		Friday, August 29 9:00 - 14:00		Details on the waiting place and time will be posted on the Department's website*1.

Note: Entering the examination room 30 minutes after the beginning of the specialized subjects is prohibited under any circumstances.

*1 <https://arch.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

6. Notes

- (1) Applicants should carefully read the Notice for Examination ~The 2026 Master's / Doctoral Program Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo~ shown in the Department's website (<https://arch.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>).
- (2) Perform the identity verification at the time of the test using the photograph on the admission card. Failure to confirm your identity may result in disqualification. Applicants whose photograph is modified will be disqualified.
- (3) Other related information, such as examination venue, will be posted on the department's Web site (<https://arch.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>), so please check there from time to time.

7. Contact

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List of academic supervisors and their research fields at the Department of Architecture

(Faculty member's names are in Japanese syllabary order)

Faculty members listed on the list can accept students, but if you have any concerns including his/her retirement or term expiring, please inquire in advance to confirm their educational policies.

Faculty member's name	Affiliation*	Research division	Research field
Professor Yasunori AKASHI	A	Environment	Building Energy System, Thermal Environment, Operation and Management, Commissioning
Associate professor Tatsuya ASAI	IIS	Structure & Material	Seismic Engineering, Tsunami Resilient Design, Reinforced Concrete Structure
Project professor Yasushi IKEDA ^{※1}	A	Design	Architectural Informatics, Architectural Design
Associate professor Tatsuya ITOI	A	Structure & Material	Resilience engineering, risk-informed and performance-based design, earthquake engineering
Professor Kotaro IMAI	IIS	Planning	Architectural Planning and Design, Urban Analysis
Professor Jun IYAMA	A	Structure & Material	Steel Structure, Corrosion Mechanics, Seismic Wave Analysis, Fail-safe structural system
Professor Yumiko IWAFUNE	IIS	Environment	Energy system analysis
Associate professor Satoshi UNNO	A	History	Japanese architectural history, Conservation of cultural properties
Professor Ryozo OOKA	IIS	Environment	Building and urban environmental engineering, Sustainable engineering
Professor Toshio OTSUKI	A	Planning	Architectural Planning, Residential Area Planning, Housing Studies, Housing Policy, Disaster Recovery Design
Professor Akiko OKABE	A	Design	Architectural Community Planning, Urban Environmental Design
Professor Koichi KATO	A	History	History of Western Architecture
Professor Kenichi KAWAGUCHI ^{※1}	IIS	Structure & Material	Spatial Structure Engineering, Structural Engineering
Associate professor Yoshiyuki KAWAZOE	IIS	Design	Architectural Design, Theory of Scenery
Associate professor Hideki KIKUMOTO	IIS	Environment	Urban & Building Environment, Environmental Control Engineering
Professor Koichi KUSUNOKI	ERI	Structure & Material	Earthquake Engineering, Structural Health Monitoring, Reinforced Concrete Structure
Professor Mikio KOSHIHARA	IIS	System & Construction	Wood Engineering, Building Construction

Faculty member's name	Affiliation*	Research division	Research field
Project Associate professor Tsuyoshi KOYAMA* ¹	A	Structure & Material	Computational Mechanics, Hydro Resistant Structures
Associate professor Tomoyuki GONDO	A	System & Construction	Building System, Construction Management
Project Associate professor Tsuyoshi SAITO* ³	A	Structure & Material	Cement Chemistry, Circular Building Materials, Chemical Analysis
Professor Shinichi SAKAMOTO	IIS	Environment	Applied Acoustic Engineering (Architectural Acoustics and Noise Control)
Professor Tetsuya SAKUMA	A	Environment	Sound Environment, Architectural Acoustics, Noise Control, Living Environment
Associate professor Seitaro TAJIRI	A	Structure & Material	Earthquake engineering, Reinforced concrete structure
Professor Tomohiro TACHI	C	Structure & Material	Structural Geometry, Computational Design
Project Associate Professor Keiichiro TANIGUCHI* ²	A	Environment	Building Environmental Engineering, Building Environmental Simulation
Project professor Keisuke TOYODA* ²	IIS	Design	Digital Spatial Description / Common Ground
Professor Yoshiaki NAKANO* ¹	IIS	Structure & Material	Reinforced Concrete and Masonry Buildings, Seismic Capacity Evaluation and Retrofit, Tsunami-Resistant Buildings/Facilities, Urban Disaster Mitigation
Professor Takafumi NOGUCHI* ¹	A	Structure & Material	Building materials, Resource recycling, Carbon neutral, Durability design, Maintenance, Fire prevention
Associate professor Kengo HAYASHI	IIS	History	Asian Architectural and Urban History, Urban Sustainability Studies
Professor Kaori FUJITA	A	System & Construction	Timber Structure, Traditional Building Construction
Associate professor Kentaro HONMA	IIS	Planning	Architectural Planning and Design, Mathematical Engineering of Spatial Design
Associate professor Yudai HONMA	IIS	Planning	Architecture and Urban Planning, Traffic Engineering, Social System, Mathematical Optimization
Associate professor Yusuke MAIDA	ERI	Structure & Material	Earthquake engineering, reinforced concrete structure, Damage control system
Associate professor Masayuki MAE	A	Environment	Environmental Control Engineering, Energy System
Associate professor Yuji MATSUDA	A	Planning	Architectural Planning and Design, Medical and Welfare Facilities' Planning, Universal Design
Professor Ipei MARUYAMA	A	Structure & Material	Building material engineering, Materials for extreme conditions, Aging management of concrete structures, Preservation of historical buildings

Faculty member's name	Affiliation*	Research division	Research field
Project Lecturer Shohei MIYATA*2	A	Environment	Smart Building Systems, HVAC and Energy Systems for the Built Environment
Associate professor Motoki YASUHARA	A	Design	Architectural Design
Professor Satoshi YAMADA	A	Structure & Material	Steel Structure, Earthquake Engineering, Base Isolated Structure, Passive Control Structure
Professor Yurika YOKOYAMA	C	Planning	Architectural Planning Research, Human-environment Studies, Design Studies
Associate professor Hideki YOSHIOKA	A	Structure & Material	Fire Engineering for Buildings, Urban Fire Safety.

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A: The Department of Architecture, Graduate School of Engineering Hongo Campus

ERI: Earthquake Research Institute Yayoi Campus

IIS: Institute of Industrial Science Komaba II Campus

C: Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Komaba I Campus

*1 Retirement is scheduled on March 2026、 Term renewal or relevant faculty member will take over.

*2 Retirement is scheduled on March 2028、 Term renewal or relevant faculty member will take over.

*3 Retirement is scheduled on March 2029、 Term renewal or relevant faculty member will take over.

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A 研究の指導を希望する教員を「令和 8(2026)年度東京大学大学院工学系研究科建築学専攻修士課程入学志願者案内」3～4頁の表から最大で3名選択し、以下の欄に教員名を記入すること。

Applicants must select up to two prospective academic supervisors from the table on pages 3 - 5 of "2026 Guide to the Master's Program Entrance Examination Department of Architecture, Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo" and write their names in the following table.

	第一希望 1st choice	第二希望 2nd choice	第三希望 3rd choice
教員名 Academic supervisor's name			

B 希望する群に○を記入すること。 Fill in a "○" for the desired group.

入学志願者案内 4. 選抜方法の(A)筆記試験参照 Refer to 4 (A) in the guide

専門課題II Specialized Subject II	第1群	第2群	第3群	第4群

(建築学専攻) (Department of Architecture)

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The number of sheets should not be changed.

【研究計画】【Research Plan】

(1) 研究の背景 (Background of the research)

修士課程学生として取り組む研究の背景について、当該分野の状況や課題等の背景、並びに本研究計画の着想に至った経緯も含めて記入してください。既往文献を用いて研究課題がどのように重要で新規性があるかを明快にしてください。必要に応じて適宜概念図を用いるなどして、わかりやすく記入してください。受入研究室の選定理由も記載ください。複数ある場合は複数の選定理由を記載してください。なお、本項目は1頁に収めてください。

Please provide the background of the research you will undertake as a master's student, including the competitive research situations and challenges in the related field and how you came up with the idea for this research plan. Please clearly the importance and significance of the research topic with a critical review on the existing literature. Please provide a clear description of the research theme by using conceptual diagrams, if necessary. Please provide the reasons(s) for selecting the host laboratory(ies). Please limit this section to one page.

【研究計画】(続き)【Research Plan (Continued)】

(2) 研究目的と実施内容 (Research Objectives, Plan, and Actions)

前述の研究の背景を受けて、目的と実施する内容を明確に記載してください。1)研究目的、研究方法、研究内容、2)作業仮説とその重要性、独創性、3)全体目標のうちどこまでを明らかにするのか、4)研究目的達成時にどういった影響を研究分野および社会に及ぼすかの見通し、を記載してください。所属予定の研究室において先行研究がある場合には、受験者が果たす役割、境界条件がわかるように記載してください。学習・研究計画の2年間のタイムスケジュールも記載してください。受入研究室ごとに記載することも可能です。本項目は1頁以内に記載してください。

Based on the aforementioned research background, 1) clarify the research objective and goals, research theme, and describe the research methods used to achieve this theme in detail, 2) describe the research working hypothesis, the uniqueness, originality, and research significance about your research compared to previous research, 3) clarify the goals of your doctoral coarse research, and 4) what impact you expect on the research field and society when you achieve your research goals. If there is previous research in the laboratory to which the candidate will belong, please describe your roles. Please also include a two-year schedule of your study and research plan. You can describe separately by the laboratory. Please limit this section to one page.

【過去の研究／設計歴】 Abstract of your past research/design experiences

修士で学習／研究することに関連した、過去の研究履歴（卒業研究など）や設計事例などを記載し、ご自身の能力をアピールしてください。取り組みが途中のものであっても、取り組み内容などを記載してください。本項目は1頁以内に記載してください。

Please describe your past research experience (such as your undergraduate thesis) and design projects related to your studies/research at the master's level, highlighting your skills and abilities. Even if the project is still in progress, please describe the details of your work and involvement. Please limit this section to one page.