

Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo

Guidelines for Applicants to the 2026 Doctoral Program

Application Schedule B

Department of Systems Innovation

• If the contents of this Guidelines for Applicants are changed, we will announce the change on the following website, so you should check it often.

(<https://www.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/study-at-utokyo/soe/apply/guideline>)

• After you submit your application, we will contact you regarding your application and entrance examination by e-mail. Please check your e-mail settings and make sure you can receive messages from WEB Application System(application.t[at]ic.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp) and The University of Tokyo Graduate School of Engineering Team (daigakuin.t[at].gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp). ※Please replace [at] with @.

Education and Research Goals

The education and research goals at this graduate school are to develop talented individuals who, with a basis in engineering, boldly take up the challenge of exploring unexplored fields and new technological innovations, contribute to the sustainability and development of human society, and who are able to acquire systematic knowledge regarding science and technology as well as an engineering-based thinking, and have the ability to solve social problems with an understanding of diversity and a broad perspective.

Admission Policy

1. Desired student profile

- 1) Strongly motivated to study in accordance with the educational research goals of the Graduate School.
- 2) In addition to advanced expertise in one's major field of study, possesses engineering and logical thinking skills as well as creativity, and has a strong desire to solve social problems.
- 3) Possesses excellent communication skills, foreign language proficiencies, and sound ethics, respects diversity, and aspires to contribute to the international community.

2. Selection Policy

Applicants are selected through written and oral examinations, and submitted documents are evaluated based on the desired student profile. Academic records and foreign language skills are taken into consideration as well. In this selection process, emphasis will be placed on the following.

- High level of expertise in field of interest, and deep engineering-based thinking skills.
- Ability to discover unknown problems and develop creative solutions.
- International communication skills and ability to disseminate research results through those skills.

1. Requirements for Eligibility

- (1) Those who have obtained, or are expected to obtain by March 31, 2026, a master's or professional degree from a Japanese university. (Note 1)
- (2) Those who have been conferred, or are expected to be conferred on or before March 31, 2026, a master's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education

(NIAD).

- (3) Those who have been conferred, or are expected to be conferred on or before March 31, 2026, a degree equivalent to a master's or a professional degree outside of Japan. (Note 2)
- (4) Those who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 31, 2026, a program in an educational institution in Japan that is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as providing the program of a foreign graduate school within the education system of a foreign country, and have been conferred or are expected to be conferred a degree equivalent to a master's or a professional degree.
- (5) Those who have completed or expect to complete a program at the United Nations University and have been conferred, or are expected to be conferred by March 31, 2026, a degree equivalent to that of a master's degree.
- (6) Those who have passed or are expected to pass by March 31, 2026, a screening for the fundamental ability for doctorate dissertation research as specified in Article 16-2 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools at a school outside of Japan, an educational institution mentioned in eligibility (4) above, or the United Nations University, and are recognized by this graduate school as having abilities at least equivalent to those who have a master's degree. (Note 3)
- (7) Those who have graduated from a Japanese university; or have completed at least 16 years of academic education outside of Japan and have been engaged in research at a university, research institute or other institution in Japan or outside of Japan for at least 2 years; or are expected to have been engaged in research for at least 2 years by March 31, 2026; and are recognized by this graduate school as having abilities at least equivalent to those who have a master's degree or a professional degree as a result of said research. (Note 1) (Note 2) (Note 3)
- (8) Those 24 years or older as of March 31, 2026, whom this graduate school has recognized, through individual screening of entrance qualifications, as having abilities that are at least equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree holder. (Note 4)

Note 1) Japanese universities mentioned in Eligibilities (1) and (7) above are universities within the boundaries of Japan and as prescribed in Article 83 of the School Education Law.

Note 2) Eligibilities (3) and (7) above include the case of having completed a correspondence program provided by a foreign school of said country while residing in Japan.

Note 3) Those who intend to apply under requirement (6) or (7) above shall submit designated documents for the screening of their entrance qualifications to the Graduate School Team, Graduate School of Engineering Administrative Division (refer to 11. Contact) by November 5, 2025, as entrance qualifications are screened individually before submission of application. Please inquire at the Administrative Department of this Graduate School in advance about requirements for application and document submission.

Note 4) ① Those covered under Eligibility (8) above, are those who are not covered under Eligibilities (1) through (7) above, and those who will be recognized by this graduate school through individual screening of entrance qualification as having abilities at least equivalent to that of a master's degree or a professional degree holder.

② Those who intend to apply under requirement (8) above shall submit designated documents for the screening of their entrance qualifications to the Graduate School Team, Graduate School of Engineering Administrative Division (refer to 11. Contact) by November 5, 2025, as entrance qualifications are screened individually before

submission of application. Please inquire at the Administrative Department of this Graduate School in advance about requirements for application and document submission.

- ③ Those who are recognized as having abilities at least equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree holder through screening of qualifications will be permitted to apply and to take the entrance examination.

2. Acceptance of Mature Students

- (1) Mature students are eligible for acceptance in each department. Departments shall accept mature students.
- (2) Persons currently working as full-time employees at companies, educational and research institutes, and other organizations may undertake studies in this doctoral program, concurrent with such employment.
- (3) Selection of applicants shall take into consideration factors including the applicant's master's thesis and related research achievements.

3. How to Apply

- (1) Applicants are asked to complete the entrance application form via the WEB Application System. (<https://www.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/study-at-utokyo/soe/apply/guideline>)
 - (2) All application documents must be uploaded online to a designated location. For details, check the Graduate School of Engineering website. (<https://www.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/study-at-utokyo/soe/apply/guideline>)
 - (3) Application period: From November 28 (Friday) until 3:00 p.m., December 4 (Thursday), 2025 (Japan time) 【Be on time】
- * However, for "Other" in "Documents for Submission," refer to the "Guide to Entrance Examinations" of the department to which the application will be sent, as the submission method or period may differ.

4. Examination Dates and Locations

Examinations will be held between mid-January 2026 and early February 2026. For details on days, times and locations, refer to the "Guide to Entrance Examinations" and the website of the department to which the application will be sent.

5. Selection Methods

- (1) Selection shall be based on a first stage examination and a second stage examination.
- (2) Selection for the first stage examination shall be based on submitted documents, a written examination, and an oral examination.
- (3) The first stage examination will involve a document screening based on the submitted application materials. A written examination, oral examination, and other assessments may then be administered exclusively to those applicants who successfully pass the document screening. Examination fees will not be refunded even if applicants do not pass the document screening. For details, refer to the "Guide to Entrance Examinations" of the department to which the application will be sent.
- (4) The second stage examination shall be in regard to the applicant's master's thesis or a related topic. The second stage examination will only be conducted for applicants who pass the first stage examination.

(5) Selection of students for admission shall be based on a comprehensive judgment, taking into account the written examination, the oral examination, submitted documents, the applicant's master's thesis and other related materials.

6. Examination Subjects and Enrollment Capacity for Each Department

Check the examination subjects of Application Schedule B on the website or "Guide to Entrance Examinations" of the department to which the application will be sent.

Department Name	Enrollment capacity
Systems Innovation	A small number

7. Documents for Submission

Documents, etc.	Applicant	Notes
Entrance application	All applicants	Follow the instruction of the WEB Application system and enter the required information accurately to the WEB Application System. You will be contacted by email regarding the entrance examination, so be sure to enter an email address that you actually use.
Face photo data	All applicants	Upload the face photo data according to the instructions of the WEB Application System. The file format of the photograph data is not specified. • Use a clear photograph taken within the past 3 months that shows your upper body facing forward with your head uncovered, plain background without anyone else in the frame. • This will be used for your examination admission card and used for identity verification during test conducting, so do not edit or retouch the photograph data. If your face doesn't match the photo, it might not be possible to take the examination. • This will be used for your student ID card after you pass the examination.

Examination fees	All applicants [Except for students expecting to obtain a master's degree or degree from a specialized degree program at the University of Tokyo in March 2026, international students on scholarships from the Japanese government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology).]	30,000 yen • Payment must be made by one of the following payment methods: bank transfer, payment at a convenience store, Pay-easy-compliant ATM, Pay-easy-compliant Internet Bank, Internet-only Bank, China Union Pay or credit card. • Follow the instruction of the WEB Application System and upload the “証明書添付台紙” or result of your payment. • Transfer or payment fees are the responsibility of the applicant to pay. 【For bank transfers】 Use the transfer application form created by the WEB Application System and transfer it from the nearest banking facility (using Japan Post Bank or the post office are not acceptable). Do not use an ATM or the internet. For details on transfer methods, refer to the transfer application form output by the WEB Application System and the notes indicated therein. 【Using a convenience store, Pay-easy-compliant ATM, Pay-easy-compliant Internet Bank, Internet-only Bank, China Union Pay or credit card】 For details on methods and notes, refer to “How to make Payment of Examination Fee at E-shiharai.net.”
Certificate as MEXT Scholarship Student	MEXT Scholarship Student [Except for those currently enrolled at the University of Tokyo (including research students.)]	• Follow the instruction of the WEB Application System and upload the certificate. • The certificate must indicate the length of your scholarship.

Certificate of Completion from previous graduate school	All applicants who have completed university programs [Those who have already received master's degrees at the time of applications; does not include individuals who completed coursework at the Graduate School of Engineering of the University of Tokyo, or who are expected to complete coursework]	• Upload the certificate according to the instructions in the WEB Application System and the following instructions. 1) Upload a PDF of the original to the WEB Application System. The original paper document uploaded must be submitted at the time of admission procedures. 2) It should be the original issued by your previous university (with its official stamp). If you have multiple certificates, save them together as one PDF file. 3) Those who have graduated from universities outside Japan are required to upload certificate clearly stating their degree. If the degree is not indicated on the certificate of completion, a separate certificate of degree conferral must also be submitted. All certificates written in languages other than Japanese or English must have a Japanese or English translation attached (translation should be issued and stamped by your previous university). 4) If applying under Application Requirement (2) above, upload a certificate indicating the degree conferred, created by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education. 5) Not required if the degree, the date of graduation and the date of degree awarded is indicated on the academic transcript.
Academic Transcript from previous university and graduate school	All applicants [Except for individuals who completed coursework at the Graduate School of Engineering of the University of Tokyo, or who are expected to complete coursework]	• Upload the certificate according to the instructions in the WEB Application System and the following instructions. 1) Upload a PDF of the original to the WEB Application System. The original paper document uploaded must be submitted at the time of admission procedures. 2) It should be the original issued by your previous university (with its official stamp). Documents verifying the student's performance in the undergraduate program (including liberal arts courses) and a master's program (or professional degree program). If you have multiple certificates, save them together as one PDF file. All certificates written in languages other than Japanese or English must have a Japanese or English translation attached (translation should be issued and stamped by your previous university). 3) For transferees, upload the transcripts of the previous schools. 4) For graduates of the Advanced Course, KOSEN (Colleges of Technology), upload the transcripts of both the Advanced Course and KOSEN.

The University of Tokyo Security Export Control Confirmation Form	Non-Japanese applicants Applicants with multiple nationalities (those who possess both Japanese and foreign nationalities) Applicants with only Japanese nationality whose most recent affiliation (just before admission to our graduate school) is a foreign institution.	Follow the instruction of the WEB Application System and enter the necessary items accurately.
Other	Relevant applicants	Some departments may require documents other than those indicated above. Please refer to the “Guide to Entrance Examinations” of the department you are applying to.

(Note) All certificates, documents, and other material written in languages other than Japanese or English must have a Japanese or English translation attached.

8. Announcement of Successful Applicants and Admission Procedures

◆ 2026		
February 12 (Thursday) around 4p.m.	Announcement of successful applicants	Examinee numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the Graduate School of Engineering website. (https://www.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/study-at-utokyo/soe/apply/fee)
February 17 (Tuesday) around 3p.m.	Issuance of approval for admission for applicants	It will be issued through “My Page” of the WEB Application System. (※) For those who submitted the University of Tokyo Security Export Control Confirmation Form, it will be issued once the screening has completed. • For those whose admission was approved for April entry, follow the instructions about admission procedures on “My Page” of the WEB Application System and complete the necessary admission procedures by March 9 (Monday) (tentative), 2026. • Please note that persons who do not carry out the admission procedures by the deadline will be deemed as having opted out of admissions.

(Note) The School will not respond to any inquiries regarding examination results over the telephone, nor via fax, e-mail, etc.

◆ Fees required for admission (tentative fees for 2026)

(These fees are not required for international students on scholarships from the Japanese government)

(Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology). In addition, no admission fee will be charged to students who are expected to complete a master's or professional degree program in a graduate school at the University of Tokyo.)

1. Admission fee: 282,000 yen (tentative fee)

2. Tuition fees: First term: 260,400 yen (Annual fee: 520,800 yen) (tentative fee)

(Note) The amounts indicated above are tentative. If amounts are amended at the time of admission or while the individual is registered as a student, the new amounts shall apply from the time of the amendment in question.

9. Precautionary Notes

- (1) Applicants cannot apply to two or more departments in the Graduate School of Engineering at the same time. Those who have passed the first stage examination of the Application Schedule A of this Graduate School cannot apply for the Application Schedule B without first withdrawing their acceptance from Application Schedule A. Also, applicants cannot enroll in other universities or other schools at the University of Tokyo at the same time as the Graduate School of Engineering. First screening successful applicants for the Special English Graduate Program for 2026 intake are not eligible to apply. However, applicants who failed the first screening for the Special English Graduate Program for 2026 intake are permitted to apply.
- (2) Applications will not be accepted if all the required documents are not complete and in order by the submission date indicated above. After the application process is complete, no changes to documents will be accepted and no documents will be returned, under any circumstances.
- (3) The examination admission card will be issued through “My Page” of the WEB Application System around 3p.m. on December 23 (Tuesday), 2025. Print it out on your own and bring it with you on the day of the examination.
- (4) Those who wish to enter the university while still being employed are required to submit upon entry to the university, a Letter of Approval (in any format) from their employer (as long as the one who approves you holds a higher position than you, then the exact position does not matter) certifying that their “in office status” does not in any way interfere with them entering the university.
- (5) The University of Tokyo provides reasonable accommodations to ensure that individuals with disabilities, etc. are not disadvantaged during entrance examinations and studies after enrollment, and provides consultations for this purpose. Those who wish to request accommodations for entrance examinations and studies after enrollment should contact the office of the department where they are applying before application deadline (refer to 4. How to Apply). Although requests made after the above deadline will still be considered, it is recommended that applicants send their requests well in advance as it may not be possible to provide certain accommodations without sufficient preparation time. (Please refer to the following website for more details: <https://www.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/study-at-utokyo/soe/apply/guideline>)
- (6) Applicants who have foreign nationality must have a visa that will allow admission to a Japanese graduate school, as stipulated in the “Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Law No. 319, 1951),” by the time of admission procedures.
- (7) Under some circumstances, application procedures, examination dates and way of conducting, and other details may be subject to change.
- (8) Once paid, examination fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.

- (9) After the admission process is completed, admission fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.
- (10) The University of Tokyo shall use the personal information obtained through the application process only for the purpose of ① Selection procedures, ② Notification of results and ③ Enrollment procedures. For those who enroll, this personal information and the examination results used for admission selection shall also be used for ④ Educational Affairs (school registration, attendance, etc.), ⑤ Student Support (healthcare, career support, application procedure for tuition exemption and scholarships, use of libraries, etc.) and ⑥ the Management of tuition payment.
- (11) The examination results used for admission selection may be used in future studies for the improvement of admission and education systems at the University of Tokyo.
- (12) In case of an unexpected situation such as a natural disaster, please note that information related to entrance examinations will be offered on the Graduate School of Engineering website.

10. Response to fraud

If any false statement or forgery is found in the application documents, or if there is clear evidence that there was any fraudulent activity during the examination, that student's admittance may be canceled even after enrolling in or going on to a graduate school.

11. Contact

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※For questions or inquiries about this “Guidelines for Applicants”, please contact us through the "Contact Us - Inquiries about Admissions (Graduate School) " on the Graduate School of Engineering Web site, except in case of emergency. (<https://www.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/info/contact>)

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The University of Tokyo has established the “The University of Tokyo Security Export Control Regulations” in accordance with Japan’s “Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act”, and rigorously implements security export control for potential students before and after their enrollment on the basis of these regulations. In particular, pre-enrollment screenings are mandatory for all international students and also for Japanese students in certain circumstances.

Please be aware that applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in the Act may not receive permission to enroll at the university or may have their research activities restricted after their enrollment even if they have passed the entrance examinations.

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】)

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The following departments require the submission of a TOEFL score under Application Schedule B for the AY2026 Master's Program and Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Engineering:

Mechanical Engineering/ Precision Engineering/ Systems Innovation/ Electrical Engineering
and Information Systems/ Applied Physics/ Chemical System Engineering/ Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies.

【About TOEFL scores】

- Applicants should submit an official TOEFL iBT/TOEFL iBT Home Edition score following the instruction of 【How to submit TOEFL scores】 below.
- Applicants should check the ETS website for information on how to apply, required equipment and examination environment of the TOEFL iBT Home Edition on their own.
- Foreign Language(English) exams of Graduate School of Engineering Entrance Examinations accept “Test Date Scores”. We do not accept “MyBest scores”.
- Applicants cannot submit score sheets from group testing systems such as TOEFL ITP. TOEFL ITP will not be conducted on the day of Graduate School of Engineering entrance examination.
- Applicants should submit TOEFL scores even if their native language is English.

【Expiry date for TOEFL scores】

- Master's Program・Doctoral Program 【Application schedule A】 Scores are valid for Test Dates after September 2023.
- Master's Program・Doctoral Program 【Application schedule B】 Scores are valid for Test Dates after February 2024.

【How to submit TOEFL scores】

- Applicants should finish the following procedures ①②③. Please be aware that we do not accept TOEFL scores if any of these procedures has not been completed.

①Transmit your official TOEFL score

- Be sure to request ETS to transmit your score according to “Send TOEFL Institutional Score Report to” below through your ETS account when registering for a TOEFL test by the deadline of the department you wish to apply for. If you did not request ETS to transmit your score at the time of registration, please do so as soon as possible.

Send TOEFL Institutional Score Report to (TOEFL DI Code for Graduate School of Engineering):
DI (Designated Institution) Code: "8596"
Department Code: "99"

- If you have successfully requested for the transmission of your official TOEFL score and there is no problem during your TOEFL test, we should receive your score report data online about 8 days after you take the test. **However, rescheduling of the test may occur due to problems with the network/equipment or there could be delays in issuing official scores due to other various reasons. Please plan ahead to allow ample time for taking the exam.**
- It is possible to transmit your official TOEFL score before your application to our graduate school. Also, you don't need to transmit your official TOEFL score again if you have already transmitted a valid TOEFL score to “Send TOEFL Institutional Score Report to” above.
- There is no problem if you submit more than one score. However, we will only use the Appointment Number and the score of the test date you enter through the WEB Application System. (Refer to ② below.).
- We don't accept any inquiries about the arrival of scores.

②Register the Appointment Number and the Test Date through the WEB Application System

- Register your Appointment Number and the Test Date through the WEB Application System by the deadline of the department you wish to apply for.

③Upload your Test Taker Score Report to the WEB Application System

- Upload your Appointment Number you registered through the WEB Application System and your Test Taker Score Report (PDF) of the test date by the deadline of the department you wish to apply for. You can download your Test Taker Score Report (PDF) from your ETS account starting from 8 days after your test date.
- It is possible to change your Appointment Number, Test Date and Test Taker Score Report registered on the WEB Application System within the submission deadline of the department you wish to apply for.

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