

Guidelines for International Students Applying for Research Student Status for April 2027 Enrollment

The program of Graduate International Research Students (hereinafter referred to as “Kenkyusei”) is made available to foreign students who wish to conduct research under the supervision of a faculty member at the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences (GSFS). It is not possible to obtain credits or a degree upon the completion of the program.

1. Eligibility

Individuals meeting all of the following conditions are eligible to apply:

(1) Non-Japanese

(2) In principle, those who have completed 16 years (or deemed equivalent to 16 years) of education outside Japan, in non-Japanese institutions and been conferred with a bachelor's degree (or who are expected to obtain a bachelor's degree by March 31, 2027) by an accredited non-Japanese educational institution.

2. Applicant Information Registration Period and Application Period

① Applicant Information Registration Period	② Application (Submission) Period
October 1, 2026 (Thursday) ~ November 5, 2026 (Thursday) (JST)	October 1, 2026 (Thursday) ~ November 6, 2026 (Friday) 5:00 PM (JST)

※Applications will not be accepted after the application deadline.

3. Application Procedure

(1) Application Method

To apply, please follow these steps from 1 to 4:

Step 1: Obtain informal consent for supervision from the faculty member you wish to be advised by after admission. However, this informal consent does not guarantee admission.

Step 2: Pay examination fee online. (JPY 9,800)
Print “payment confirmation page”. (cf. 3.(2)⑨)

Step 3: Use the online registration form and register your application information **during the applicant information registration period in 2.①(October 1, 2026-November 5, 2026)**. You should immediately receive an email with the URL for uploading the documents mentioned in (2) Submission Documents.
You can find an online registration form on our website.
https://www.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/exam/apr_sch/foreign_research_students/

Step 4: Upload the documents listed in (2) Submission Documents to the URL provided in the email **during the application (submission) period in 2.② (October 1, 2026-November 6, 2026)**.

(2) Submission Documents

The format for all documents, **except for ②**, must be submitted as PDF.

Please attach a Japanese or English translation for certificates and documents written in a language other than Japanese or English.

No.	Document Title	Applicant	Submission Method	Notes
	Application form (Form 1, 2 pages)	All applicants	Upload	• Please submit one that you have dated and signed. • The profile photo data (②) must be attached in the designated space.
②	Profile photo data	All applicants	Upload	• Clear, upper body photo of yourself taken within three months prior to your application with no hat, looking straight forward and without a background. • File type: jpeg Size: 308 pixels in height × 236 pixels in width, up to 1MB • We will use this profile photo data for your student ID card.
③	Study Plan (Form 2)	All applicants	Upload	
④	Financial Plan (Form 3)	All applicants	Upload	
⑤	University Graduation Certificate and Degree Certificate (Official certificate issued by the university)	All applicants	Upload	• The degree obtained must be stated in the document. • If an original certificate is not available, you may submit copy that is certified by the issuing organization as “certified true copy.” • Applicants who are currently enrolled in a university must submit either an official letter certifying the expected date of graduation or a certificate of enrollment. • <u>The original certificate must be submitted upon enrollment.</u>
⑥	Graduate School Completion Certificate and Degree Certificate (Official certificate issued by the university)	Only those to whom it applies	Upload	• The degree obtained must be stated in the document. • If an original certificate is not available, you may submit copy that is certified by the issuing organization as “certified true copy.” • Applicants who are currently enrolled in a university must submit either an official letter certifying the expected date of graduation or a certificate of

				enrollment. • <u>The original certificate must be submitted upon enrollment.</u>
⑦	University Academic Transcript (Official certificate issued by the university)	All applicants	Upload	• Please submit the transcript which include all your academic records. • If an original certificate is not available, you may submit copy that is certified by the issuing organization as “certified true copy.” • <u>The original certificate must be submitted upon enrollment.</u>
⑧	Graduate School Academic Transcript (Official certificate issued by the university)	Only those to whom it applies	Upload	• Please submit the transcript which include all your academic records. • If an original certificate is not available, you may submit copy that is certified by the issuing organization as “certified true copy.” • <u>The original certificate must be submitted upon enrollment.</u>
⑨	Payment confirmation of examination fee (JPY 9,800)	All applicants	Upload	“Payment confirmation page” displayed when payment of examination fee is completed online.
⑩	Comment from Supervisor of your Choice at GSFS (Form 4)	All applicants	Professor submits the comments directly to the Student Affairs Team	

(3) Document Submission Method

As described in (1) Application Method Step 4, please upload the electronic files of your documents to the URL provided in the email.

4. Examination Fee

Examination fee: JPY 9,800

Payment procedure:

Pay the examination fee using the following URL:

<https://e-shiharai.net/english/?schoolcode=OPU5101470000000>

After payment, print and upload “payment confirmation page”. (cf. 3.(2)⑨)

Please note that applicants are responsible for any additional charges related to the payment (e.g., bank transfer fees, payment handling fees).

5. Selection

Selection is made based on the applicant's submitted documents by the selection committee of each department. The final decision will be made by GSFS committee.

6. Admission date

April 1, 2027

7. Duration of Enrollment

From April 1, 2027 to March 31, 2028

However, extensions may be permitted up to two times provided the "Kenkyusei" continues the same research theme. (cf. 9.3)

8. Admission Notification and Enrollment Procedures

Selection results will be sent to applicants via email around the end of December 2026.

Admitted applicants must pay the entrance fee and tuition by the specified deadline, and complete the necessary procedures with the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences Student Affairs Team. Please arrange your own travel-related procedures, such as obtaining a passport and visa.

Entrance fee: 84,600 yen

Tuition (for six months): 173,400 yen

Please note: The payment amounts listed above are provisional. Should fees be revised at the time of admission or during your enrollment, the new amounts will apply from the time of revision. Details regarding tuition payment will be provided after you have been accepted.

9. Notes

- 1) The maximum period an individual can engage in activities as a "Kenkyusei" with a "Student" visa status is up to two years, including any period spent as a research student at other universities, unless there are special circumstances. Please confirm this thoroughly before applying.
- 2) Application documents submitted, and the examination fee paid will NOT be returned or refunded under any circumstances.
- 3) If accepted, you cannot change your research theme. You must reapply if you would like to change the research theme.
- 4) For the following documents listed on (2) Submission Documents in 3. Application Procedure, you must submit the original hard copy at the time of enrollment procedures (copies are not accepted):
 - ⑤ University Graduation Certificate/Degree Certificate
 - ⑥ Graduate School Completion Certificate/Degree Certificate
 - ⑦ University Academic Transcript

⑧ Graduate School Academic Transcript

Photocopies of the certificates without attested seal of the universities issued are not accepted.

- 5) Even if you're currently enrolled in a Master's or Doctoral program at the university of Tokyo and apply for and are admitted as a “Kenkyusei”, you'll still need to pay the examination fee and admission fee.
- 6) “Kenkyusei” are not eligible for commuter passes or student discounts for transportation.
- 7) Those who are considered inappropriate as a “Kenkyusei” after admission may be expelled from the school.
- 8) 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 the 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.
- 9) GSFS shall use the personal information (name, address, or other information) of the applicants provided during the application process for the following purposes: (i) processing applications and conducting screening in order to select successful applicants; (ii) announcement of successful candidates; and (iii) conducting admission procedures. In addition, personal information of admitted students shall be used for the following purposes: (i) student affairs (school register, etc.); (ii) student services (healthcare, use of libraries, etc.); and (iii) tuition fee payment. For those who will conduct research at an institution outside the university after admission, personal information obtained in the application process may be used for security export control at the research institution.

10. Contact

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