

# 2026

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## Admission Information and Application Guide

(Master's Course)

Graduate School of Science and Technology

(1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Exam for Spring 2026 Admission)

(1<sup>st</sup> Exam for Fall 2026 Admission)



**NARA INSTITUTE of SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY**

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

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[http://www.naist.jp/en/international\\_students/prospective\\_students/preliminary\\_support.html](http://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 covers 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 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.

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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 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.

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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

Graduate School	Department	Admission Capacity	Examination Category
Science and Technology	Science and Technology	390	information science (175)
			biological science (125)
			materials science (90)

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

\* Applicant cannot apply for admission to multiple examination categories in same examination.

\* Admission capacity includes a number of students who will enter the Advanced Information Specialist Course.

Please see the following URL for the course details;

[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. Qualifications for Application

- (1) Those who have graduated or will graduate from universities in Japan stipulated in the School Education Act, Article 83-1 by March 31, 2026.
- (2) Those who hold or will be conferred a bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (Japan) by March 31, 2026 in accordance with the School Education Act, Article 104-7.
- (3) Those who have completed or will complete a 16-year curriculum of school education in foreign countries by March 31, 2026.
- (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, 2026.
- (5) Those who have completed or will complete a 16-year curriculum by March 31, 2026 at a foreign educational institute in Japan which is authorized by the educational system of the foreign country and specified separately by the Minister of MEXT.
- (6) Those who hold or will be conferred the equivalent of a bachelor's degree by March 31, 2026 by completing a course of 3 years or more (including cases where the course is completed by taking a foreign school's correspondence course or completed at a foreign educational institute in Japan which is authorized by the educational system of the foreign country and specified by the Minister of MEXT) at a foreign university or other foreign educational institute (limited to those institutions whose educational and research activities have been evaluated by the agency accredited by the foreign government or the organization concerned, or those specified separately by the Minister of MEXT).
- (7) Those who have completed or will complete specialized courses (the course period must be 4 years or longer and the course must meet the criteria specified by the Minister of MEXT) by March 31, 2026 at a vocational school designated by the Minister of MEXT.
- (8) Those who are deemed eligible or will be deemed eligible by March 31, 2026 by the Minister of MEXT (Bulletin No.5, Ministry of Education, 1953).
- (9) Those who will have been enrolled in a university for 3 years or longer as of March 31, 2026, or who will complete a 15-year curriculum as specified in (3), (4) or (5) with an excellent educational record in the designated courses. (\*2., \*3.)
- (10) Those who are recognized by NAIIST through Preliminary Screening of Applicant Suitability to have an academic ability at the level of a bachelor's degree and who will be 22 years of age by March 31, 2026. (\*3.)

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\*1. The date for applicants for Fall Admission is September 30, 2026, specified in the "Qualifications for Application (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) above.

\*2. "Designated courses" for qualification (9): In principle, this refers to the number of credits required for graduation that will be completed by the end of applicant's junior year in their current department (credits for general education such as humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, foreign languages, and health and physical education, and credits for specialized courses). Those who are enrolled at NAIIST based on this qualification are regarded as being withdrawn from their current university register, and will not be eligible to take the national examinations that specify graduation from a university as a prerequisite.

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

### 3. Application Periods

(1) Application period

Examination Options	Application Period	Remarks
1st examination	June 9 (Mon) - 11 (Wed), 2025	Admission Information and an Application Guide for the 2nd examination for Fall 2026 will be provided around April, 2026.
2nd examination	September 29 (Mon) - October 1 (Wed), 2025	
3rd examination (1st examination for Fall admission)	February 2 (Mon) - 4 (Wed), 2026	

\*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](https://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/preliminary_support.html)

\*While there are no limits to the number of times applicants may apply, applicants must complete the application procedure each time they apply.

### 4. Online Application System Registration

Applicants must register their applications online.

\*Please complete the registration by the final day of the respective application period (Japan Standard Time).

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 complete the payment of 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 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 NAIIST, 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;

● Documents required for all applicants

Required documents	Remarks
Photograph	<p>Please follow the Online Application System instructions and upload your photograph.                      Must be upper-body and full-faced without headwear (except for religious reasons).                      *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 subjects: <b>“The contents of my undergraduate studies”</b> and <b>“The research field/project that I want to work on at NAIST”</b> (Any format is acceptable. please upload in PDF format.).                      It must be more than one page and not more two pages for both subjects together.</p> <p>[Important points]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be sure to write your name on each page.</li> <li>2. Specify your current major or previous field of studies, if any, under the name on each page.</li> <li>3. Write in English or Japanese (If you will take the examination in English, write in English.).</li> <li>4. You may include additional data (figures or charts) within the two-page.</li> </ol> <p>The templates for each examination category are available on our website. Please use it as a reference;  <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>
Graduation/Expected Graduation certificate	<p>Must be issued by a university or other educational institution.                      Please upload in PDF format.                      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 graduation certificate shows that bachelor’s degree has been completed, the Certificate of Bachelor’s Degree is not necessary.)                      Applicants who meet qualification (9) or (10) need not submit this certificate. An English translation must be attached if written in a language other than English or Japanese.                      *If there is only a paper certificate, upload scanned PDF data from a multifunction printer, etc. (PDF files of photo data are not accepted.)                      *Those with “copy”, “void”, etc. on them due to scanning are acceptable.</p>
Transcript	<p>Must be issued by a university or other educational institution.                      Please upload in PDF format.                      Those who have approved transfer credits or who meet qualification (2) must also upload the PDF data of transcripts from previous school(s) (university, junior college, or college of technology, etc.).                      Applicants who meet qualification (9) or (10) need not submit a transcript. An English translation must be attached if written in a language other than English or Japanese.                      *If there is only a paper certificate, upload scanned PDF data from a multifunction printer, etc. (PDF files of photo data are not accepted.)</p>

	*Those with “copy”, “void”, etc. on them due to scanning are acceptable.
Documents to verify English Proficiency.	<p>Make sure to upload the English proficiency score you have registered on Online Application System.</p> <p>*If there is only a paper certificate, upload scanned PDF data from a multifunction printer, etc. (PDF files of photo data are not accepted..)</p> <p>&lt;Acceptable score / How to submit&gt;  [If scores will be submitted during the application period]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>TOEIC</b>  Score type: Listening &amp; Reading Test or Speaking &amp; Writing Tests  How to submit: Please upload PDF data of the certificate to the online application system.</li> <li>➤ <b>TOEIC Listening &amp; Reading IP Test (online)</b>  How to submit: Please upload the official score certificate and a letter issued by the company or school where you took the test which states your score is genuine (Any format is acceptable), combined into a single PDF data file.</li> </ul> <p><b>【The following information must be included】</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① The name of the company or school that offered the test</li> <li>② Your test date</li> <li>③ Name of the test taker (you)</li> <li>④ Your test registration number</li> <li>⑤ Listening score</li> <li>⑥ Reading score</li> <li>⑦ Total score</li> <li>⑧ Name, job title, and official seal of the person who is authorized to testify to these contents</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>TOEFL</b>  Score type: TOEFL iBT / TOEFL ITP / TOEFL Essentials / TOEFL iBT Home Edition  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).  ②Applicants 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.</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> Code for sending TOEFL official score report  DI (Designated Institution) code: D234  Department code: 99 </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Duolingo English Test</b>  How to submit: Please upload the PDF data with which NAIST can check the score.</li> </ul>



	<p>➤ IELTS How to submit: Please upload the PDF data of the official score certificate.</p> <p>[If applicants submit the score after the application period] Applicants may also submit English scores after the application period by the following deadlines specified for each examination option. &lt;Must arrive by the deadline&gt;</p> <p>1st examination: July 2 (Fri), 2025 2nd examination: October 23 (Thu), 2025 3rd examination (1st examination for Fall admission): February 27 (Fri), 2026</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) to the address below. *The “Submission Form of Document to Verify English Proficiency” can be downloaded from our website. (<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>) *If you send TOEFL official score report to NAIIST via ETS, please make sure it will arrive at NAIIST by the deadline. Scores will not be accepted if report does not arrive at NAIIST by the deadline.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>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</p> </div> <p>You may take the entrance examination even if you do not submit any results, but your English score will be zero. Scores cannot be submitted after the application periods or above designated deadlines.</p>
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●Only required 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)	<p>Either a scanned copy of your passport (the page with your full name) or a scanned copy of your residence card (both sides) Those who do not have either must upload a scanned copy of a government-issued photo ID. Please upload in PDF format. If written in a language other than English, please attach an English translation to the document. Please upload scanned PDF data from a multifunction printer, etc. (PDF files of photo data are not accepted.)</p>

●Only required for employed applicants who meet qualification (2)

Required documents	Remarks
Certificate verifying accepted or planned application for the bachelor's degree	Certified by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education or the president of the relevant junior college or college of technology. Please upload in PDF format. *If there is only a paper certificate, upload scanned PDF data from a multifunction printer, etc. (PDF files of photo data are not accepted.)

●Only required for applicants who have awards or other activities (optional)

Required documents	Remarks
Certificate of awards or other activities	Certificates of awards and other activities you have registered on Online Application System. Please upload in PDF format. *If there is only a paper certificate, upload scanned PDF data from a multifunction printer, etc. (PDF files of photo data are not accepted.)

●Only required for employed applicants

Required documents	Remarks
Approval of application from current employer	Any format is acceptable. A letter issued by a person of relevant authority of the current employer stating the applicant is clearly approved by the current employer to apply. Please upload in PDF format. *If the applicant is unable to submit the above document for any reason, please submit a document explaining your current situation (any format is acceptable).
Letter of Provisional Acceptance for Employed Applicants	Form provided by NAIST; <a href="http://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/admission_information/guidelines.html">http://www.naist.jp/en/international_students/prospective_students/admission_information/guidelines.html</a> Must be issued by a professor of the examination category you are applying for in English or Japanese. Please upload in PDF format. *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. You must not request Letters of Provisional Acceptance from more than one professor at a time. Please note that this letter does not guarantee you passing the examination.

(3) Others

- The status appearing on 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”.
- 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. Downloading Examination Voucher

Please download the Examination Voucher and Important Notice for Examination from the Online Application

System after confirming the application is definitely accepted. An e-mail will be sent to the e-mail address registered on Online Application System when they are 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 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](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, but 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)]
- If the application documents are incomplete, the application will not be accepted, in principle. 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 (applicants select the language at the time of application).
- In principle, interviews are conducted using online conference system.
- Please refer to the Online Application System for the required online interview technical conditions:  
<https://e-apply.jp/ds/naist/>

\*If the number of applicants reaches twice the number of admission capacity specified for an examination category, examination pre-screening may be conducted based on the submitted documents. In such cases, only those who pass the examination pre-screening will take the interview examination. The examination fee will not be refunded if applicants fail to pass the examination pre-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 examinees' 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 examinees' research proposal.

(ii) Oral examination based on the research proposal and oral presentation.

No materials may be in sight except for examinees' own research proposal.

[Scope of biological science questions]

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

**materials science**

(i) A 5-minute presentation on their research proposal.

(ii) Questions concerning the research proposal, relevant to examinees' area of specialization and to materials science in general for about 15 minutes.

No materials may be in sight except for examinees' 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 examinees' area of specialization.

**(2) Evaluation criteria**

In the interview, basic academic ability, enthusiasm, 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 and 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.

<b>Examination Options</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Interview Time</b>
1st examination	Online	July 7 (Mon) - 12 (Sat), 2025	9:00 am to 7:00 pm
	(Preliminary Connection Test)	July 3 (Thu) - 4 (Fri), 2025	
2nd examination	Online	October 28 (Tue) - 30 (Thu), 2025	
	(Preliminary Connection Test)	October 23 (Thu) - 24 (Fri), 2025	
3rd examination (1st examination for Fall admission)	Online	March 4 (Wed), 2026	
	(Preliminary Connection Test)	March 2 (Mon), 2026	

- Applicants will be notified of the date and time at the time of downloading examination vouchers. In principal, once decided, the location and the date/time cannot be changed.
- Notification for the online interview date and preliminary connection test date will be included with your examination voucher.
- If there are dates you are not able to attend the examination, please register the date(s) and the reason(s) on 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 1st examination cannot be conducted due to a contingency such as a typhoon, it will be moved to the pre-determined alternative date (July 14 (Mon) )online.

## 8. Examination Results and Enrollment Procedures

Examination Options	Announcements of the Results	Enrollment Procedures
1st examination	July 22 (Tue), 2025	Late February, 2026
2nd examination	November 7 (Fri), 2025	
3rd examination	March 9 (Mon), 2026	Late March, 2026
1st examination for Fall admission		Late September, 2026

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

### \* Applicants who meet qualification (9)

Applicants who pass the examination but who meet qualification (9) and are therefore required to complete the necessary credits with excellent results by the end of the junior year will be regarded as “provisional passers” of the examination on the date of the examination results announcement.

“Provisional passers” are required to submit transcripts which cover their first three years of undergraduate studies by 4:00 pm on March 9 (Mon), 2026. If the transcripts meet the stipulated conditions, those students are officially regarded on March 11 (Wed), 2026 as successful applicants. In this case, the enrollment procedure period is in late March, 2026.

If Applicants for Fall admission cannot submit transcripts which cover their first three years of undergraduate studies by 4:00 pm on March 9 (Mon), 2026, submit transcripts which cover their first three years of undergraduate studies by the middle September, 2026. After confirming with the transcripts that the applicant meets the requirements for acceptance, the applicants will be notified in middle of September 2026 as successful applicants. In this case, the enrollment procedure period is in late September, 2026.

## 9. Payments Required for Admission

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

(2) Tuition fee: 267,900 yen per semester 2026 (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 qualification (9) and (10))

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

1st examination	2nd examination	3rd examination (1st examination for Fall admission)
May 9 (Fri), 2025	August 29 (Fri), 2025	December 26 (Fri), 2025

(2) How to apply

- (i) Please first contact Admissions Section ([exam@ad.naist.jp](mailto:exam@ad.naist.jp)) to obtain the application form.
- (ii) Please dispatch 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 qualification (9)

Required documents	Remarks
Application form for qualification screening	Form provided by the Admissions Section
Transcript [Original / Certified true copy]	Must be issued by a university or other educational institute. If subjects you are currently taking are not listed in the transcript, please

	submit the documents that indicate subjects you are currently taking. Those who have approved transfer credits must also submit a transcript from the previous school (university, junior college, etc.). An English translation must be attached if written in a language other than English or Japanese.
Student registration certificate [Original / Certified true copy]	Any format is acceptable. Issued by the president or academic dean of the relevant university.
The list of all subjects available per academic year	The list should indicate the subject name, academic year, number of credits obtained, specification of required or elective subjects, and conditions for the applicant's promotion to the senior year and graduation.
Photocopy of syllabus	The contents of the lecture should be described.

● Applicants who meet qualification (10)

Required documents	Remarks
Application form for qualification screening	Form provided by the Admissions Section
Graduation certificate of last school attended [Original / Certified true copy]	An English translation must be attached if written in a language other than English or Japanese.
Transcript of last academic Records [Original / Certified true copy]	Must be issued by the university from which you graduated. An English translation must be attached if written in a language other than English or Japanese.
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) Preliminary Screening Result

The results of the preliminary screening will be sent by e-mail to the e-mail address used for this application.

## 11. Long-Term Completion System

The Long-Term Completion System is a system for students who have difficulty completing their graduate courses within the standard allotted period due to employment responsibilities or other reasons. The System aims to aid students in creating their study plan over the standard period and ensure they finish their courses.

Students in master's courses may extend their periods of study for one or two years. These extensions will enable students to receive degrees in accordance with their plans.

When newly enrolled students apply for this system, the total tuition fee for the standard period will be divided into the number of the years permitted by NAIIST.

Applicants wishing to avail themselves of this system should consult in advance 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 NAIIST 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 (impersonation, cheating, receiving assistance from others, etc.), will be regarded

as improper acts and the interview results may be invalidated. Admission to NAIST may be revoked, even after admission decisions have been made. Documents and examination fee cannot be returned in this case.

(3) Applicants are responsible for the necessary environment for the online interview.

If you don't make a contact by the specified time, you will be considered to be absent from the examination.

(4) Depending on the number and scores of applicants, a higher number of applicants may be accepted.

(5) In compliance with the Private Information Protection Law regarding private information owned by an Independent Administrative Legal Entity, all private information (including entries in documents required for application and examination results) are used only for the purpose of screening (follow-up check included), and are not used for any other purpose.

(6) If you have any further questions regarding the application guide, please contact us at the following address.

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