Pre-arrival Special Recommendation

1. Summary

- The Pre-arrival Special Recommendation system provides non-Japanese students living overseas an opportunity for admission to Science Tokyo without having to take the entrance examination in Japan, on the condition that they receive a recommendation from a department that uses this system.
- Only the Department of Transdisciplinary Science and Engineering within the School of Environment and Society accepts applications, and only grants a recommendation to a small number of successful applicants.
- If you have applied for the Pre-arrival Special Recommendation system, you cannot apply for the Special Screening Examination for Privately Funded International Students nor can you cancel your application after it has been accepted.
- Students admitted on recommendation will be affiliated to the Department of Transdisciplinary Science and Engineering when they choose department affiliation in the second year of the bachelor's degree program.

2. Eligibility

Applicants must satisfy requirements (1), (2), and (3):

(1) Applicant must not hold Japanese nationality or a dual nationality that includes Japanese nationality, and must reside outside of Japan (see Note 1).

(2) Applicant intends to acquire a “status of residence” (see Note 2) that does not prohibit enrollment at a university under the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (applicants who already possess a valid status of residence are ineligible), and falls under one of the three categories below:

① Completed or is expected to complete a 12-year regular education outside of Japan by March 31, 2027 (excluding Japanese programs located outside of Japan that have been recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") as an equivalent to a Japanese high school program) or are designated by the Minister (see Note 3)

② Obtained one of the following qualifications outside Japan

- Diploma granted by the International Baccalaureate, a foundation established under the Swiss Civil Code.
- Abitur certification, a qualification for university entrance recognized by each state of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- Baccalaureate Diploma, a qualification for university entrance recognized by the French Republic.
- General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A Level) or International General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (International A Level), a qualification for university entrance recognized in the United Kingdom and other countries.
- European Baccalaureate Diploma, a qualification for university entrance recognized by the member states of the European Union.

③ Completed or is expected to complete a 12-year program at an educational institution accredited by international accrediting agencies (WASC, ACSI, CIS, NEASC, Cognia, COBIS) for educational activities, etc. by March 31, 2027

(3) Those who have taken the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) sponsored by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) for three science subjects (Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics Course 2) at an overseas examination site in FY 2026 (in either Japanese or English) and scored at least 350 out of 400 points in total on science subjects (limited to scores from exams held in June 2026 or November 2026). Note that taking the exam for Japanese Language (Writing, Reading Comprehension, Listening, and Listening-Reading Comprehension) is optional.

Note 1: Persons who have graduated from a high school or other secondary school in Japan (including those expected to graduate), those who hold Japanese nationality or a dual nationality that includes Japanese nationality, and those who have acquired permanent residency in Japan are not eligible to apply.

Note 2: Science Tokyo only considers students who obtain the “Student” (*ryugaku*) status of residence as defined by the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act as “international students.” Be aware that applicants enrolling without a “Student” status of residence will be ineligible to apply for certain scholarships and unable to participate in programs intended for international students.

Note 3: “Persons who are designated by the Ministry” refers to the persons specified under Bulletin Number 153 issued by the Ministry of Education in 1981.

3. Applying for the recommendation

Individuals applying for the Pre-arrival Special Recommendation must send an email (und.admi@adm.isct.ac.jp) to the Admissions Division, Ookayama Campus, following the directions below.

Applications open Thursday, December 10, 2026, and close Wednesday, December 16, 2026.

Submit these supporting documents:

① Special Screening Examination for Privately Funded International Students Application for Pre-arrival Special Recommendation

*Download the application from the “Prospective Students” section of the Science Tokyo website and fill in the required information.

② EJU examination voucher (for a June or November 2026 examination) in PDF format

Subject line: FY 2027 Application for Pre-arrival Special Recommendation (Applicant’s name in English)

Text: Applicant’s name must be included.

Once the review is complete, results will be sent to applicants via email on Monday, December 21, 2026.

4. Application documents

Those who have been accepted for the recommendation must send the documents listed in the chart below to the Admissions Division, Ookayama Campus by EMS or other trackable delivery method to arrive by Friday, December 25, 2026.

Science Tokyo will not respond to inquiries about the receipt of sent documents. Check with the delivery service using the assigned tracking number.

<table>
<tr><th>Application documents</th><th colspan="2">Notes</th></tr>
<tr><td>1. Application Form for Pre-arrival Special Recommendation[*1]</td><td colspan="2">Fill in the required information inside the bold lines, either by using a PC or by hand using a black ballpoint pen. Attach a printed photograph or digital photo data.</td></tr>
<tr><td>2. Entrance Examination Card (for Pre-arrival Special Recommendation) and Photograph Card (for Pre-arrival Special Recommendation)[*1]</td><td colspan="2">Fill in the required information inside the bold lines, either by using a PC or by hand using a black ballpoint pen. Attach a printed photograph or digital photo data.
Affix a color photo for identification, ensuring that it meets the following specifications: upper body, front-facing, nothing covering the head or face, plain background, unedited, and taken within the last 3 months. Digital photos must be in JPG or PNG format and between 100 KB and 5 MB.</td></tr>
<tr><td>3. Academic transcript[*2]</td><td>Transcripts of all three years of study in a program equivalent to a Japanese high school (12 years of regular schooling as defined by the government).</td><td rowspan="2">Submit only official documents issued by your school and certified by the head of the school. Photocopies are not allowed. If it is not possible to submit the original document, you may submit a copy that has been certified by an official organization (e.g., an embassy) instead. Note that Science Tokyo does not provide a certification service.
If any of the documents are written in a language other than Chinese or English, they must be submitted together with Japanese or English translations that have been verified by an official organization.</td></tr>
<tr><td>4. Certificate of Graduation[*2]</td><td>Attach a certificate of graduation or other document that proves applicant eligibility.</td></tr>
<tr><td>5. Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)</td><td colspan="2">Attach a photocopy of your EJU examination voucher (score sheet not required).</td></tr>
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6. Passport photocopy	If you do not currently hold a passport, you may attach a copy of the receipt showing that your passport application is pending.
7. Application fee JPY 17,000	After paying the application fee at the application fee payment site, print out and attach the “Result (Application Completed)” page. Application fee is JPY 17,000. The payment website URL and details about payment methods will be provided when applicants are notified of the results.
8. TOEFL iBT or IELTS Score Reports (Optional)	Submission of English language test scores is optional; however, applicants are encouraged to submit scores as they may be considered during the interview process. Applicants wishing to submit scores must submit one of the following score reports. Only scores obtained on or after April 1, 2025 will be accepted. TOEFL iBT / TOEFL iBT Home Edition Test Taker Score Report (score report obtained online) IELTS Academic (paper-based test or computer-delivered test) Test Report Form *Scores obtained through institutional testing programs, such as TOEFL ITP, are not accepted. *TOEFL scores may also be sent directly to the Institute by ETS using the DI code D992. In such cases, applicants must submit documentation showing that the score reporting request has been completed. *IELTS Academic scores may also be transmitted electronically to the Institute through the IELTS E-delivery service. In such cases, applicants must submit documentation showing that the score transmission request has been completed and use the following information when arranging transmission: Organization name: Institute of Science Tokyo Department: Admissions Division Method of delivery: E-delivery

*1: Please download the form from Science Tokyo's webpage for prospective students, and fill out the required information.

*2: Applicants who graduated from a high school in the People's Republic of China or Vietnam must submit an Academic Credential Verification Report (English version) issued by CHSI (China Higher Education Student Information and Career Center) or VN-NARIC (Vietnam National Academic Recognition Information Centre) in addition to their academic transcript and certificate of graduation (or equivalent).

Applicants must arrange for the report to be sent directly by CHSI or VN-NARIC via email to the Admissions Division, Ookayama Campus, Institute of Science Tokyo (und.admi@adm.isct.ac.jp) during the application period.

[Important Notes]

1. Only Academic Credential Verification Reports (English version) issued by CHSI or VN-NARIC will be accepted.
2. Reports not received within the application period will not be accepted.
3. Issuance and delivery of the report may take time, particularly during national holidays or institutional vacation periods. Applicants are advised to complete the necessary procedures well in advance.
4. Applicants unable to obtain the report, including those whose former school is not covered by CHSI or VN-NARIC, should contact the Admissions Division, Ookayama Campus, by email as early as possible before applying.

5. Points to note about applications

(1) Applications that are incomplete or missing any supporting documents will be rejected.

(2) No changes can be made to documents after the application has been submitted. Also, submitted documents cannot be returned under any circumstances.

(3) Acceptance/admission may be cancelled at any time if application documents are found to contain fraudulent information.

(4) Once the application fee is paid, it will not be refunded for any reason after the application has been accepted.

(5) Applicants who have applied for the Pre-arrival Special Recommendation cannot apply for the Special Screening Examination for Privately Funded International Students.

6. Selection procedure

Admission decisions for those accepted for the recommendation are made based on a comprehensive review of the applicant's results in the three science subjects of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) and an interview (to be conducted online). Interviews will be conducted in January. Details will be provided by email to successful recommendation recipients.

7. Other information

In consideration of the time required for procedures to enter Japan, such as obtaining a Status of Residence, successful applicants will be notified of the provisional selection results via email by Friday, January 29, 2027. Note that depending on the timing of the interview, acceptance emails may be sent as late as mid-February.

8. Important dates

Applying for the recommendation	December 10 - December 16, 2026
Result of the recommendation	December 21, 2026
Submission of Application Documents	By December 25, 2026
Notification of Provisionally Accepted Candidates	By January 29, 2027* *Depending on the timing of the interview, as late as mid-February
Enrollment Procedures	March 17, 2027
Start of the Semester	April 1, 2027

9. Tuition & Fees

Enrollment Fee	JPY 282,000
Tuition per year	JPY 635,400

Note: Enrollment and tuition fees are subject to change.

Exemptions and postponements for enrollment fee and tuition are possible.

Students who are interested in applying for an exemption or postponement must submit the relevant application form, which can be found in the enrollment procedure system.

10. Visa Application Procedure

The Visa Consulting Service entrusted by Science Tokyo will assist in applying for the Certificate of Eligibility, which is necessary for obtaining a Japanese visa. Further details will be provided together with the Notification of Admission Results at a later time.

11. Prevention of Infectious Diseases

To ensure appropriate health management and infectious disease prevention measures, international students (including those from other domestic universities, technical colleges, and Japanese language schools in Japan) who have passed the entrance examination and are expected to be enrolled at the Institute for three months or longer are required to submit a health certificate signed by a physician. For details on the submission procedure and other requirements, please refer to the enrollment procedure system.

12. Inquiries

Undergraduate Admissions Group, Admissions Division, Education Planning Department
Institute of Science Tokyo
2-12-1 H-79 Ookayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 152-8550 JAPAN
Email: und.admi@adm.isct.ac.jp

Special Screening Examination for Privately Funded International Students

Application for Pre-arrival Special Recommendation

Dear Provost of Institute of Science Tokyo,

I wish to apply for the "Pre-arrival Special Recommendation" by the Department of Transdisciplinary Science and Engineering, School of Environment and Society, for the Special Screening Examination for Privately Funded International Students in FY 2027.

Application date: _____ (YYYY / MM / DD)

Photo

4 x 3 cm photo taken within the last 3 months.

Upper body, front-facing, with nothing covering the head or face.

Name _____

Gender Male ・ Female

Date of Birth _____ (YYYY / MM / DD)

Nationality _____

Current address	Phone number: Email:
Alternate contact (if contact resides in Japan)	Name: Relationship to applicant: Address: 〒 Phone number: Email:
Most recent education	School name: Graduation date: _____ (YYYY / MM / DD) Graduated / Expected to graduate (circle one)
Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students(EJU)	Examinee number: Date of examination: Examination site (country):

Please list your academic background below, from the date of enrollment in elementary school through your most recent education (including graduation or expected graduation date).

YYYY / MM / DD	Academic background

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for Privately Funded International Students

Examinee number	Admissions Office use only

Application Form for Pre-arrival Special Recommendation

Fill in the part inside the bolded line.

Full name in English	(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)	(Photo) 4 x 3 cm photo taken within the last 3 months. Upper body, front-facing, with nothing covering the head or face. Attaching a digital photo is also acceptable.
Full name in your native language	( ) Male・Female	
Date of birth	(YYYY/MM/DD) (Age as of April 1, 2027:)	
Current address	〒 Mobile phone number: Home phone number:	
Email address	Nationality	
Emergency contact in Japan (not required if you have no contacts in Japan)	Name: Address: 〒 Mobile phone number: Home phone number:	
Most recent education and graduation date	Location (country) of your school: School name: Graduation date: Graduated / Expected to graduate (circle one)	Years of education from elementary school to high school graduation: _____years
Intended department	Department of Transdisciplinary Science and Engineering	
Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) * Only the results of either the June or November 2026 examinations can be used.	EJU Examinee number: _____ ＊ ＊ _____ Japanese (Writing, reading comprehension, listening and listening-reading comprehension) Total score: _____ * Leave blank if you have not taken the exam or have not received the results yet. Basic science (Physics, Chemistry, and Math Course 2 with a total score of at least 350 out of 400) Total score: _____ * Leave blank if you have not received the results yet.	

*Please make sure to fill out the reverse side as well.

Academic background

		School name and location (country and city)	Dates of admission and graduation (YYYY / MM)	Number of years enrolled
Elementary education		School name: Location:	Admission: Graduation:	Years
Secondary education	Lower secondary school	School name: Location:	Admission: Graduation:	Years
	Upper secondary school	School name: Location:	Admission: Graduation:	Years
Higher education (university), etc.*		School name: Location:	Admission: Graduation:	Years
Japanese language schools, etc.		School name: Location:	Admission: Graduation:	Years

* Please include any academic background that does not fit into other categories/columns.

Work experience

Company name and location (country and city)	Dates joined and left (YYYY / MM)	Years employed
Name: Location:	Joined: Left:	years
Name: Location:	Joined: Left:	years
Name: Location:	Joined: Left:	years

Qualifications

Date qualified (YYYY/MM)	Qualification

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Entrance Examination Card (for Pre-arrival Special Recommendation)

Do not fill in the box marked *

Examinee number*	
Name	
Date of birth	

(Do not tear off.)

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Photograph Card (for Pre-arrival Special Recommendation)

Do not fill in the box marked *

Examinee number*		
Name		(Attach photo) 4 x 3 cm photo taken within 3 months. Upper body, front-facing, with nothing covering the head or face. Use the same photo as the one attached to the application form.
Date of birth		