

AY 2026 Exchange Student Programs: YSEP and ACAP Comparison

(For Our Partner Universities: Tuition and Fee Waiver Programs based on Agreements)

	YSEP: Young Science and Engineering Researchers Program (<u>Research-Oriented</u> Program)	ACAP: Academic Course Access Program (<u>Course-Oriented</u> Program)
Eligibility	Those with student status at their home university, enrolled in the following programs at the time they start research at Science Tokyo: ✓ Doctoral program ✓ Master's program ✓ Bachelor's program (at least two and a half years of study)	Those with student status at their home university, enrolled in the following programs at the time they start coursework at Science Tokyo: ✓ Doctoral program ✓ Master's program ✓ Bachelor's program (at least one year of study)* *Refer to the "Language Requirement".
Period of Study	● From 5 months to 1 year ● Starting only in April or October (Starting month of each semester)	● From 1 quarter to 4 quarters (1 year)* ● Start in April, June, October, or December (Starting month of each quarter) *For JASSO scholarship recipients, the period of study must start in either April or October and last from 2 quarters (a semester) to 4 quarters (a year).
Program Outline	1) Conduct research under the guidance of an academic supervisor and make a presentation on one's research at the end of the final semester of enrollment (required). 2) Engage in at least one of the following activities (required): (a) Take a course. - Recommended Courses for International Exchange Students (TBA) - Japanese language courses (b) Participate in a monthly event organized by Science Tokyo (dates TBA). 3) Take elective subjects (optional) Take elective course(s) in the International Graduate Program conducted in English with the permission of the course instructor and academic supervisor.	1) Take course(s) offered at Science Tokyo (required). At least two-thirds of courses taken must be in the student's specialized subjects (refer to [Note] *2). (a) Master's and doctoral students can take most courses offered at the graduate level. (b) Undergraduate students in their final year can take courses for undergraduates (almost all of which are conducted in Japanese) and courses for graduates also open to undergraduate-level International Exchange Students (conducted in English). (c) Undergraduate students other than those in their final year can take only undergraduate courses mostly conducted in Japanese. 2) Engage in at least one of the following activities (required): (a) Take a course. - Recommended Courses for International Exchange Students (TBA) - Japanese language courses (b) Participate in one of the monthly events organized by Science Tokyo (dates TBA).

Language Requirement	High-level English proficiency is required for conducting research and communicating with laboratory colleagues. Submission of official test scores such as TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, etc. is mandatory.	High-level English or Japanese proficiency is required for taking courses. Submission of official test scores such as TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, etc. is mandatory. *For undergraduate students (excluding those in their final year), an official Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) result or equivalent document is required, as most undergraduate courses are conducted in Japanese.
Eligibility for JASSO Scholarship	● Subject to JASSO's regulations. ● The number of JASSO scholarship recipients is limited, and recipient selection will be made by Science Tokyo. ● Monthly Stipend: JPY 80,000	● Subject to JASSO's regulations. ● The number of JASSO scholarship recipients is limited, and recipient selection will be made by Science Tokyo. ● Monthly Stipend: JPY 80,000 ● Available to students whose study period starts in April or October and lasts from 2 quarters (a semester) to 4 quarters (a year).
How to Find an Academic Supervisor at Science Tokyo	Applicants are required to contact a desired academic supervisor directly, and obtain approval before applying for the program. However, exceptions apply to the following departments: ● Applicants for the Department of Architecture and Building Engineering are required to submit their CV and portfolio via the online application system. As academic supervisors will be arranged by Science Tokyo, applicants are not allowed to contact potential supervisors directly. ● Applicants for the Department of Innovation Science should contact the Global Education Division in advance.	Science Tokyo will arrange the ACAP Specialized faculty member of their desired Department based on their "ACAP Course-Oriented Program Sheet." Note that some Departments with many applicants may exceed their limit and will not accept any. In this case, Science Tokyo will ask them to change their desired Department. However, exceptions apply to the following departments: ● Applicants for the Department of Architecture and Building Engineering are required to submit their CV and portfolio via the online application system. As academic supervisors will be arranged by Science Tokyo, applicants are not allowed to contact potential supervisors directly.

[Note]

- *1: YSEP and ACAP students are not permitted to take courses offered by the faculties/graduate schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Care Sciences. Indeed, they cannot be accepted by the faculties/graduate schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Care Sciences.
- *2: ACAP students are affiliated with a department and primarily take classes while pursuing their study in that department's field of study. This is the goal of the program and therefore, it is not desirable to take classes that do not fit this goal. When participating in ACAP, they must take at least approximately two-thirds of your classes in their specialized subjects.