

Comparison table of three admission options for international students

*This is for reference. Please visit each program's website for details.

	(1) NIG Global Scholar (NIG-GS)	(2) Embassy Recommendation	(3) General Admission
Website	NIG Global Scholar (NIG-GS) Selection	Embassy recommendation	General Admission
Available Program	5-year PhD program only	5-year or 3-year PhD program	5-year or 3-year PhD program
Note	<p>This application process requires the applicant to enroll in the Genetics Program, SOKENDAI if he/she is accepted.</p> <p>Those who have already obtained a master's degree are also welcome to apply through this application process. (See FAQ, Q2 in the instructions)</p>	<p>This application process differs for each Japanese embassy. For details, please inquire at the Japanese embassy or consulate general in your country. List of websites of Japanese Embassies, Consulates and Permanent Missions:</p> <p>https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaserv.html</p>	
Nationality	Any nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government. Taiwanese are also qualified.	Please inquire at the Japanese embassy or consulate general in your country.	It is open to every applicant, regardless of nationality or place of residence.
Timing of Examination	Once a year (see below)	Depends on the Japanese embassy or consulate general in your country. Please refer to the following website for procedures:	Twice a year : in summer (late July) and in winter (late January - early February) For details, please see the following website: https://www.nig.ac.jp/nig/phd-program/admissions-top/admissions/schedule-of-admissions
Application Deadline and Enrollment	<p>Application Deadline: November 1, 2023</p> <p>Enrollment: October 2024</p>	https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/mext/scholarship/scholarship_jpn/	<p>Application Deadline: early July for summer, early December for winter examination</p> <p>*Earlier deadlines are set for those requiring the Qualification Screening for Application.</p> <p>Enrollment: (summer exam) October 2023 or April 2024 (winter exam) April 2024 or October 2024</p>
Before On-site Examination	Online screening	Initial screening through the Japanese embassy or consulate general in your country.	Qualification Screening for Application may be required in advance.
On-site Examination	<p>Selected applicants will be invited to NIG (Mishima, Japan) for a short stay and will take an on-site exam. Their travel expenses will be supported by NIG.</p> <p>*There is a possibility that the entrance exam would take place remotely (online) depending on the influence of COVID-19. In such a case, the invitation to travel to Japan would be canceled and the applicant would take the exam remotely at his/her place of residence.</p>	<p>After passing the initial screening, selected students will enroll as research students in a non-degree program of the Genetics Program. Travel expenses to Japan will be supported by the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship.</p> <p>To be admitted to a PhD program, research students must apply to our graduate program through the General Admission procedure.</p>	<p>Applicants will take an on-site exam held at NIG (Mishima, Japan). Applicants must cover their own travel expenses to visit NIG.</p> <p>*There is a possibility that the entrance exam would take place remotely (online) depending on the influence of COVID-19. In such a case, the applicant would take the exam remotely at his/her place of residence.</p>
Financial support during a Ph.D. program	<p>A limited number of NIG-GS applicants who pass the tertiary screening and satisfy certain conditions will be offered a monthly stipend (approx. 140,000 JPY), tuition support, and airfare to and from Japan at the beginning and upon completion of the program as long as he/she remains a student in good standing.</p> <p>Other candidates who passed the tertiary screening will be offered partial financial support equivalent to students enrolled through General Admission.</p>	Students will be supported by the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship.	Students will be offered a monthly stipend of approx. 60,000 JPY for working as a Research Assistant. Tuition may be waived if students with financial difficulties and outstanding academic records pass the screening.
Others	All international graduate students are provided with free Japanese lessons (usually two hours/month). The NIG dormitories are available for students. (with certain conditions)		