

Comparison Table of three admission options for international students

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

	NIG Global Scholar (NIG-GS)	General Admission	Embassy Recommendation
Website	NIG Global Scholar (NIG-GS) Selection	General Admission	Embassy Recommendation
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 and targeted international students only.</p> <p>Limited to those who are residing outside Japan at the time of application.</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 Admission Guidelines)</p>		<p>This application process differs for each Japanese Embassy and targeted international students only. For details, please inquire at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate General in your country.</p> <p>List of websites of Japanese Embassies, Consulates and Permanent Missions: https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaser_v.html</p>
Nationality	Any nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government. Taiwanese are also qualified.	It is open to every applicant, regardless of nationality or place of residence.	Please inquire at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate General in your country.
Timing of Examination	Once a year (see below)	<p>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</p>	<p>Depends on the Japanese Embassy or Consulate General in your country. Please refer to the following website for procedures:</p>
Application Deadline and Enrollment	<p>Application Deadline: October 28, 2024</p> <p>Enrollment: October 2025</p>	<p>Application Deadline: early July for summer, early December for winter examination *Earlier deadlines are set for those requiring the Qualification Screening for Application.</p> <p>Enrollment: (Summer Exam) October 2024 or April 2025 (Winter Exam) April 2025 or October 2025</p>	https://www.soken.ac.jp/en/admission/mextscholarship/scholarship_jpn/
Before Online Examination	Primary screening: Initial application documents	Qualification Screening for Application may be required in advance.	Initial screening through the Japanese Embassy or Consulate General in your home country.
Online Examination	<p>Secondary screening: Written exam via email</p> <p>Tertiary screening: Online written exam and interview</p>	Applicants will take an online exam will be conducted through the Internet remotely.	<p>After passing the initial screening, selected students will enroll as research students in a non-degree program of the Genetics Program.</p> <p>To be admitted to a PhD program, research students must apply to our graduate program through the General Admission procedure.</p>
Financial Support during a Ph.D. program	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. Other applicants who pass the tertiary screening will be offered partial financial support equivalent to students enrolled through General Admission.	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.	Students will be supported by the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship.
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)		