Exchange Scheme with the Tokyo Institute of Technology

Where is Tokyo Tech?

Tokyo Tech is the top national university for science and technology in Japan with a history spanning more than 130 years. Located in Greater Tokyo area, it is home to over 10,000 students spread over three campuses. The Institute’s long-term goal is to become the world’s leading science and technology university.

Who can go?

- The number of places for York undergraduate science faculty students in 2019/20 has not yet been confirmed. Please contact Global Programmes if you are interested.
- Please note: there is a limited number of courses taught in English at Tokyo Tech and students should consult with their department to ensure that they are able to complete the requirements of their year abroad.
- Please consult with your department to find out during which year you will be able to study abroad and about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the Opportunities by Subject webpage to see if your department is eligible for exchange.

Courses

- Students will be expected to take a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 48 credits at Tokyo Tech for a full year of study. You should consult with your department to ensure that you are aware of the requirements.
- The minimum 30 credits should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits for students on a replacement year.
- Most courses are open to exchange students although some may require pre-requisite confirmation.
- Most students will be taking part in the Academic Cooperation Agreement Program (ACAP) exchange programme. More Information about ACAP can be found on the Tokyo Tech Website here.
- Information on the courses taught in English during the 2018/19 academic year can be used as a guide and found here: titech.ac.jp/english/graduate_school/international/exchange/pdf/Class_List_U.pdf
- Note: Some courses may impose conditions for attendance on undergraduate students, such as the completion of basic subjects.

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants. University of York staff can access Grade Conversion Tables here: york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/accepted/#tab-5
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on integrated study.
- Students should ensure that they understand whether they will be studying on a credit-replacement exchange or on an additional year.

Costs

Please note that the costs below are based on previous years and are provided for guidance only. Exact costs may vary due to exchange rates, inflation, personal circumstance and/or other reasons.

- Tuition Fees: Students will pay no tuition fees to Tokyo Tech and in 2018/19 University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee for students on a full year exchange.
Visas: The cost of visa’s can vary between £16 and £32. (approx.)

Medical insurance:

- Students are required to enrol in "National Health Insurance". This insurance will cover 70% of the medical cost that you pay at the clinic or hospital. The fee is approximately 1,700 JPY/month. Foreign residents, except temporary stay, must enrol in this insurance.
- “Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research” is also mandatory. The fee is 1,000 JPY (for 1 year). Without it, students will not be able to participate in some of the practical training courses. It covers: Cases where the insured suffers a physical injury as a result of sudden and unforeseen accidents of an external origin while engaged in educational and research activities at this university. As well as cases where the insured sustains a physical injury while commuting to school or in transit between school facilities.
- Students are also required to enrol in “Personal Liability Insurance for Students”. This insurance will cover the liability for bodily injury and/or property damage caused by the insured students to a third party in daily life. The cost is 830 JPY (for 1 semester) or 2,090 JPY (for 2 semesters) plus 5,000 JPY as a membership fee of UNIV. CO-OP (Refundable). Without it, they will not be able to participate in some of the practical training courses.
- In case of emergencies, we strongly recommend students purchase “Overseas Travelers’ Personal Accident Insurance” for incoming exchange students before leaving their countries.
- Additional costs to consider: Flights, accommodation, travel insurance, living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

Visa

Please be aware that Centre for Global Programmes staff are not qualified to offer consultations or in-depth advice regarding visa applications. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes. Therefore if you do have any further questions about the process of applying for your visa you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly. The information below is intended as guidance only and unless otherwise stated applies only to UK citizens without exceptional circumstances.

- International students at Japanese universities are required to obtain a "student" visa. Obtaining "student" visa status is essential in order to apply for various kinds of assistance and scholarships for international students.
- Students are required to submit an application for the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) to Tokyo Tech along with the other required documents by the exchange program application deadline.
- The Immigration Bureau in Tokyo issues the COE and sends it to Tokyo Tech.
- The staff of Tokyo Tech sends the COE to a student exchange officer of the student's home university.
- After the COE is handed to the student, the student visits the Japanese Embassy/Consulate in their home country to obtain a student visa.
- More information can be found on the Tokyo Tech International Exchange Student webpage here.

What’s it like to study there?

- This is a new exchange, we have not yet sent any students to Tokyo Tech. We have however sent students to Japan who would be happy to share their experiences. Please contact us for further information.

Where will I live?

- On-Campus Housing: Exchange students take priority when Tokyo Tech dormitories are allocated. However, they cannot guarantee each student a room, since the number of dormitory rooms is limited. More information here: titech.ac.jp/english/graduate_school/international/exchange/acap.html#accommodation
- Off-Campus Housing: Shared housing available in SAKURA HOUSE (sakura-house.com/en/) and OAK HOUSE (oakhouse.jp/eng/).

Is it the right choice for me?

- When thinking about choosing your destination for studying abroad please look through the Considerations Checklist on our web pages.
- This will help you find the best opportunity for your degree and personal circumstances.

Contact details at Tokyo

- Kenichi SHIMOZONO (Mr.) - inbound@jim.titech.ac.jp
Useful web links

- Main Tokyo Tech Website
- Tokyo Tech Incoming Exchange Students – Academic Cooperation Agreement Program (ACAP)
- Tokyo Tech International Exchange Student Information
- Global Graduates
- Foreign Commonwealth Office Advice
- Tokyo Tourist Information

Please note: The websites listed here are not intended to represent a comprehensive list. The Centre for Global Programmes cannot be held responsible for the content of external websites.

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Students are responsible for researching their own exchanges and making sure that they have considered all costs and the compatibility of the overseas programme to their own degree, in discussion with their departments and supervisors. The Centre for Global Programmes are here to offer support.