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?

- Up to three places for York undergraduate science faculty students in 2020/21. Please contact Global Programmes if you are interested.
- MChem students interested in studying at Tokyo Tech should contact John Slattery (john.slattery@york.ac.uk)
- 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
- Grades will only be converted for credit replacement students.
- 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)

**Financial Assistance**

• **Funding:** Japan Student Services Organisation (JASSO) scholarship is available for students to apply for as part of their application to Tokyo Tech. You cannot apply for scholarship once your application has been submitted. Please note that the deadlines for applying for this may be quite tight and you should be prepared to have all the relevant information available (including financial information).

• **JASSO Funding:** There is no particular application form for a JASSO Scholarship. As long as the ACAP application materials for an eligible student have been submitted by the designated Application Deadline, the student will automatically be considered for a JASSO Scholarship. YSEP students are also eligible for this scholarship. Please check out the information on the relevant web page.

• **York Futures Scholarship** new for 2019/20. Support for personal and professional development. Funding of up to £6000 available to students applying to study abroad in 2020/21. There are two rounds of applications for this funding, Autumn Term and Easter Vacation/start of Summer Term. We recommend that you apply for the first round of funding to secure this before you have received confirmation of your study abroad place. For more information please see the following web pages: york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/

**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?

“I have made some really incredible, lifelong friends. I’ve seen and done things that most people will never have the opportunity to do in their whole lifetime. I have learned to be more independent”

Toby, Chemistry, Year Abroad 2018/19

“Before coming to Japan, I did some research on the culture and customs, and given how different it is to the UK, I’m very glad I did. There are many examples of how different things are, but one of the most noticeable to me is that, in Japan, pedestrians always wait until traffic lights turn green to cross the road, regardless of whether there is any traffic or not.

Further to this, at my host university, we have to change into a different pair of slippers when going from the main part of the lab into the biology area, the NMR rooms or my head supervisor’s office, something that I am not sure I will ever get used to, nor fully understand.

The food here, unsurprisingly, is also very different to that you would find in the UK (and the price of fresh fruit and vegetables seems somewhat extortionate). Convenience stores sell a variety of meals that can be heated in the microwave (although they also offer to heat them up in store), from ramen to bento boxes, which are very useful when you want something fast and easy to prepare after a long day in the lab.

In order to settle in when I first arrived, I went to Ikebukuro, as it was a place I’d always wanted to visit, and explored the shops. As someone who’s long been interested in Japanese pop culture, it was really nice to see so much merchandise for it available when I was used to being able to find very little in the UK, and being able to use it to decorate my room certainly made my new place feel much more like a home.”

Suzy, Chemistry, Year Abroad 2019/20

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

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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
- On Campus Accommodation
- Cost of Living Comparison Site

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.