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I. Number of Students to be Admitted

School	Division	Number of Students to be Admitted
		April 2023 Admission
Graduate School of Advanced Science and Technology	Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences	10 (See Note)

Note: The number of students in April 2023 admission includes the number of students admitted through the other Selections except for Regular Examination to JAIST Master's program (Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences).

II. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements by the day prior to the day of desired enrollment. Eligible applicants are those who have:

1. graduated from a Japanese university.
2. been granted a bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE) as stipulated in paragraph 7, article 104 of the School Education Law.
3. completed a 16-year curriculum of school education in countries other than Japan.
4. completed a curriculum at a foreign-affiliated university in Japan which has a university education curriculum under the school education of its country (Its completion must be regarded as the completion of a 16-year curriculum of school education in its country) and specifically designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
5. completed a 16-year curriculum of school education in a foreign country by completing a correspondence curriculum of an overseas educational institution while residing in Japan.
6. been granted a bachelor's degree from a foreign university or other foreign institution of higher education by completing a curriculum with a completion period of three years or more.
7. completed a specialized curriculum specifically designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at a vocational school on or after the date designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. The required period for graduation is four years or longer, and which also satisfies other condition specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
8. been designated as eligible by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. For example, those who graduated from a university which is not under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology.
9. Early Graduate School Entrance Program
Applicants for the early graduate school entrance program must have completed the required number of credits set by JAIST, which is approximately three-quarters of the necessary credits to graduate from a Japanese university or an equivalent level of the curriculum in a foreign country, with excellent academic results. Prospective applicants for the early graduate school entrance program are those who have:
 - a) attended a Japanese university for at least three years.
 - b) completed a 15-year curriculum of school education in countries other than Japan.
 - c) completed a 15-year curriculum of school education in a foreign country by completing the correspondence curriculum of an overseas educational institution while residing in Japan.
 - d) completed a curriculum at a foreign-affiliated university in Japan which has a university curriculum under the school education of its country (Its completion must be regarded as the completion of a 15-year curriculum of school education in its country) and specifically designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
10. enrolled in a graduate school as stipulated in Paragraph 2, Article 102 of the School Education Law, and recognized as having sufficient academic abilities by JAIST.
11. been recognized by JAIST through the Judgment of Eligibility as having an equivalent or greater scholastic ability than that of university graduates, and have reached 22 years of age.

Note: Applicants satisfying at least one of the eligibility requirements (1) - (8) are not required to pass through the Judgment of Eligibility. Such applicants should move to "III. Application Periods".

[Judgment of Eligibility]

Applicants who wish to apply under the eligibility requirement (9), (10) or (11) must be screened by JAIST for eligibility prior to applying. Applicants should download the instruction documents and forms for judgment of eligibility from our website and submit all the necessary documents before the following deadline. (Admissions > Application Guide > Judgment of Eligibility)

Examination		Application Deadline for Judgment of Eligibility (The application must arrive by)
April 2023 admission	First examination	Tuesday, April 26, 2022
	Second examination	Friday, August 5, 2022

For more information about the judgment of eligibility, please see the link below.

[Judgment of Eligibility URL]

<https://www.jaist.ac.jp/english/admissions/application-guide/Eligibility.html>

Please note with great caution that if an applicant enrolls in JAIST under the eligibility requirement (9) a, he/she will leave his/her university prior to graduation. In this case, he/she will not be eligible for some Japanese national examinations requiring that applicants have graduated from a university and obtained a bachelor's degree.

Each applicant will be notified of the result of the judgment of eligibility one week before the end of each application period. If you have not received the result until the last week of the application period, please contact the Admissions Section (Email:nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp). Only applicants who have been admitted to obtain the eligibility can apply for the examination.

III. Application Periods

The application periods for each examination are described below. Please make "IV. Online Application Registration" and "V. Mailing Certificates" within the application period.

Examination		Application Period (Postmark Valid)
April 2023 admission	First examination	Wednesday, May 25 - Tuesday, June 7, 2022
	Second examination	Monday, September 5 - Friday, September 16, 2022

Note 1: Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Students do not need to pay the screening fee. Please email the Admissions Section (Email:nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp) by the day before the end of application period in order to know the procedure for it. In the case that you are the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Student who are currently enrolled in another Japanese University, please submit the Certificate of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Student that specifies the period of receiving the scholarship.

Note 2: Multiple applications (i.e. applying for the 1st and 2nd examinations) are acceptable, but applicants must do the same procedure for each examination they apply for.

IV. Online Application Registration

Applicants must register their applications on the Internet to apply for the Regular Examination. The application procedure will be completed by "V. Mailing Certificates" to JAIST after applicants register the online application. The online application registration can be proceeded on our website. Please see our website for the detailed information about the online application registration. (Admissions > Online Application)

[Online Application URL]

<https://www.jaist.ac.jp/english/admissions/internet-application/internet-application.html>

(1) Screening fee

Applicants need to pay the screening fee of 30,000 yen when making the online application registration. For the payment method, please see our website of the online application registration.

Type	Amount	Summary
Screening Fee	¥30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All transfer fees shall be paid by applicants in addition to the screening fee. ● The paid screening fee is non-refundable in principle. ● JAIST waives the screening fee for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Students.

<For applicants in Japan>

You can make a payment through the convenience store, post office, ATM, online banking or with a credit card.

<For applicants from overseas>

You can make a payment with a credit card.

(2) Documents to be uploaded

Prescribed forms need to be uploaded when making the online application registration. Please download them from our website and enter the information. (Admissions > Prescribed Forms)

[Prescribed Forms URL]

<https://www.jaist.ac.jp/english/admissions/application-form/form-yugom.html>

1. Documents to be uploaded by all applicants

Prescribed Forms	Summary
Short essay	<p>Topic: “Study and research plan which cover transdisciplinary research fields at JAIST”</p> <p>The topic should be the study and research plan you wish to pursue. In addition, they should cover transdisciplinary research fields. Applicants should describe their research background, purpose and methods in their own words.</p> <p>The condition of research preparation, the association with the research so far (e.g. graduation research) and the reason you wish to change the major etc. may be added in the essay.</p> <p>The short essay should consist of about 1,000 Japanese characters or about 600 words in English, should be written horizontally with the font size of 11 points or larger and <u>less than or equal to one page in length, single-sided, A4-sized paper.</u></p> <p>Do not attach any supplementary materials.</p>
Entry Form	<p>Please fill in each column as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Select one type of “Innovation” in which you want to challenge out of three: Life Innovation, Green Innovation, System Innovation. ② Provide one of faculty members’ name that you wish to be supervised after enrollment listed on p.4. Write the full name(s). ③ Fill in three specialized subjects in which you have excelled. ④ Describe a reason why you wish to study at JAIST. ⑤ Describe your future career goals after graduating from Master’s Program in JAIST. <p>The entry form should be written horizontally with the font size of 11 points or larger and <u>less than or equal to one page in length, single-sided, A4-sized paper.</u></p> <p>Do not attach any supplementary materials.</p>

2. Documents to be uploaded by specified applicants

<Only for applicants who meet eligibility requirement (3) - (6)>

Prescribed Forms	Summary
Curriculum vitae	Not only applicants who have studied in university, but also all the applicants who have received education in any kind of school in countries other than Japan need to upload the curriculum vitae.

<Only for foreign applicants>

Certificate	Summary
Photocopy of the passport	<p>Foreign applicants must upload a copy of their passports (the page with your full name). For those living in Japan at the time of application, a copy of their residence cards (both sides) must also be uploaded.</p> <p>Only for those living outside Japan at the time of application and do not have valid passports, a copy of their family registers or citizenship certificates are acceptable. In this case, please note the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Documents in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied with a translation in English or Japanese. ● Please handwrite "I do not have a valid passport." in that copy.
Photocopy of the residence card	

V. Mailing Certificates

After registering the online application, please send the following certificates to the Admissions Section by mail. Please place all the required documents in the envelope and bring it yourself or send by registered express mail for applicants in Japan or by registered mail such as DHL, FedEx or EMS for applicants from overseas. (Please write applicant's name, address and rubricate "Application Documents Enclosed" on the envelope.) Please note that your application will not be completed until the parcel arrives at JAIST from the courier. Please keep the tracking number for your confirmation purpose and inform the Admissions Section (Email:nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp) of it. Applicants are responsible to send all the required documents to JAIST by the deadline.

(1) Documents to be submitted by all applicants

Certificates	Summary
<p>Official transcript</p> <p><u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u></p>	<p>An official transcript must be issued by the president or a dean of the university, junior college or technical college from which the applicant graduated (or will graduate) and bear the school's stamp or embossed seal and the signature of the authorizing official. If applicants transferred from a university or attended a non-degree graduate program of a junior college or technical college, <u>they must submit the transcripts from both the present and previous schools (university, junior college or regular curriculum of technical college) together.</u></p> <p>Applicants should submit <u>one</u> of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Transcript issued by university (original) b) Certified copy of transcript by university (original) c) Certified copy of transcript by government agency / office (original) <p>The certificate must be prepared in English or Japanese. Documents in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied with an official translation in English or Japanese. Translations must be issued by the university or government agency/office and bear a stamp or embossed seal of the school or the agency/office and the signature of the authorizing official. Translations from a Japanese language school or translation company are acceptable if they are stamped with the official seal of the translating body.</p>
<p>Proof of (expected) graduation</p> <p><u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u></p>	<p>Proof of (expected) graduation must be issued by the president or a dean of the university, junior college or technical college from which the applicant graduated (or will graduate) and bear the school's stamp or embossed seal and the signature of the authorizing official. It must specify the exact date of (expected) graduation.</p> <p>Applicants should submit <u>one</u> of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Graduation certificate issued by university (original) b) Official letter issued by university (original) c) Certified copy of diploma by university (original) d) Certified copy of diploma by government agency / office (original) <p>The certificate must be prepared in English or Japanese. Documents in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied with an official translation in English or Japanese. Translations must be issued by the university or government agency/office and bear a stamp or embossed seal of the school or the agency/office and the signature of the authorizing official. Translations from a Japanese language school or translation company are acceptable if they are stamped with the official seal of the translating body.</p>

(2) Documents to be submitted by specified applicants

<Only for applicants who meet eligibility requirement (2) or (6)>

Certificate	Summary
Degree certificate <u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u>	The certificate must be issued by the national Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE) or the head of the junior college or technical college in which applicants enrolled. The certificate must be prepared in English or Japanese. Documents in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied with an official translation in English or Japanese. Translations must be issued by the university or government agency/office and bear a stamp or embossed seal of the school or the agency/office and the signature of the authorizing official. Translations from a Japanese language school or translation company are acceptable if they are stamped with the official seal of the translating body.

<Only for MEXT Scholarship Students who are currently enrolled in another Japanese university>

Certificate	Summary
Certificate of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Student <u>*Copies are NOT acceptable.</u>	The certificate must be issued by the university which the applicant is currently attending and specify the period of receiving the scholarship. Applicants currently enrolled in JAIST do not need to submit this.

<Only for foreign government scholarship students>

Certificate	Summary
Certificate of foreign government sponsored student <u>*Copies are acceptable.</u>	The certificate must prove that the applicant is a foreign government sponsored student.

<Only for applicants whose name on the certificates are different to the present one due to marriage, etc.>

Certificate	Summary
Abstract of the family register, etc.	The certificate must prove the applicant's former and present names.

[Important] The details of “*Copies are NOT acceptable.”

Certificates must be original. Certificates with an electronic seal but not in an anti-counterfeiting paper are not accepted unless the envelopes are sealed by the University that applicants graduated (or will graduate) from.

Mailing Address: Admissions Section

Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (JAIST)

1-1 Asahidai Nomi Ishikawa 923-1292 JAPAN

Email: nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except Saturdays, Sundays, Japanese national holidays and etc.)

VI. Delivery of Examination Admission Card

When the application documents are accepted after completing the procedure of “IV. Online Application Registration” and “V. Mailing Certificates”, an examination admission card and related documents will be sent to each applicant via postal mail soon after the deadline of the application period. If they do not arrive one week before the examination date, please contact the Admissions Section at (Email:nyushi@ml.jaist.ac.jp).

VII. Examination Schedule and Selection Method

(1) Examination Periods

Examination will be conducted on one day (specified date from JAIST) during the period shown below. Each applicant will be notified of the date, registration and examination time when they receive the examination admission card.

Examination		Examination Period	Method
April 2023 admission	First examination	Saturday, July 2 - Sunday, July 3, 2022	Online
	Second examination	Saturday, October 15 - Sunday, October 16, 2022	

Note: We cannot accept any requests for dates and times.

(2) Selection Method

Selection is conducted by an oral examination. Applicants have a choice of speaking in English or Japanese. The total time of the examination is within 30 minutes per applicant.

The oral examination is conducted online by using a web conference system designated by us that can be used from a PC, etc.

A webcam and a microphone are necessary for it. Please read carefully "Online Examination Q&A" on our website for details and prepare enough equipment and network environment by yourself.

We will have a connection test with each applicant a few days before the examination (weekdays only).

[Online Examination Q&A URL]

<https://www.jaist.ac.jp/english/admissions/outline/ga-m-online.html>

① Presentation about the short essay submitted at the time of application.

- The time allowed for your presentation is within 7 minutes.
- Your presentation material must be prepared in still images in file formats such as PDF. (There is no page limit. It is recommended to use horizontally long sheets of paper. (i.e. long sides of a sheet come to the top and bottom.))
- You will give your presentation by showing your presentation material in full screen with using the function of content sharing.
- You are allowed to have a printed copy of your presentation script during your presentation, however, distributing other materials and using any other electronic devices are strictly prohibited.

② Q&A based on the short essay and the entry form submitted at the time of application.

- The time allowed for Q&A is within 23 minutes.
- You might be asked to describe your answers on paper and explain it during Q&A. Please prepare about 5 sheets of A4 sized blank paper, which have no ruled lines, and a black or a blue felt tip pen. When examiners ask you to do so, please describe and show it to the webcam and explain it.

(3) Admissions and Evaluation Criterion

The oral examination is conducted to comprehensively assess the basic academic ability of applicants and their motivation to conduct study and research after enrollment. All applications are evaluated on the same holistic screening criteria for the results of the oral examination and all the application documents submitted.

VIII. Notification of Admission Decision and Admission Procedures

(1) Dates of Notification of Admission Decision and Admission Procedures

The result notification letter will be sent to all applicants via postal mail on the dates shown below. Also, the examinee numbers of the successful applicants will be posted on our website; no telephone or email inquiries concerning examination results will be accepted. And, the result for the Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences Scholarship will be announced at the same time.

Successful applicants will receive information on admission procedures at the time of notification of the Admission Decision. Please conduct the procedures by the specified deadlines.

Examination		Date of Notification of Admission Decision	Period of Admission Procedures
April 2023 admission	First examination	Friday, July 15, 2022	Middle of September, 2022
	Second examination	Friday, October 28, 2022	Late November, 2022

(2) Expenses Required for Enrollment

Type		Amount	Summary
1. Entrance fee		¥282,000	The entrance fee is non-refundable. Please pay the entrance fee with the bank transfer request form which will be sent along with documents for admission procedures.
2. Tuition	For a half year	¥267,900	The tuition payment will be made by automatic withdrawal from the student's own bank account. For new students enrolled in April, the withdrawal date for their first semester is May 20. From the second year, the withdrawal dates are April 20 and October 20.
	For a year	¥535,800	The payment of the amount for a year all together is acceptable.
3. Insurance fee (For two years)		¥2,430	It is mandatory for JAIST students to take out the Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai: PAS) and Liability Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkenbai: LSR).

Note 1: Instructions for completing payment will be sent to successful applicants along with documents for admission procedures.

Note 2: In case the amount of entrance fee and tuition are revised while the student is enrolling and attending JAIST, the new amount shall be applied from the following academic year.

Note 3: JAIST waives the entrance fee and tuition for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Students.

IX. Other Important Information

Please see page 21-23 and read them thoroughly.