

Examination Schedule

October 2025 Admission

Type of Examination	Application Period (The application must be postmarked within the period)		Examination Period (The designated one day of the following period)	Date of Notification of Admission Decision
Regular Examination	Second Examination	June 16 – 26, 2025	August 18 - 26, 2025 (except Sat., Sun., etc.)	September 4, 2025
Examination for Admission on Recommendation for Overseas Residents	〔 Submission deadline for pre-check: May 14, 2025 〕		Interview and Documentary screening	July 25, 2025
	Application period: May 7 - 30, 2025			

April 2026 Admission

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Regular Examination	First Examination	June 16 – 26, 2025	August 18 - 26, 2025 (except Sat., Sun., etc.)	September 4, 2025
	Second Examination	October 21 – November 4, 2025	December 8 - 19, 2025 (except Sat., Sun., etc.)	January 23, 2026
	Third Examination	December 3 – 16, 2025	February 2 – 13, 2026 (except Sat., Sun., etc.)	February 27, 2026
Examination for Admission on Recommendation for Overseas Residents	〔 Submission deadline for pre-check: November 13, 2025 〕		Interview and Documentary screening	January 23, 2026
	Application period: November 5 - 27, 2025			

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Note:

- Applicants who do not possess a master's or professional degree may be required to pass through the Judgment of Eligibility prior to applying. For details, please refer to the instructions for each type of examination.
- The further examination schedule for October 2026 admission will be announced in the Application Guide for 2026-2027 academic year.

Mission and Goals

Mission

JAIST endeavors to foster leaders capable of contributing to the making of a future world by creation of science and technology through its most advanced education and research in an ideal academic environment.

Goals

- JAIST develops leaders in society or industry who hold credible expertise in the frontier science and technology, broad perspectives, high level of autonomy and communication ability, through its systematic advanced graduate education.
- JAIST, to contribute to societies with research outcomes, creates a center of excellence for advancement of researches for solving problems of our world and society and develops new fields through a variety of basic researches.
- JAIST fosters active global human resources by promoting faculty and student exchanges with leading institutes overseas and globalizing its education and research.

Admission Policy

JAIST looks for students who possess a strong will and a clear sense of purpose in pursuing research through social contribution in the fields of advanced science and technology based on Knowledge Science, Information Science and Materials Science, who are capable of expressing their own ideas logically, and who have an attitude to make efforts to produce mutual understanding through discussions. JAIST, as a university of postgraduate education without an undergraduate program, accepts applicants widely from graduate degree holders, international students and working professionals irrespective of undergraduate and graduate majors and background. Applicants are expected to have acquired specialized knowledge and ability in Knowledge Science, Information Science, Materials Science and other relevant fields and to possess a research achievement equivalent to the one for a master's degree.

In the light of the image of students stated above, JAIST screens applicants by evaluating their research achievements so far and their specialized knowledge, ability, and aspiration necessary for carrying out study and research at JAIST based on the submitted documents regarding their research outline before admission and their research proposal after the admission and an oral examination (including an oral presentation and Q&A).

In the evaluation, JAIST emphasizes the result of the oral examination and uses submitted documents as reference. As for the Admission on Recommendation, applicants are exempted from the oral examination and screened based on submitted documents including the research outline and the research proposal.

Diploma Policy

The Division of Advanced Science and Technology in the Graduate School of Advanced Science and Technology at JAIST sets its educational goal in cultivating innovative talents in advanced science and technology who can take active roles as leaders in society or industrial world with broad vision required in a sustainable society and communication ability in addition to specialization in advanced science and technology.

In the doctoral program, a doctoral degree in Knowledge Science, Information Science or Materials Science based on student's main academic fields will be conferred to those who have acquired the abilities listed below in addition to the abilities to be acquired during the Master's Program, produced excellent research achievements in the major field and have passed the Doctoral Dissertation Examination and the Final Examination after having obtained all the required credits.

Abilities to be acquired during the Doctoral Program

- Ability to extensively understand theories and systems of advanced science and technology in the major field
- Ability to design new and original research and produce world-class research achievements
- Ability to hold a comprehensive view and take leadership in the field of advanced science and technology

Main Academic Fields

Knowledge Science: An academic field that integrates knowledge of design methodology, business management, system science and others related to issues of human, organizations or society, proposes attractive solutions to the issues, and contemplate how to materialize the solutions

Information Science: An academic field that aims to solve problems for humanity and society, pioneer unexplored fields, and produce new innovative basic theories, basic technologies and applications about information processing and communication that supports the information society

Materials Science: An academic field that produces new and innovative materials by aiming at solving for humanity and society and pioneering unexplored fields based on physics, chemistry, biology and their relevant science and technology

※The Research Areas will be reorganized starting from April 2026.

Applicants wishing to enroll in April 2026 or October 2026 should refer to the following page.

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Outlines and Keywords of Research Areas

Research Areas	Outlines	Keywords
Creative Society Design Research Area	Designing a creative society, where everyone's ability brilliantly shines. An intellectual odyssey towards achieving rich quality of life by integrating and transcending science, technology and art.	Creativity Support, Social Network, Design Thinking, Human Computer Interaction, Media Interaction, Visual Computing, Disaster Science, Resilience Engineering, Urban Design & Health, Network Science, Collaboration, Intercultural Communication, Pervasive Technology, Embodied Cognition, STEAM Education, Data Science/AI Applications
Transformative Knowledge Management Research Area	Our mission is to develop Next-generation knowledge management theories to promote social transformation and apply for practical problem-solving to build a wellbeing society.	Wellbeing, Knowledge Creation, Organizational Transformation, Green Service Innovation, Sustainability, Value Design, IoT Design, Ethnography in a Medical Setting, Business Ethnography, Service Intelligence, Artificial Intelligence, Intellect and Human Wisdom, Human wisdom science
Co-creative Intelligence Research Area	Our mission is to explore new intelligence that sustainably promotes the development and evolution of the advanced knowledge society through research on the human – technology co-creation of knowledge.	Knowledge Science, Knowledge Creation, Cognitive Science, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Language and Communication, Philosophy of Language, Decision Theory, Meta-Cognition, Educational Engineering, Complex Systems, Emergence-Evolution-Institution, Machine Learning, Computational Science, Materials Informatics, Social Linguistics, Language Policy, Creation Process, Idea Creation, Experiential Learning, Collaborative Learning, Learning Process Design
Computing Science Research Area	Study computation, know the limits of computation, and unveil methods of the right conclusion from an ocean of data.	Information Science, Cryptography and Information Security, Mathematical Logic, Artificial Intelligence, Automated Theorem Proving, Formal Methods, Theoretical Computer Science, Data Science, Distributed System, Algorithms, Information Theory
Next-generation Digital Infrastructure Research Area	Next-generation Digital Infrastructure Research Area performs research and graduate education on the fundamentals of ICT systems, to realize and extend comfortable, dependable, secure E-Society.	Smart City, Cyber Security, IoT, Internet, Information Systems, Embedded Systems, Software Engineering, Formal Methods, Next-generation Wireless and Sensor Communications, VSLI Design, AI Platform
Human Information Science Research Area	Investigating mechanisms of human information processing and applying them to the advanced information processing systems	Perceptual and Intelligent Information Processing, Social Signal Processing, Multimodality, Communication, Education/Learning Technology, Game Informatics, Natural Language Processing, Audio/speech Signal Processing, Image/video Signal Processing, Human Interface, Intelligent Robotics
Sustainable Innovation Research Area	To produce INNOVATION in building sustainable systems of environment, energy, economy, and society	Sustainable Energy, Thermoelectrics, Solar Cells, Silent Voice Sensing, Materials Informatics, Artificial Intelligence, Eco-friendly Process
Materials Chemistry Frontiers Research Area	Explore frontier of materials chemistry through molecular/atomic level design of new materials utilizing advanced knowledge in the field of chemistry	Nanomaterials Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Green Chemistry, Catalytic Chemistry, Energy Related Materials, Eco-friendly Materials, Biomaterials, Materials Informatics, Nano Machine, High-speed AFM Imaging, Rheology, Optically Functionalized Materials, Operando Analysis
Nanomaterials and Devices Research Area	Our mission is to study cutting-edge science and technology of nanomaterials and devices for the realization of sustainable super-smart society.	Nanoparticles, Nanowires, Two-dimensional Materials, Emerging Nanomaterials, Nanofabrication, Nanoimaging, Nanometrology, Nanospectroscopy, Quantum Technology, Sensing, Electronics, Spintronics, Nanopaper Devices, Organic Devices, Digital Transformation, Data-driven Materials Science, Soft Robotics, Tactile Sensing
Bioscience, Biotechnology, and Biomedical Engineering Research Area	We will investigate cutting-edge technologies based on understanding of biological functions, and develop their applications in biomedical fields.	Biotechnology, Biomedical, Protein, DNA/RNA, Biomembrane, Sugar Chain, Biomolecular Analysis, Artificial Biomolecule Creation, Biodevice, Gene Editing, Molecular Robotics

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AI & Wisdom Research Area	Exploring and uncovering the essence of wisdom and intelligence, researching AI that evolves with humanity, and expanding the potential of wisdom.	Wisdom Science, Computational Theory of Wisdom, AI for Science, Human-Centered AI, Human-AI Interaction, Knowledge Structuring, Natural Language Processing, Materials Informatics, Soft Robotics, Physical Intelligence, Computer Graphics, Image Generation AI, Human Augmentation, Multimodal Interaction, Social Signal Processing
Social System Management Research Area	Wisdom changes organisations and drives society. Through research, go to the forefront of human wisdom. With theory and practice, let's design a new era.	Knowledge management, technology management, service management, advanced science and technology policy, human wisdom, system design, well-being, public intelligence, risk innovation, disaster management, urban planning, sustainability, circular economy, resource management, service design anthropology, medical policy, business ethnography
Social Data and Media Research Area	Adventures of Knowing! Pioneering the Future of Data Science, Media, and Culture. Exploration of the Mind and Body, Information Technologies, and Social Systems through Creative Imagination.	Knowledge Sciences, Data Science, Interaction, Cybernetics, Artificial Intelligence, Multimedia, AR/MR/VR, Decision Science, Psychology, Cognitive Science, Educational Technology, Analytic Philosophy, Mathematical Sciences, Environmental Science, System Science, Network Science, Cultural Evolution, Persuasive Technology, Computer-Supported Cooperative Work, Creativity, Collective Intelligence, STEAM education
Computing Science Research Area	Study computation, know the limits of computation, and unveil methods of the right conclusion from an ocean of data.	Information Science, Cryptography and Information Security, Mathematical Logic, Artificial Intelligence, Automated Theorem Proving, Formal Methods, Theoretical Computer Science, Data Science, Distributed System, Algorithms, Information Theory
Next-generation Digital Infrastructure Research Area	Promoting research on next-generation information systems to enable future society and support human development.	Smart City, Cyber security, IoT, Internet, Information Systems, Embedded Systems, Software Engineering, Formal Methods, Next-generation Wireless and sensor Communications, VSLI Design, AI Platform
Human Information Science Research Area	Innovating mechanisms of human information processing and applying them to the advanced information processing systems.	Perceptual and Intelligent Information Processing, Social Signal Processing, Multimodality, Communication, Education/Learning Technology, Game Informatics, Natural Language Processing, Audio/speech Signal Processing, Image/video Signal Processing, Human Interface, Intelligent Robotics
Medical Science Research Area	Creating the future, at the forefront of medical materials innovation.	Biomaterials, Drug delivery systems, Tissue engineering, Nanomedicine, Precision medicine, Cell therapy, Next-generation cancer treatment, Anti-aging
Materials Chemistry Frontiers Research Area	Explore frontiers of materials chemistry for sustainable and wealthy society.	Carbon neutral, human well-being, energy-related materials, environmentally friendly materials, green chemistry, functional nanomaterials, polymers, catalysts, materials informatics, advanced measurement and analysis
Nanomaterials and Devices Research Area	Realization of a well-being society by promoting the cutting-edge science and technology of nanomaterial devices.	Nanoparticles x Bio Energy, Nanowires x Spin Devices, 2D Materials x Advanced Microscopy, Thermoelectric Materials, Nanoimaging x Spectroscopy, Spintronics x Quantum Sensing, Semiconductor Electronics x Device Measurement Technology, Organic Devices x Operando Analysis, Solar Cells x Longer Lifespan, Materials Science x DX
Bioscience, Biotechnology, and Biomedical Engineering Research Area	We will investigate cutting-edge technologies based on understanding of biological functions, and develop their applications in biomedical fields.	Biotechnology, Biomedical, Protein, DNA/RNA, Biomembrane, Sugar Chain, Biomolecular Analysis, Artificial Biomolecule Creation, Biodevice, Gene Editing, Molecular Robotics