

Fast-track Degree Completion for Doctoral Students (Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences)

1. Requirement

To achieve satisfactory academic progress for Fast-track Degree Completion, a JAIST student must fulfill all the following qualitative and quantitative standards:

- 1-1 . To complete all the credit requirements except for credits from Research Support Courses by 6 months prior to intended completion month.
- 1-2. To have two or more research papers, which the applicant took a role of first or corresponding author and submitted during his/her enrollment in Division of Transdisciplinary Sciences, published in or accepted to a peer-reviewed journal (limited to Scopus-listed) by 3 months prior to intended completion month.

2. Procedures

After obtaining the supervisor's approval, submit the prescribed forms to the Educational Service Section by their respective submission deadlines indicated below. You must check the detailed information in other announcements and notifications made by JAIST. The form of Application for Fast-track Degree Completion & Recommendation is available at the Educational Service Section. The fast-track degree completion in other duration than the below mentioned cannot be applied for.

3. Timeline

【For students enrolled in April】

	One-year completion (Completion in March of the first year)	1.5-year completion (Completion in September of the second year)	Two-year completion (Completion in March of the second year)	2.5-year completion (Completion in September of the third year)
Research proposal	End of June ※	End of November	End of March	End of March
Dissertation outline	Early July	Early January	Early July	Early January
Application for Fast-track Degree Completion & Recommendation Application for Preliminary Defense	Early October	Early April	Early October	Early April
Preliminary Defense	December	June	December	June
Application for conferment of degree	Early January	Early July	Early January	Early July
Final Defense	February	August	February	August
Degree conferment	March	September	March	September

※ As for one-year completion course, you must contact Educational Service Section by early April in order that the second supervisor will be assigned in May.

※ For students enrolled in October, the schedule above is shifted by six months.