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## Financial Support Policies for Nara Institute of Science and Technology Students

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Nara Institute of Science and Technology (Hereinafter referred to as “NAIST”) is a national graduate school institution without undergraduate programs that promotes cutting-edge research and educates students through advanced curriculum in order to contribute to developments in science and technology, and the advancement of society.

To achieve the above goals, NAIST actively admits highly motivated students both domestically and abroad that will rise to the challenge of advanced science and technology research and will pursue leading roles in society. For this, assisting prospective students in understanding the appeal and benefits of studying at NAIST is a very important issue. NAIST has established the policy of offering financial support as permitted to motivated students in order to further promote an environment conducive of academic pursuits and research without worrying about financial burdens, as part of the appeal of NAIST as an educational choice.

The following programs, etc. are to be implemented as financial support based on the above policy.

### 1. NAIST Excellent Student Scholarship Program (for doctoral course students)

Those 1<sup>st</sup> year doctoral students whose academic performance in the master’s course is recognized as outstanding and as having distinguished character may have the year’s tuition exempted in full. However, this program is not applicable to MEXT Scholarship recipients or NAIST International Scholar Program participants. Up to 15 students are eligible for this program every year

### 2. Financial support for students from the workforce (for doctoral course students)

Those doctoral students whose academic performance is recognized as outstanding and as having distinguished character may have their tuition exempted in full, and also receive a scholarship. Those employed part-time or by contract (those not employed in a fulltime permanent position) and those whose

tuition is being paid for by the company for which they are or were employed are not eligible for this support.

### 3. NAIST International Scholar Program (for doctoral course international students)

The following support is given to those students who passed the Screening of International Students by Special Recommendation and are privately financed international students. (International students other than those sponsored by or receiving scholarships from the Japanese or any other government)

- (1) Payment of transportation costs from their country to Japan
- (2) Employment as a Research Assistant
- (3) Entrance fee exemption
- (4) Tuition fee redemption
- (5) Other support as deemed necessary by the NAIST President

- The number of students to be supported is decided each year considering budget allocation.
- The period of support for this program is the 3 years residing in the doctoral course. However, no support is offered during leaves of absence.

### 4. Ministry of Education and Training Vietnam International Education Development Scholarship (VIED Scholar) Program (for Vietnamese students)

The following support is provided for those privately-financed international students that enter NAIST upon passing the screening held by Vietnam International Education Development of Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam.

- (1) NAIST examination fee exemption
- (2) Entrance fee exemption
- (3) Tuition fee exemption

- Up to 3 additional students may be eligible for this support each year.
- The period of support is limited to 2 years for the master's course and 3 years for the doctoral course.

### 5. Chinese Government Scholarship Program at NAIST (for Chinese (PRC) doctoral students)

The following support is provided for those privately-financed international students that enter the NAIST doctoral course as Chinese Government Scholarship Program Doctoral Research Students under the China Scholarship Council

- (1) NAIST examination fee exemption
- (2) Entrance fee exemption
- (3) Tuition fee exemption

- Up to 3 additional students may be eligible for this support each year.
- The period of support is limited to the standard period of study for the doctoral course.

6. Tuition Exemption Program for students facing financial difficulties (For master's and doctoral students)

The exemption screening is held for each exemption group of the master's and doctoral courses, and all those deemed eligible by financial and academic standards have half their tuition exempted, within bounds of the total amount determined for each of the programs.

In cases when there is still funding available after all the eligible master's students have received exemption of half of their tuition, doctoral students found to be in great financial need may receive full exemption of their tuition in order of that need.

7. Priority TA/RA Assistantship Program (for 5-Year Integrated Course and doctoral course students)

- Financial support equivalent to half of tuition fees is provided from the second year of the master's course through TA/RA assistantship support, and additional support may be made available according to the characteristics of student research areas.

8. Prioritized dormitory housing (for 5-Year Integrated Course and doctoral course students)

- Students who plan to continue their studies in the doctoral program at NAIST (only when this is expressed at the time of master's course enrollment) and doctoral students are given priority to reside in the dormitories if they desire to do so.

9. Priority recommendation for Jasso student loans (Type I & II student loans) [for 5-Year Integrated Course students]

Prioritized recommendation is given to 5-Year Integrated Course students who wish to receive JASSO student loans and fulfill the necessary requirements for them.