

International Student Admission

Enrollment at Niigata University can be split into two main categories: Degree-seeking Students and Non Degree-seeking Students. The screening process for prospective students varies accordingly.

DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

Degree-seeking Students are those who intend to obtain an undergraduate or a graduate degree.

Undergraduate Program

Normally a 4-year program (a 6-year program for the School of Medicine and the School of Dentistry) of study, resulting in the conferral of a Bachelor's degree upon acquisition of the prescribed number of credits.

The new semester begins in April. The classes and examinations at each of the departments at Niigata University are conducted in Japanese.

Applying for Special Selection as a Privately-funded International Student

Applications to Niigata University are accepted at the end of January every year, with selection taking place at the end of February. Applicants will be selected based on their results of the "Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students" (EJU) and examination at Niigata University, and their TOEFL results depending on the program.

Other Application Processes

- Apply through general selection, as would a Japanese person
- Apply as an International Student funded by the Japanese Government (Recipient of a Japanese government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, "MEXT") scholarship)

Master's Program

Normally a 2-year program of study, resulting in the conferral of a Master's degree upon acquisition of the prescribed number of credits required for the relevant course, receipt of the required guidance, and success in final and thesis examinations.

The new semester begins in April or October. (Some faculties only accept enrollment in April.) Some courses are taught in English. Entrance exam contents vary by faculty.

Doctorate Program

Normally a 3-year program (a 4-year program for the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences) of study, resulting in the conferral of a Doctorate upon acquisition of the prescribed number of credits required for the relevant course, receipt of the required guidance, and success in final and thesis examinations.

The new semester begins in April or October. (Some faculties only accept enrollment in April.) Some courses are taught in English. Entrance exam contents vary by faculty.

Professional Program

Niigata University provides two special programs ; Graduate School for Management of Technology (a 2-year program) and Law School (a 3-year program).

The new semester begins in April. The entrance examinations and most of the classes are conducted in Japanese.

NON DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

Non Degree-seeking Students are those who attend classes or receive research supervision but who elect not to seek a degree. The new semester usually begins in April or October.

Auditing Students

Auditing Students are those who take undergraduate or graduate classes at Niigata University.

Application Requirements

Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent.

With regard to application procedures, please contact the undergraduate or graduate office for more information about our programs.

Research Students

Research Students are those who conduct undergraduate or graduate research at Niigata University.

Many international applicants use this option during the preparatory phase for the graduate school entrance examinations.

Application Requirements

Undergraduate Research Students:	Those who have an undergraduate level degree or those who are deemed to have equivalent academic ability.
Graduate School Master's Program Research Students:	Those who have completed a graduate school Master's program or those who are deemed to have equivalent academic ability.
Graduate School Doctorate Program Research Students:	Those who have completed a graduate school Doctorate program or those who are deemed to have equivalent academic ability.

For more details, please contact the relevant faculty or graduate school directly.

Special Auditing Students

Special Auditing Students are those who take undergraduate or graduate classes at Niigata University but who are enrolled at another university (international students from universities having exchange programs with Niigata University).

Special Auditing Students are accepted based on student international exchange arrangements between Niigata University and foreign universities (after discussion). Students interested in this application option should contact their current university's international exchange department.

Special Research Students (Graduate Level)

Special Research Students are those who conduct postgraduate research in a special field at Niigata University but who are enrolled in another university (international students from universities having exchange programs with Niigata University).

A Special Research Student is accepted based on student international exchange arrangements between Niigata University and the university where the student is enrolled (after discussion). Students interested in this application option should contact their current university's international exchange department.

International Student Admission

Tuition

As of January 2013

	Application fee (yen)	Admission fee (yen)	Tuition per year (yen)
Degree-seeking students (Undergraduate)	17,000	282,000	535,800
Degree-seeking students (Graduate)	30,000	282,000	535,800
Degree-seeking students (Law School)	30,000	282,000	804,000
Research Students	9,800	84,600	29,700 (per month)
Auditing Students	9,800	28,200	14,800 (per credit)
Special Auditing Students	—	—	14,800 (per credit)
Special Research Students (Graduate Level)	—	—	29,700 (per month)

Tuition and Fee Waivers for International Students

International students meeting certain academic standards who are facing financial difficulties may apply for an exemption of all or half tuition and admission fees.

Fee waivers are awarded based on demonstrated academic ability and financial need of the students.

Scholarships

There are a variety of scholarships available for international students needing financial assistance. Below is a list of the many types of scholarships,

◆ Niigata University Scholarships: Privately Funded International Student Scholarships offered by Niigata University
◆ Other Scholarships: Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, “MEXT”) Scholarships, Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarships, Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship, Privately Financed Foreign Students Scholarship (Niigata International Association), JGC-S SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, etc.