



Graduate School of Science & Engineering  
**Energy System-Information Technology Innovation  
International Professional Program**

**Doctoral Course**  
**2027**

**OVERVIEW**

As a part of the International Graduate Program at Saitama University, **Energy System-Information Technology Innovation (ESITI) International Professional Program** at the Graduate School of Science and Engineering offers highly qualified students the opportunity to conduct research and pursue doctoral studies in the field of Engineering leading to a Doctor of Philosophy/ Engineering / Science\*.

This Program is designed to cover a wide range of research fields in **Electrical & Electronics, Informatics and Mechanical Engineering**. The program begins in April or October and requires a standard three-year residency for the completion of a doctoral degree. Classes, research supervision, theses, reports, exams, and presentations are all conducted in English.

\*The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree, the Doctor of Engineering (D.Eng.), the Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) degree are awarded based on the content of the thesis.

**1. ELIGIBILITY**

**(A) MEXT Scholarship University Recommendation**

An applicant must:

- have or expected to have a master's degree before enrollment
- be a national of a country that has diplomatic relations with the Japanese Government
- be under 35 years of age as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027 (i.e. born on or after April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1992)
- have excellent academic achievements
- have a proof of one's English language proficiency (equivalent to CEFR B2 Level: IELTS 5.5 or above in 4 skills, TOEFL iBT 72 or above)
- be in good mental and physical health
- reside outside Japan at the time of application and not hold Japanese nationality
- be able to come to Saitama University by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027
- have NOT been an awardee of the Japanese Government Scholarship during the last three years

**(B) Privately funded Student**

An applicant must:

- have or expected to have a master's degree before enrollment
- have excellent academic achievements
- have a proof of one's English language proficiency (equivalent to CEFR B2 Level: IELTS 5.5 or above in 4 skills, TOEFL iBT 72 or above)
- be in good mental and physical health.
- reside outside Japan at the time of application

NOTE: If you have already obtained a scholarship or other form of financial support, please submit documents that prove you are financially able to cover your living and study expenses while enrolled at Saitama University.

\***Applicants who are residing in Japan at the time of application** must apply for regular admission to the Graduate School of Science & Engineering. The procedures are different from ESITI program. Such candidates are advised to contact the Graduate School directly for further details. Please note that the application deadlines are also different.

<http://www.saitama-u.ac.jp/rikogaku/en/admission/news.html>

**2. SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE**

Evaluation of applications will be based on the candidate's scholastic ability and research potential assessed from previous credentials, recommendation letters and essays on specific topics. During the selection process, short-listed candidates will be contacted through internet-based interviews or other appropriate means.

Details for these interviews and exams will be sent out to short-listed candidates.

**3. MEXT Scholarship Benefits**

- Monthly allowance 148,000JPY

(This amount includes a supplemental regional allowance of 3,000 JPY per month.)

- 3 years doctoral course application fee, admission fee and tuition fee are exempted
- Return air tickets from one's home country to Japan

#### 4. FEES (Privately-funded students)

- Application Fee: 30,000 yen upon application
- Admission Fee: 282,000 yen upon admission
- Tuition Fee: 642,960 yen per year

\* Tuition fees should be paid in two installments: one in the Spring semester and one in the Autumn semester. (321,480yen/Spring semester + 321,480yen/Autumn semester)

#### 5. Application Deadlines

Under MEXT Scholarship University Recommendation (October 2027 Intake)  
**November 30, 2026**

Privately funded student  
April 2027 Intake: **October 31, 2026**

October 2027 Intake: **April 15, 2027**

#### 6. APPLICATION & ADIMSSION FLOW

##### (A) MEXT Scholarship Application

STEP 1	Obtain the agreement from a professor to become your supervisor (Available courses and faculty members are listed on our website. <a href="https://park.saitama-u.ac.jp/~rese/courses.html">https://park.saitama-u.ac.jp/~rese/courses.html</a> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ If necessary, please inform us of the professor's name, and we can provide their contact details.</li><li>➢ <b><u>Our office does not recommend any specific supervisor. Please note that applicants are expected to take the initiative to contact their desired supervisor directly.</u></b></li></ul>
STEP 2	Send all the required documents to ESITI Admission Office by email ( <a href="mailto:rese@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp">rese@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp</a> ) Required documents are listed 6. <b>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS</b> (Deadlines: November 30, 2026)
STEP 3	<b><u>Mid December ~ Early January</u></b> Short-listed candidates are contacted by the admission office for the Internet-based interviews with the admission team members.
STEP 4	<b><u>Early February</u></b> The notification of results to successful applicants
STEP 5	<b><u>Early July</u></b> Notice of Official Approval from MEXT be issued.
STEP 6	<b><u>Mid July ~ Early August</u></b> Application for Student Visa at Japan Embassy Application for University Dormitory Flight tickets arranged by Saitama University
STEP 7	<b><u>October 1st, 2027</u></b> Entrance Ceremony -Program begins-

## **(B) Privately funded students**

<b>STEP 1</b>	Obtain the agreement from a professor to become your supervisor (Available courses and faculty members are listed on our website. <a href="https://park.saitama-u.ac.jp/~rese/courses.html">https://park.saitama-u.ac.jp/~rese/courses.html</a> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ If necessary, please inform us of the professor's name, and we can provide their contact details.</li><li>➤ <b><u>Our office does not recommend any specific supervisor. Please note that applicants are expected to take the initiative to contact their desired supervisor directly.</u></b></li></ul>
<b>STEP 2</b>	Send all the required documents to ESITI Admission Office by email ( <a href="mailto:rese@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp">rese@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp</a> ) Required documents are listed <b>6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS</b> (Deadlines: October intake 4/15, April Intake 10/31)
<b>Payment of Application Fee (30,000JPY)</b>	
<b>STEP 3</b>	Internet-based interviews with your potential supervisor and admission team members. (Admission office will contact you for the schedule.)
<b>STEP 4</b>	Announcement of the result (October intake -1 <sup>st</sup> week of June / April intake – 1 <sup>st</sup> week of December)
<b>STEP 5</b>	Application for Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by Saitama University. (It will take about 2 months for COE to be issued.)
<b>STEP 6</b>	Application for Student Visa at Japan Embassy by you in your country
<b>STEP 7</b>	Program begins Entrance ceremony (October intake 10/1 / April intake 4/1)

**Payment of  
Admission Fee (282,000JPY)  
Tuition Fee (642,960JPY)**  
\*Admission Fee Exemption, Tuition Waiver,  
Postponement of Payment applicable at the  
beginning of the first term.

### **7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

Please send all the required documents listed below to the Foreign Student Office by email ([rese@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp](mailto:rese@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp)) first. Applicants who reach the final selection stage will be requested to send the original documents to us via an international courier service such as EMS.

As for the two recommendation letters, those must be emailed directly from each recommender to the Foreign Student Office ([rese@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp](mailto:rese@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp)).

### **Both MEXT Scholarship and Privately funded applicants must submit the followings.**

- ① **Application form (Form A)** with a photo taken in the last 6 months
- ② **Field of Study and Research Plan (Form B)**
- ③ **Grading Certificate (Transcript) of Bachelor & Master's degree**
  - **An explanation of the grading system** must be attached (e.g., A = Excellent, B = Good, C = Fair).
  - **MEXT Scholarship applicants** whose grades cannot be evaluated under the standard grading system are required to obtain a recommendation letter from the Dean of the Faculty explaining their grade ranking within the institution.

- ④ **Graduation Certificate of Bachelor & Master's degree**
- ⑤ **Abstract of Graduation thesis** (master's program)
  - It must be a brief summary (no more than one A4 page) of the most recent thesis you wrote, or, if no thesis was written, a graduation project or term paper.
- ⑥ **Copy of passport** page containing the applicant's name and date of birth
  - Copy of your family register or residence certificate is acceptable.
- ⑦ **Certificate of English Proficiency** (Official score of TOEFL iBT or IELTS)
  - The score must be taken within the past two years.
  - Applicants whose master's program was instructed in English may submit an official certificate or letter verifying that English was the medium of instruction instead of an English proficiency certificate.
- ⑧ **Two Letters of Recommendation**
  - **The letters must be addressed to "The President of Saitama University"**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> letter from the Dean of Faculty or equivalent or higher position of your institution**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> letter from the applicant's supervisor or a person of equivalent**
  - The letter must be sent as an email attachment by the recommender directly to the Admissions Office (rese@gr.saitama-u.ac.jp) from their official institutional email address.
  - The letter may be written either on the institute's official letterhead or using the ESITI program's standard form.

**In addition, Privately-funded applicants must submit the followings.**

- ⑨ **Payment receipt of application fee (30,000JPY)**
  - For details regarding payment procedures, please contact our office.
- ⑩ **Certificate of Scholarship or other financial support** (if any)
  - Those who have already secured a scholarship or other financial support, please provide evidence of the ability to bear the expenses during one's study at Saitama University.

**Note: All documents need to be in English or attached with English translation.**

**8. OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **The JASSO Scholarship for Privately Funded International Students** is awarded to students with excellent academic achievement and character who have received pre-arrival admission to a graduate school.  
[https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/scholarship\\_j/shoreihi/yoyaku\\_tonichimae.html](https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/scholarship_j/shoreihi/yoyaku_tonichimae.html)
- Other scholarships are available after enrollment. Information on these scholarships is provided on the website of Saitama University's Office of International Affairs. (<http://en.saitama-u.ac.jp/studentlife/scholarship/>)

**9. CONTACT ADDRESS:**

Foreign Student Office of ESITI Program (ESITI-FSO)  
 Graduate School of Science and Engineering  
 Saitama University  
 255 Shimo-Okubo, Sakura-ku  
 Saitama, Japan 338-8570

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