Institute of Science Tokyo

AOTULE SUMMER PROGRAM

Call for Applications

Exchange period: Tuesday 1 June, 2027 – Tuesday 31 August, 2027

Venue: Tokyo/Yokohama, Japan



Main Building & Library, Ookayama Campus, Tokyo

Host university

Institute of Science Tokyo: https://www.isct.ac.jp/en

Host schools

School of Engineering:

https://www.isct.ac.jp/en/001/about/organizations/school-of-engineering

School of Materials and Chemical Technology:

https://www.isct.ac.jp/en/001/about/organizations/school-of-materials-and-chemical-technology

School of Environment and Society:

https://www.isct.ac.jp/en/001/about/organizations/school-of-environment-and-society



Yokohama Campus, Yokohama



Ookayama Campus, Tokyo

Asia-Oceania Top University League on Engineering

The Asia-Oceania Top University League on Engineering (AOTULE), founded in 2007, is a league of 13 premier engineering universities within Asia-Oceania region. The AOTULE promotes inter-university cooperation through joint programs including an annual Dean's meeting, student workshop and exchanges of students and staff, in order to improve the quality of engineering education and research of the members. It aims to broaden participating students' perspectives through education, research and cross-cultural interactions.



AOTULE Conference, November 2019, Ookayama Campus, Tokyo

PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND AIM

https://www.aotule.i.isct.ac.jp/

Starting in 2008, Science Tokyo AOTULE Summer Program has been hosting 199 students from the AOTULE Member-Universities. In this three-month research-oriented program, participants will pursue their research project individually under the supervision of one of Science Tokyo's faculty members while experiencing international collaborative work in the supervisor's laboratory. Furthermore, the students will also have the opportunity to learn about state-of-the-art technology in Japan and the basic Japanese language through coursework. Beyond research, the program aims to build strong networks and personal connections across Asia and Oceania in the field of engineering for the future. Therefore, participants are expected to actively communicate and foster a strong sense of unity with fellow students through program events and daily life.

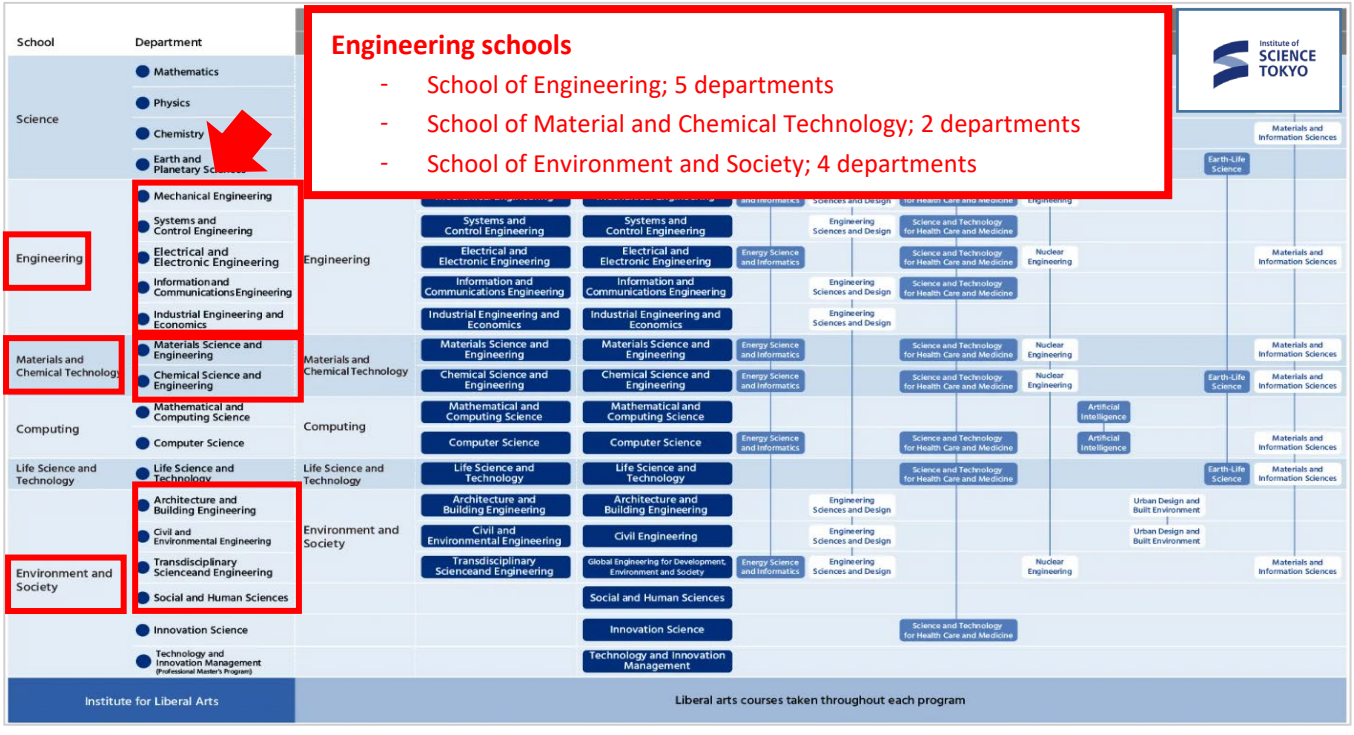


Japanese Language Course



Memorable moments with program mates

HOST ENGINEERING SCHOOLS



https://www.isct.ac.jp/en/011/education/relationship

VENUE

https://www.isct.ac.jp/en/001/about/campuses-and-offices

Ookayama Campus 2-12-1 Ookayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo

Yokohama Campus 4259 Nagatsuta-cho, Midori-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa

EXCHANGE PERIOD

Tuesday 1 June, 2027 to Tuesday 31 August, 2027

- Participants are required to arrive at our designated dormitory on 1 June 2027 and depart on 31 August 2027*.
- During the exchange period, participants should stay in Japan except in the case of emergencies (e.g., severe health or family issues)**.
- Participation in all scheduled courses and events is mandatory***.

*Late arrival and early departure are strictly prohibited.

**Even leaving Japan for short periods—such as to attend international conferences—will also be prohibited.

***Absences from those courses and events—even for reasons such as attending an international conference—are prohibited.



Railway Technical Research Institute Visit



Japanese Culture Experience

SCHOLARSHIP (Daily Allowance)

Daily allowance* is provided by Science Tokyo or the Japanese Government Fund (JASSO). The allowance is typically disbursed once a month. As the initial payout may take some time due to administrative procedures, participants are advised to secure sufficient personal funds prior to arrival. Please note that the designated payment dates are fixed and cannot be changed for personal reasons.

*The amount is yet to be determined. For your reference, the amount in the 2026 program was approximately JPY 2,000/day.

TUITION FEES

Tuition fees for the program are waived.

STUDENT VISA

All participants, including those from visa waiver countries, must apply for a ‘Student Visa’ as soon as their Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is issued upon receiving an acceptance notification.

AIR TICKETS

Participants are required to purchase their airline tickets to/from Japan at their own expense and to notify our coordinator of the flight details.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants must stay at a designated dormitory sponsored by Science Tokyo.

*Accommodation is provided for the exchange students only. Science Tokyo cannot provide/help find accommodation for his/her family or others accompanying the participants. Also, some students may be required to share a double room with another student.

COURSEWORK AND EVENTS

In addition to research activity under your host supervisor, participants are required to complete designated coursework and events such as visiting research institutes and companies, Japanese language class (only for beginners), Japanese culture experience, visiting a nearby elementary school, and social events. Furthermore, there is a two-day workshop (The 18th Multidisciplinary International Student Workshop (MISW2027), where the participants present and discuss their work as well as introduce their home institution to Science Tokyo students. Full attendance is mandatory.

*Reference: MISW2026 https://www.aotule.i.isct.ac.jp/MISW/2026/



Group Game Activity at MISW Workshop



AOTULE Student Award Winners

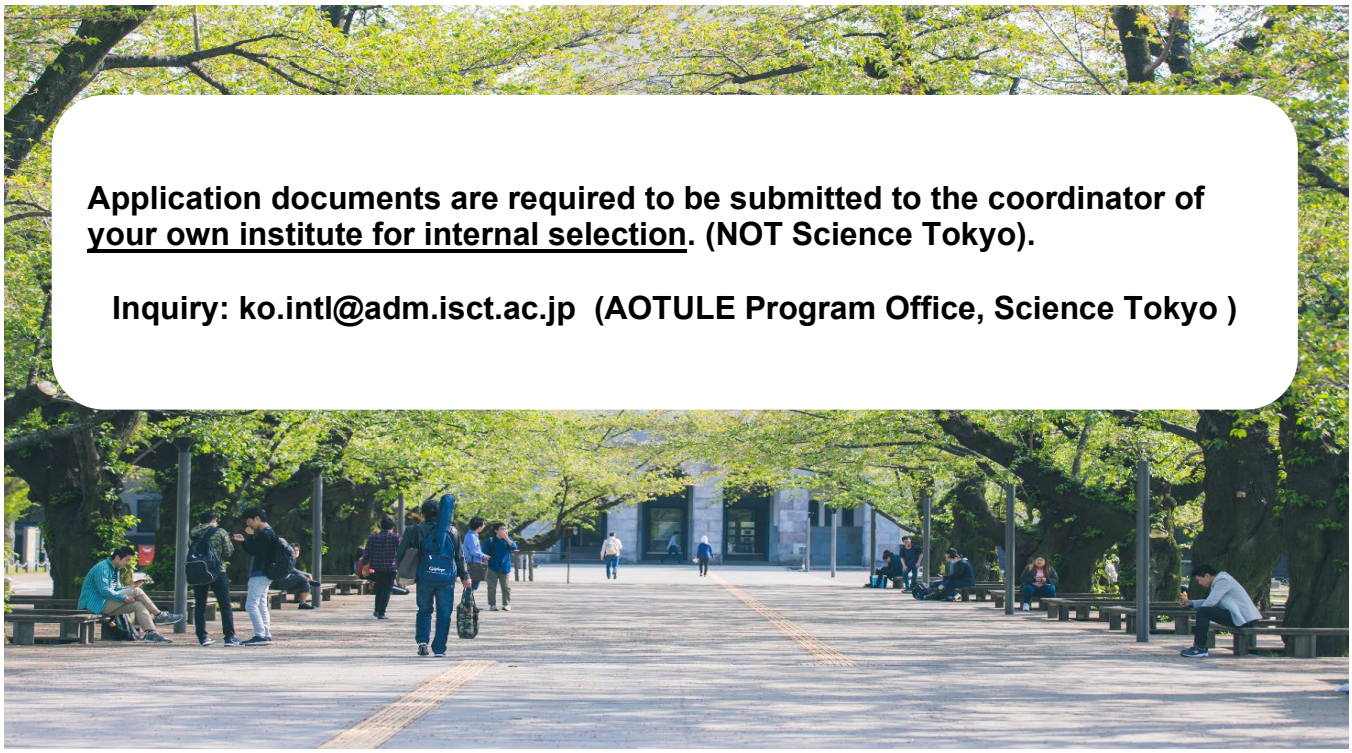
CERTIFICATE

A program completion certificate will be issued upon completion of the program, provided that the host supervisor and program committee have confirmed the satisfactory completion of research work, coursework, and full attendance at required events.

INSURANCE

It is mandatory for all exchange students to enroll in the Science Tokyo On-campus Accident/Liability Insurance. Please carefully note that students are responsible for payment of their premium upon arrival. In addition, students are required to join the National Health Insurance System in Japan. Furthermore, we highly recommend that students purchase medical/travel insurance in advance in their home country.

The selection result will be notified by end-January 2027



Application documents are required to be submitted to the coordinator of <u>your own institute for internal selection</u>. (NOT Science Tokyo).

Inquiry: ko.intl@adm.isct.ac.jp (AOTULE Program Office, Science Tokyo)