Research Students (Kenkyusei)

The Graduate School of Marine Science & Technology is accepting applications from persons who wish to study as Research Students (*Kenkyusei*) from April 2026.

1. Qualifications

Applicants are required to have completed 16 years of formal education or to have equivalent qualifications.

In the latter case, applicants will be required to sit a preliminary examination. Please consult the officer in charge for further details by January 6, 2026.

It is necessary to submit a reason book made by the expected supervisor.

2. Application Period

[Foreign Application (person whose address at the time of application is outside Japan)] January 15, 2026 - January 30, 2026 [Domestic Application (person whose address at the time of application is in Japan)] February 12, 2026 - March 5, 2026 Applicants are required to submit application forms and supporting documents to the offices listed below.

As a general rule, applications must be submitted by mail (registered mail) and must arrive by the deadline.

In addition, please inform Graduate School Affairs Section of Academic Affairs Division with the tracking number when shipping.

Applicants who applied for the " 2026 Master's Program Student Recruitment (Second Recruitment) " can apply during the [Domestic Application] period regardless of whether the address at the time of application for the research student is in Japan or overseas.

3. Application destination

Graduate School Section of Academic Affairs Division, Graduate School of Marine Science and Technology, Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology

1st Floor, Lecture Room Bldg (Kogito), Shinagawa Campus

4-5-7, Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-8477, Japan

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4. Application procedure

Please apply after obtaining the acceptance consent from the faculty member of the graduate school whom you wishes to receive guidance.

Application documents will be distributed as data from the faculty member of the graduate school whom you wishes to receive guidance.

Please transfer the examination fee and submit the application documents within the application period.

■Examination Fee

9,800 JPY (subject to change)

■Documents for Submission

	Application documents	Remarks
1	Application Form for Research Students (<i>Kenkyusei</i>)	Use the prescribed forms. A photograph "4 cm \times 3 cm in size, taken within the last 3 months, full-face (from the chest up, without a hat), with the applicant's name and nationality written on the back" should be pasted in the space provided on the application form.
2	Research Plan	Use the prescribed forms. Documents must be made by Japanese or English.
3	Curriculum Vitae	Use the prescribed forms. Documents must be made by Japanese or English.
4	Official Certificate of Graduation / Expected Graduation issued by the school in which the applicant was last enrolled	Applicants who have graduated or expect to graduate from a Master's course are also required to submit an official certificate of Bachelor's degree. Documents not in Japanese or English must be accompanied by Japanese or English translations.
5	Official Academic Transcript	Issued by the school in which the applicant was last enrolled. Documents not in Japanese or English must be accompanied by Japanese or English translations.
6	Copy of Diploma	Documents not in Japanese or English must be accompanied by Japanese or English translations.
7	Reason Book made by the expected Supervisor (There is no prescribed style.)	("2.Qualifications, in the latter case" only.) A reason book that are judged "the Applicant received the equivalent qualifications to the education of 16 years." by the expected supervisor.
8	Letter of Recommendation made by only Japanese or English	(Overseas applicants only.) Use the prescribed form. The letter should be in a sealed envelope. The letter should be written by a person who can give objective evaluation of the applicant's research and ability to study, such as the applicant's supervisor or employer (except Japanese language school's teacher).
9	Report of the Interview with the Prospective Supervisor	(Overseas applicants only.) Use the prescribed form. You should submit this document if you have an interview with a member of the teaching staff at TUMSAT. After the interview, the teaching staff member will re-seal the envelope. You will submit the letter to the officer in charge together with other documents.
10	Residence Record (Jyuminhyo)	(Overseas applicants residing in Japan only.) Issued by the head administrator of the city or other district. (The name entered on this certificate must be used on all submitted forms.) If you have not yet arrived in Japan at the time of application, please submit this document after your arrival.
11	Copy of Passport	(Overseas applicants only.) Include the pages showing your name and photo.
12	Payment Certificate of Examination Fee	Please submit "Mount for Payment Certificate of Examination Fee (9,800 JPY) with the Bank transfer certificate.
13	Address Statement Card	Write your address and zip code in Japan clearly on the prescribed form.

■Note

- 1. If you provide false information or fail to provide required information in your application form and/or supporting documents, admission may be canceled.
- 2. Once an application form has been submitted, it cannot be returned under any circumstances.
- 3. With respect to certificates (certificate of health, certificate of graduation, etc.), you must submit the originals (not copies).
- 4. Where necessary, we will refer any submitted documents for verification of authenticity by either the publisher.
- 5. Examination fees cannot be returned except in the following circumstances:
- 1) Non-receipt of application or rejection of application after payment of the fee.
- 2) Double payments by mistake.
- 6. Registration and tuition fees are subject to change.
- 7. To Research Students (*Kenkyusei*), "certificate for student discount tickets (*gakuwari*)" and "certificate for the acquisition of a student commuter's pass" are not issued.
- 8. We will not use any personal information contained in the submitted documents for any purpose other than candidate selection, etc.

Research Students (Kenkyusei) are non-regular students and cannot earn credits of subjects or receive degrees.

5. Selection

Selection of applicants is based on comprehensive examination of submitted documents by a committee of faculty members.

Applicants are required to contact their expected supervisors in advance for application.

6. Results Announcement

[Foreign Application (person whose address at the time of application is outside Japan)] February 20, 2026, at 10:00

[Domestic Application (person whose address at the time of application is in Japan)] March 9, 2026, at 10:00

A pass letter of advice and the documents about the entrance to school procedure are sent to a passer.

In addition, the passer is posted on bulletin board.

Shinagawa campus: The bulletin board between the Lecture Room Bldg (Kogito) and the University Hall (Daigakukaikan)

Etchujima campus: The bulletin board in front of the Number 1 Bldg (Ichigokan)

Because it is not notified to an unsuccessful applicant, please confirm a notice by all means.

You cannot know the results announcement over telephones.

7. Admission procedure

We will send documents related to admission procedures along with a letter of acceptance to the passer.

University registration fee and tuition fee are as follows.

University registration fee 84,600 JPY (subject to change)

Tuition fee (for 6 Months) 178,200 JPY (subject to change)

* If you do not pay the university registration fee by the specified date, your admission will be cancelled.

8. Research Period

From April 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026 [6 Months] or from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 [1 Year]

If you wish to continue your research after the initial period, you must apply for and obtain permission to extend your research period.

The details will be provided via your supervisor at a later date.

9. Contact information

[General matters for research student application]

Graduate School Section, Academic Affairs Division, Student Affairs Department

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[About various payments]

Fund Management Section, Finance Division, Finance Department

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