

Toyota Technological Institute (TTI) JAPAN

Research Internship Program in Academic Year 2025

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| Outline | On-site research internship with scholarship Intern students are allowed to audit courses when permitted by TTI supervisor and course lecturers. No credit granted. |
| Program Duration/Time | Minimum of 30 days (including weekends), up to 10 months From June 2025 to March 2026 *August and December-January each include 10-day holiday at TTI. *TTI scholarship is granted for up to 90 days. Intern students can engage in the program longer (up to 10 months) based on mutual agreement with TTI supervisor. The expenses from day 91 onwards are to be covered by the intern students themselves. |
| Application Requirements | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To be enrolled in a doctoral, master's, or undergraduate program at TTI's partner universities. Since the internship is focused on research activities which require certain level of background knowledge and initiative, undergraduate students need to have at least one year of research experience in a relevant field. 2. To have good academic results. Graduate students in a master's program and undergraduate students are required to have either <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Japanese proficiency – equivalent to JLPT N2 level or above, or b) English proficiency – equivalent to TOEFL iBT score of 61 or above *Those short of the required score may still apply if they have adequate command of either Japanese or English on a practical level. Their language proficiency will be assessed by a TTI faculty member through an online interview during the screening process. 3. To be able to stay and engage in the program at TTI for 30 days or longer (including weekends). 4. To submit to TTI a statement of strong motivation for research and studies (personal statement/motivation letter) 5. To be nominated by home university as academically outstanding student 6. To have interest in enrolling in the doctoral program or the master's program at TTI in the future 7. To not receive scholarship from home university or other organizations specifically for TTI research internship program |
| Intern Students' Field of Study | Mechanical Engineering, Materials Science, Informatics, Electrical & Electronic Engineering - should be relevant to the research internship topic |
| Number of Students accepted by TTI | One student per university *The number may fluctuate depending on the availability of intern positions In principle, a TTI host laboratory may not accept students from the same laboratory in the students' home university two years in a row. |
| Tuition | For Research Internship at TTI: Waived |
| TTI Scholarship | Fixed amount (sum of A and B) is granted to each intern student: A) 2,850JPY/day (from the first till the last day spent for internship activities at TTI, including weekends in between. Up to 90 days) - The amount is approximately equivalent to dormitory rent, energy bill, and meal expenses that an intern student is expected to require. B) Up to 80,000JPY - to cover partial international travel fares |
| Accommodation | Furnished dormitory provided by TTI for 31,000JPY/month + electric bill (subject to availability). When filled, TTI will assist the search for suitable accommodation. |

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| Insurance | Medical/personal liability/international travel insurance to be purchased by intern students or their home university | |
| TTI Evaluation | Research report in English at the end of the program | |
| Student Selection Process | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TTI advertises possible intern positions to selected partner universities 2. Students apply for intern positions at their home university 3. Partner universities select eligible applicants, and nominate candidates to TTI - TTI receives the complete set of application documents at this stage. 4. TTI screens the nominated students based on motivation for research, relevant research/project experiences, English(and/or Japanese) proficiency, and academic standing, among others - TTI may ask the nominated students to take part in an online interview with the possible supervisor(s) at this stage. 5. TTI announces the screening result to partner universities 6. Selected students discuss with TTI supervisor(s) and fix internship period | |
| Internship Program Arrangement Timeframe | By early Dec | TTI advertises intern position(s) to partner universities |
| | Dec – Jan | Advertisement, student application, and selection at partner universities |
| | By mid Feb | Partner universities nominate students to TTI |
| | Late Mar | TTI notifies the selection result to partner universities |
| | Early Apr | Selected students fix internship length and starting month |
| | Apr – May or later | Travel arrangements between intern students and TTI, including Certificate of Eligibility and visa application when applicable |
| | Jun or later | Start of internship |
| Virtual Teaching | Not available at TTI | |
| Agreement Required | The program is executed based on the existing Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement between partner universities and TTI - No additional one required. | |
| Other Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To participate in research internship at TTI, students are required to take health/safety measures imposed by the Japanese government. ● TTI may withdraw/postpone the offer for intern position(s) depending on circumstances. | |
| Documents Required by TTI for Student Nomination | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application Form - format specified by TTI 2. Letter certifying students' enrolment to the applicant's home university 3. Recommendation letter written by the academic advisor or student selection committee chair (or the like) in the applicant's home university. 4. Curriculum Vitae (and the list of research achievements if any) 5. Academic transcript(s) in English *All the transcripts including those of undergraduate course to the latest one available. 6. Motivation Statement - format specified by TTI 7. Copy of certificate of English/Japanese proficiency (if any) 8. A letter from an academic staff or home institution certifying student's NOT receiving any scholarship from home university or other organizations specifically for TTI research internship program - this letter does not need to be independently issued, if the fact is written on a recommendation letter (document #3). | |