

Briefing (2022.9.14) Q&A

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1	What exactly is the concept of a smart society in the application form for the fellowship? (like Society 5.0) Or is it something that also includes an unknown society that you think will come about through unknown innovations?	-	You can have a specific concept like Society 5.0, or you can take smart society as a general concept.
2	I have already earned credits for some courses in the Special Master's Program in Data Science and AI, but they are not part of the standard course of study. Do I need to take these courses again?	-	Regarding 600-level courses for 8 compulsory subjects and 8 elective compulsory subjects such as "Fundamentals of progressive data science", you can count the corresponding 400-level courses such as "Fundamentals of data science" that you took in master's degree program for 8 credits of fellowship study program. When taking the remaining credits in the doctoral program, please take the 600-level courses. By the way, in order to be certified with Progressive Graduate Minor in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence for the doctoral courses, you need to take all the 600-level courses.
3	Is there any tax issue for the fellowship?	-	Since the fellowship research dedication support fund is treated as miscellaneous income under tax law, you need to file a final tax return at the end of the fiscal year.
4	Is it correct to assume that the fellowship selection will be done only by the people in the previous slide? Is it correct to assume that the application forms will not be read by people who are close to my major (e.g., professors in the same department)?	-	Your application will be first reviewed by each school you belong to. Then, the fellowship committee will make the final selection.
5	I understand that the fall 2023 application period for cross-border projects will be the last, but is the same true for fellowships?	-	This fellowship will be subsidized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology until the fall of 2025. No plan is decided after that.
6	As a phd student enrolled in April, would it be possible to get the Human Resources fellowship?	-	The application this time is open to the doctoral students entering in September 2022 or April 2023. Unfortunately, those who enrolled in April 2022 do not permit to apply.
7	As a phd student enrolled in April, I failed the application of Human Resources Fellowship. Would it be possible for me to get or apply for it again?	-	You can apply only for the fellowship when you enter the doctoral program. Note that there is a possibility that you will be hired due to vacancies.
8	The application form requires the signature of the faculty member who will accept me. How do I fill out the form if my doctoral advisor has not been confirmed?	Please discuss your research plan with the faculty member by whom you wish to be supervised, and obtain his/her signature of approval for your application.	(Same as Cross border Project)
9	Is this the only time you will be hiring for Spring 2023? I have to change my laboratory due to the retirement of a professor in my current laboratory, and I am having trouble making a research plan for my doctoral program.	This is the only chance we will be accepting applications for spring 2023 hiring. Please determine your PhD supervisor as soon as possible.	(Same as Cross border Project)
10	Regarding the contents of the application form, am I correct in assuming that research achievements from your undergraduate days cannot be included? Also, what is the scope of your research achievements? (For example, lectures, qualifications, etc. for research not conducted in the current master's program).	As for the research achievements, please fill in the achievements after the master's course, as indicated in the notes on the application form.	(Same as Cross border Project)
11	if i change my research major, do it have influence for me to apply this two program?	Changing majors at the time of admission does not affect the selection process for the cross-border project.	(Same as Cross border Project)
12	I have a question about filling out the application form. When the selection committee members see the application form, will they be given a color version? We are asking this in order to determine whether the application should be written in black and white or color.	The application forms are shared with the selection committee members in data format, but how they are viewed thereafter varies from committee member to committee member, so we cannot answer this question.	(Same as Cross border Project)
13	I would like to apply for both programs. Is there anything I need to take note when submitting the documents to one program?	Please note that you can apply for both programs with a single submission, so please do not submit more than once.	(Same as Cross border Project)
14	I was told that after the announcement of acceptance, I will be asked to confirm whether or not I wish to withdraw, but is it possible to hold off until the end of the second round of screening for the Special Fellowship DC1?	If you wish to decide whether or not to receive support for a cross-border project based on the results of your acceptance or rejection for the DC Fellowship, you are required to follow the procedure as follows 1) Answer "I will receive support" in the confirmation after the announcement of acceptance. (2) After being accepted as a DC Fellow, promptly notify the office of your decision to decline the support.	(Same as Cross border Project)
15	If a student is accepted for DC and withdraws midway through the support, how will this be handled with respect to the obligations of the supported student?	Regarding the obligations of the supported students, the period of time during which the obligations are to be carried out is specified for each item. Obligations that must be performed before the end of the support period must be performed, but other obligations do not need to be performed after the end of the support period.	We set the interim goal of achievement for the activities in the fellowship study program. If you do not meet that goal when retiring the fellowship, we may ask you to fulfill it.
16	Both fellowships require the application for DC in the second year. If I am accepted as a DC, will I be able to continue to receive support for overseas study?	When you become a JSPS DC Fellow, your support under the cross-border project will end. For example, if you become a DC Fellow in April of your third year, the support for this project will end at the end of March of your second year. You cannot receive financial support for off-campus study, etc. in the third year.	When you are adopted JSPS DC2, the fellowship will end at the time DC2 starts.
17	If I am not selected in September 2022, will my application automatically shift to April 2023 round?	If you are not selected for the Fall 2022 recruitment, unfortunately you will not be selected for the Spring 2023 recruitment.	No, if you are the doctoral student entering in September 2022 doctoral program, Fall 2022 fellowship is only applicable. Note that there is a possibility that you will be hired due to vacancies.

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18	Hello, I am Wilson doctoral candidate in Fall 2022. I am sorry if I miss this information, I saw there are 2 quotas of the scholarship(Fall 2022 and 2023 spring), is there any possibility student failed first but got accepted in 2023?(because the quota is larger in April) or should we choose based on when we got accepted?	Eligibility differs depending on the time of admission to the doctoral program. Fall 2022: Students who will enter or advance to the doctoral course in September 2022. Spring 2023: Students who will enter or advance to the doctoral course in April 2023. If you are not selected for Fall 2022, you will not be selected for Spring 2023; if you plan to enter or advance to a doctoral course in Fall 2022, you can only apply for Fall 2022.	(Same as Cross border Project)
19	After being selected, can I conduct research activities off-campus as a part-time student and receive compensation while fulfilling the requirements of the project (e.g., RIKEN, National Institute of Informatics, etc.)?	Since income from part-time work cannot be considered "stable income," there are no restrictions on receiving remuneration. However, since the purpose of this project is to create an environment in which the recipient can devote himself/herself to research, it is not allowed if it would interfere with the fulfillment of the obligations of the recipient.	(Same as Cross border Project)
20	I am considering applying for the Tokyo Tech Academy (ISE), will this affect these two programs? (For example, can I apply at the same time?)	It is possible to apply for both the Tokyo Tech Academy and the cross-border project at the same time. Some of the events and courses required for the cross-border project are offered by the Tokyo Tech Academies, so it is also possible to complete the requirements for the cross-border project while aiming for completion of the Tokyo Tech Academy.	You can apply both of the Tokyo Tech Academy and the Fellowship.
21	I am PhD second year student and currently I receive a privately funded scholarship which will end at March 2023. But, My PhD course will end at September 2023. So I would like to have a financial support from April to September 2023. Am I allowed to apply for this financial support?	This application is open to those who will enter or advance to the doctoral course in September 2022 or April 2023. Therefore, students who are currently enrolled in a doctoral course are not eligible to apply.	(Same as Cross border Project)
22	If, at the time of enrollment, the applicant was not eligible to apply because he/she fell under the category of "c) A person who is recognized to have a stable income from his/her company, etc. at a level sufficient for living expenses (based on an annual amount of 2.4 million yen or more), such as salary or executive compensation. However, if the applicant no longer meets this criterion due to retirement or other reasons during his/her enrollment, will he/she be able to apply for the scholarship regardless of the criterion of "those who will enter the doctoral course at the University in September 2022 (or plan to do so)"? If the applicant is no longer eligible to apply due to retirement or other reasons during his/her enrollment, will he/she be able to apply for the program regardless of the "those who will enter (or plan to enter) the doctoral program of the University in September 2022"?	Only new students are eligible to apply for cross-border projects. Unfortunately, we do not accept applications from current students.	You can apply only for the fellowship when you enter the doctoral program. Therefore, even if you meet the application requirements after admission, you cannot apply to the fellowship at that time.
23	Is it possible to combine either of two programs with the China scholarship council (CSC) scholarship? If so, how exactly is the amount of support determined?	This CSC scholarship falls under the category of "recipients of overseas government scholarships" in Application Guide III Eligibility a. Unfortunately, you are not eligible to apply.	Those who are receiving CSC do not permit funding from this fellowship.
24	I am research student in Tokyo Tech who will start PhD in April. I receive MEXT Scholarship at the moment. Is there anyway that I can benefit from this program?	If it is already fixed that you receive MEXT Scholarship after entering the doctoral program, you are not eligible to apply.	(Same as Cross border Project)
25	Hello, I will enter my PhD program next semester, but currently have a scholarship that does not allow two scholarships. Is there any way I can apply for the scholarship to begin one semester after I start my PhD?	If you wish to continue receiving the scholarship you are currently receiving after entering the doctoral program, you are not eligible to apply.	(Same as Cross border Project)
26	I am currently registered with the Tokyo Tech Academy, do these two projects offer any preferential treatment to students registered with the Acadmy?	Some of the events in which you are required to participate in cross-border projects and some of the courses you are required to take are offered by the Tokyo Tech Academies, so it is also possible for you to complete your cross-border project obligations while working toward completion of the Tokyo Tech Academy.	Some of the fellowship study programs include events and courses offered by the Tokyo Tech Academies.
27	If I am entering school in September 2022, can I apply for both the September 2022 and April 2023 scholarships?	If you will enter the university in September 2022, you cannot apply for the spring recruitment 2023 (April 2023); please apply for the fall recruitment 2022 (September 2022).	(Same as Cross border Project)
28	What is required visa status for foreign students? Is it principally a student visa? Or can you have a working visa?	In order to receive support for a cross-border project, you must be enrolled in a doctoral program at TIT and obtain a college student visa. A work visa or permission to engage in activity other than that permitted under the status of residence is not required.	(Same as Cross border Project)
29	I am considering enrolling in April. I have income at this time, but if I leave that job before enrollment, will I be eligible to apply this time?	If you are currently employed by a company and will retire before entering the program, you are eligible to apply for this program.	(Same as Cross border Project)
30	Is there any change in whether I am selected or not depending on whether I have a first or second choice? (e.g., criteria for acceptance or rejection changes, preference is given to the student with the first choice in the event of a tie, the student with the second choice is not considered as an alternate, etc.)	Whichever program you choose as your first choice, it will not affect your acceptance or rejection. Please note that we cannot give you specific information about the selection criteria.	(Same as Cross border Project)
31	What is the pass rate?	We will not be able to answer your questions. We appreciate your understanding.	(Same as Cross border Project)

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32	The results of the jsps postdoctoral fellowship recruitment are scheduled for early October. We think it would reduce the burden on both the students and the reviewers if the application deadline is set after that time. Are there any plans to make such a change in the next academic year or later? (From a faculty member)	The cross-border project is a project implemented under the JST's "Challenging Program for Next-Generation Researchers," and the objective of the program is to "break through the critical situation in which both the number of students advancing from master's programs to doctoral programs and the advancement rate are on the decline due to such reasons as 'lack of financial prospects if students enter doctoral programs' and 'concerns about employment after completion of doctoral programs. The specific method to achieve this objective is to implement the reserved appointment system. Therefore, we have decided on the current recruitment period, taking into consideration campus events and other factors. However, since this is the first time for us to implement the reserved appointment system, we will reexamine how to handle the next and subsequent recruitment periods based on how the system is implemented this time.	Thank you for comment. We will consider it when planning the schedule of fellowship next time.
33	I have a question regarding the cross-border application. For one of the documents to be submitted, transcripts, which should I submit, transcripts up to last year (obtained by September 22) or transcripts up to the first semester of this year (obtained on or after September 28)?	Please submit transcript that includes the most recent grades if at all possible. However, if you are unable to submit the most recent one by the deadline, a transcript showing grades up to the last year is acceptable.	-
34	In the Cross-border project, I often see descriptions of support for challenging and interdisciplinary research, but I am not quite sure what you mean by "interdisciplinary". May I ask for an explanation?	By "interdisciplinary," we envision research that is collaborative with researchers in different fields or that includes such elements. However, the degree of difference can vary, so please be flexible in your thinking.	-
35	I am currently a registered ToTAL student. but there is also an off-campus internship for 3 months. Can I consider these as the same thing?	In the "Off-Campus Project," which is a requirement for completion of ToTAL, if a student conducts a three-month off-campus study (e.g., study abroad at an institution outside Tokyo Tech), it can be regarded as fulfilling the "three-month off-campus study" requirement for supported students in the cross-border project.	-
36	I am a registered student at TAC-MI and I have a one month internship scheduled at TAC-MI, can I do two other months of internship in addition to that and consider it a total of three months?	If you complete a total of three months of internship, you will be considered to have completed the "three months of off-campus study" required for cross-border projects.	-
37	I am doctoral student enrolled in April 2022 but could not come to Japan by the deadline of Cross the Border Scholarship due to COVID. So, I missed the application for spring 2022 and would like to apply for Fall 2022 recruitment. Could you clarify if the number of open slots available for the Fall will be applicable for me? Or will some slots from Spring are also available for me?	Students who entered in April 2022 but could not enter Japan due to the corona virus infection countermeasures and could not apply for the spring recruitment for fiscal year 2022 (for students who entered in April 2022) may apply for the fall recruitment for fiscal year 2022. However, the maximum period of support is until March 2025.	-
38	I have a question about the "cross-border type." It doesn't support the tuition fee, but can I apply for and use Tokyo Tech's "tuition fee waiver" system as I did for my master's degree?	Application to the tuition waiver program is possible.	-
39	Regarding the cross-border type, do all applicants who pass the first round of selection go through the second round of selection? In other words, will there be two types of applicants: those who receive an offer after only the first round of selection, and those who proceed to the second round of selection and are interviewed and receive an offer?	Not all applicants who pass the first round are eligible for the second round. Depending on the results of the first screening, some applicants may be exempted from taking the second screening and receive an offer, while others may be rejected based solely on the results of the first screening.	-
40	Is it correct to assume that the cross-border selection will also be conducted by teachers from a wide range of institutes?	The purpose of the cross-border project is "to produce doctoral students in science and engineering who have transferable skills based on specialized skills, and who can work with the intellect of other fields. So the selection is carried out with these wide areas of researchers.	-
41	I would like to ask about the Cross-border Doctoral Human Resource Development Project for Science and Engineering, which is described on the website as "The following six fields have been identified as areas of research and education in which the university has strengths and which should be strengthened. Is it correct to say that if my doctoral research project falls into one of these six areas, I will be more likely to be accepted, and if not, I will be less likely to be accepted?"	Please choose one out of these 6 categories which you think most appropriate. There are many reserachers in our institute, so please treat it with a wide sence of definition.	-

*Replicated questions are omitted.