

The procedure for accepting students under the International Cooperative Graduate Program (ICGP) Agreement

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- 1) Universities nominate candidates for the program.
- 2) The designated program coordinator at the university submits the application forms and the applicants' academic transcripts to the NIMS Graduate Program Section at by the deadline.
- 3) All applications undergo a document screening process. The NIMS Vice President reviews the applications and determines whether each applicant should be accepted.
- 4) Final approval for student acceptance is granted by the NIMS President.
- 5) NIMS will handle the administrative procedures, including visa processing and accommodation arrangements in Tsukuba.

Note: Please be aware that NIMS can support visa procedures only for the participating student, and not for accompanying family members.

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Program Details



Item	Condition
NIMS Supervisors’ position	Adjunct Professor or Advisor of the University
Students’ position in NIMS	Trainee with visa sponsorship
Number of students	Several students per year (in general)
Term	6 - 12 months
Visa	Cultural Activities (Training at Institute)
Financial support	- Accommodation (Paid by NIMS) [in general] - Living Expenses (120,000 JPY/Month)
Accommodation in Tsukuba	Accommodation designated by NIMS
Insurance	- Travel insurance (including personal and property liability insurance for daily life): must be arranged by students - Enrollment in Japan’s National Health Insurance: students will complete the procedure at the city office with support from NIMS after arrival in Japan
Working Language	English

Calling for Application:

Training in [National Institute for Materials Science \(NIMS\)](#), Japan

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Outline:

- Candidate must be full-time PhD students.
- The training period at NIMS is 6 to 12 months.
- NIMS provides accommodation (single bedroom) and covers living expenses (approx. JPY 120,000 per month).
- NIMS does not charge students any tuition fees or facility usage fees.
- NIMS handles administrative procedures, including visa and accommodation arrangements in Tsukuba.

First step

Please visit the [NIMS website \(SAMURAI\)](#) and explore the research interests of the researchers you wish to work with.

Contact

Further details of this program, please contact the program office: nims-graduate@nims.go.jp