



国立研究開発法人  
物質・材料研究機構  
National Institute for Materials Science

Empower your research career  
by acquiring a degree  
at NIMS with support

# NIMS Graduate Research Assistantship

Pursue your postgraduate degree  
with NIMS Researchers  
with full professorship from  
leading Japanese universities

Focus on your research  
without financial hardship

Open your future in an international  
research environment  
and advanced facilities



Check the website  
for details

<https://www.nims.go.jp/students/en/>

NIMS Graduate Research Assistantship

Search



Contact

Graduate Program Group, National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS)  
(1-2-1, Sengen, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, JAPAN)  
MAIL : [nims-graduate@nims.go.jp](mailto:nims-graduate@nims.go.jp)

## What is NIMS Joint Graduate School Program?

NIMS has collaborative agreements with 7 leading research universities in Japan. With their full professorship, NIMS Researchers supervise postgraduate students. Students in the program are able to conduct research through the latest activities ongoing at NIMS, from enrollment until graduation.

## Annual Stipend

Doctoral student : 1,930,000 ~ 2,450,000 JPY  
Master's student : ~1,930,000 JPY \*

\* Encourage students to the Doctoral program.

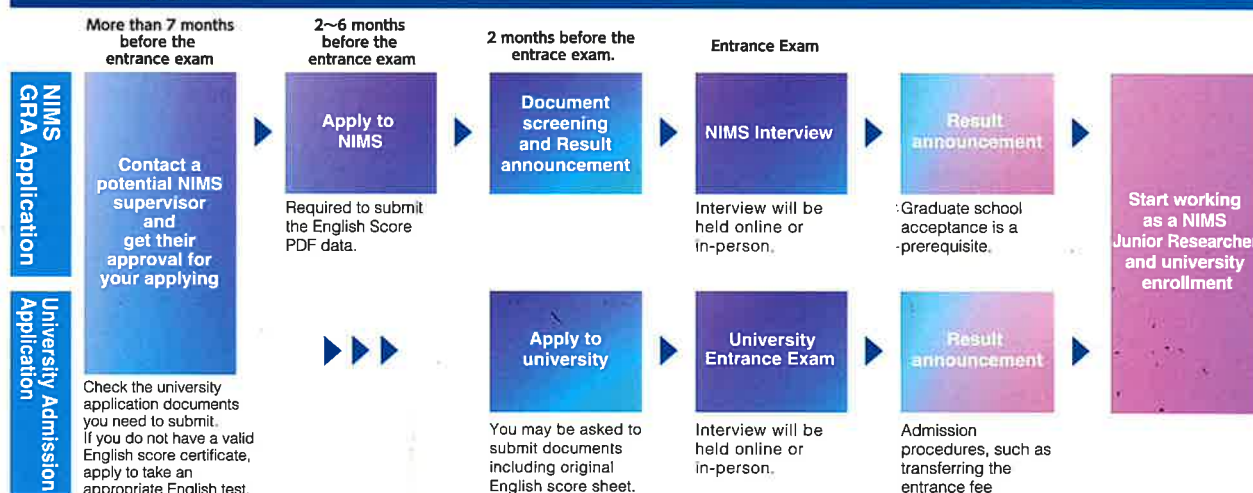
## What is NIMS Junior Researcher?

NIMS Junior Researcher is the students who successfully passed the NIMS Graduate Research Assistantship interview. Additionally, NIMS has launched a "Start-up support grant" to newly-hired NIMS Junior Researcher from April 2025. NIMS encourages students to pursue a doctoral degree without any financial constraints.

## Period of Contract

Students will be assessed by submitting a report on their results each year. It is possible to renew the contract for the standard completion period (3 years for a doctoral course, 2 years for a master's course).

## From Application to Enrollment



\* The process may differ depending on the university.

## Periods of Application and Enrollment

| NIMS Joint Graduate School Program | 1st Selection Cycle *2        |  | 2nd Selection Cycle *2         |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
|                                    | Application period            | Employment start and Univ. enrollment        | Application period             | Employment start and Univ. enrollment        |
| University of Tsukuba *1           | March 1 - late April          | April, next year                             | July 1 - mid-August            | April, next year<br>or<br>October, next year |
|                                    | April 1 - late May            |  | September 1 - late October     |  |
| Hokkaido University                | March 1 - late April          | October, same year<br>or<br>April, next year | August 1 - early September     | April, next year                             |
| Waseda University                  | mid-December - early February | September, same year                         | July 1 - mid-August            | April, next year                             |
| Kyushu University                  | early April - early June      | October, same year<br>or<br>April, next year | mid-September - early November | April, next year                             |
| Osaka University                   | April 1 - mid-May             | October, same year<br>or<br>April, next year | September 1 - late October     | April, next year                             |
| Yokohama National University       | April 1 - mid-May             | October, same year<br>or<br>April, next year | mid-September - early November | April, next year                             |
| Institute of Science Tokyo         | —                             | —  | August 1 - mid-September       | April, next year                             |

\*1 Schedule varies depending on the Programs/Courses

\*2 The schedule may change. See the details on the website.

April, 2025

Contact

Graduate Program Group, National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS)  
(1-2-1, Sengen, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, JAPAN)

MAIL : [nims-graduate@nims.go.jp](mailto:nims-graduate@nims.go.jp)