Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Admissions & Applications

I have a two-year gap after finishing high school. Would there be any problem?

You may apply as long as you meet the admission eligibility requirements. Please refer to the application guidelines for details.

I would like to learn more about the admission process, scholarships, and opportunities for international students.

You can watch the recording of our online seminar to learn more about the admission process, scholarships, and opportunities for international students.

Is it possible for someone who is currently working and also studying online to participate in this program?

You may apply as long as you meet the admission eligibility requirements. Please refer to the application guidelines for details.

Can a student currently studying in China also apply?

As long as you meet the eligibility requirements, you may apply regardless of your nationality.

Are there any Japanese language proficiency or EJU score requirements?

There are no Japanese language proficiency requirements for this program. A distinctive feature of the program is that students can complete their coursework and conduct their research entirely in English.

Regarding TOEFL iBT or other tests, English is our official language in our country, and all schooling is conducted in English. Does this mean that we still have to take this exam before applying?

Yes

Must we obtain a student visa before applying for the scholarship form?

No. You do not need to obtain a student visa before applying. The GFS scholarship is for students who enroll at TMU and obtain a student visa for studying at TMU after admission and before coming to Japan.

Scholarships & Financial Support

I would like to know how to obtain a scholarship.

You can watch the recording of our online seminar to learn more about scholarships. If you would like to learn more details, please visit the website of the International Center.
(https://www.ic.tmu.ac.jp/english/study_abroad/study_abroad.html)

Is the scholarship a grant or loan?

It is a grant. Therefore, recipients are not required to repay it.

I would love to learn more about financial support available for African students.

TMU Global Futures Scholarship is open to applicants worldwide. However, it places importance on international diversity, and all African countries are included among its priority regions. Please note that scholarship recipients are selected based on their admission results.

Are there any scholarships available for undergraduate students?

TMU offers scholarships for undergraduate international students that can be applied for at the time of admission, as well as those that can be applied for after enrollment. You can watch the recording of our online seminar to learn more about scholarships. For more details, please visit the website below.
https://www.ic.tmu.ac.jp/english/study_abroad/scholarship.html

Do you offer postgraduate scholarships to degree holders?

TMU offers its own scholarship program for graduate international students, called "Tokyo Global Partner Scholarship Program." For more details, please visit the website below.
https://www.ic.tmu.ac.jp/tokyogp/en/index.html

Which one of the scholarships is fully funded?

Both scholarships for undergraduate students offer the same benefits. Additionally, if students perform well academically after enrollment, there may be the possibility of increased scholarship amounts and full tuition waivers.

In case the students do not get the scholarship in the beginning, is it possible that they can find the scholarship from outside organizations when they study at TMU?

Yes. Even if students are not selected for the GFS, if they achieve good academic performance after enrollment, they can apply for both TMU’s internal scholarships and scholarships offered by external foundations.

Academic Programs & Research

May I ask whether there are possibilities of learning AI and its application along with the field of civil and environmental engineering? (I'm asking this because as a beginner I found programming and the future of AI and robotics super interesting and I might apply it in civil and environmental engineering.)

While our undergraduate curriculum builds a strong foundation in civil engineering, it also provides exposure to programming through coursework and opportunities to explore data analysis and AI applications in fourth-year research and laboratory work, with further development possible in graduate school.

Are there opportunities to study topics relating to the medical field?

The Department of Geography covers a broad range of topics. Therefore, depending on your established research theme, there may be opportunities to explore subjects related to the medical field, such as by utilizing Geographic Information System (GIS).

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering offers courses in three main fields: Social Infrastructure, Environmental Systems, and Safety and Disaster Prevention. Although we do not provide direct education in medicine or clinical healthcare, students have opportunities to study topics related to human health, biology, and the environment from an engineering perspective. These topics include water quality and treatment, environmental pollution, sanitation, waste management, and the development of safe and healthy urban environments. Students may also participate in interdisciplinary research involving biological and ecological approaches. For example, environmental DNA (eDNA) analysis can be used to detect fish and other aquatic organisms in rivers and estuaries and to assess aquatic ecosystems and biodiversity. Through these courses and research activities, students can explore the connections among engineering, the environment, biology, and human well-being.

Some faculty members in **the Department of Applied Chemistry for Environment** conduct research in areas closely related to the biological and medical sciences, including drug delivery systems, biomaterials, and nanomedicine. A strong foundation in chemistry is essential for conducting research in these fields, as molecular design, synthesis, characterization, and chemical principles underpin the development of advanced therapeutic materials and drug delivery technologies. Therefore, students interested in pursuing research at the interface of chemistry and medicine are well suited to our department. In this context, these research areas can be considered part of the broader medical and biomedical sciences, while being firmly grounded in applied chemistry.

The Department of Tourism Science addresses a broad range of topics. Accordingly, depending on your established research theme, there may be opportunities to explore subjects related to the medical and health fields, such as health and wellness tourism, the restorative effects of natural and green environments, travel health risks and travel insurance for international visitors, or the analysis of human mobility data in relation to public health.

How can I improve my Japanese?

TMU offers Japanese language courses for students. After enrolling as a student or researcher at TMU, you can take these courses and improve your Japanese skills while interacting with Japanese students.

It is my intention to find out more information regarding the Civil and Environmental Engineering program as well as TMU experience. I would be glad to know more about the curriculum, admission requirements, scholarships, research and internships, and also post graduate options.

You can watch the recording of our online seminar to learn more about them.

When does the academic year start at TMU?

TMU offers admissions in both spring (April) and autumn (October). This year's autumn admission process is for applicants who will enroll in April 2027.

Do departments provide students with opportunities to acquire knowledge in fields outside their area of specialization?

In the T-GLIPs programs, students primarily take courses offered by existing faculties and departments. For example, while the Department of Geography focuses on geography-related coursework, students in the Department of Geography also study a variety of other scientific fields as part of liberal arts education. A distinctive feature of the T-GLIPs program within the Faculty of Urban Environmental Sciences is that, in addition to taking specialized courses in their respective departments, students can engage in interdisciplinary studies.

I understand you have presented undergraduate programs in geography, but do you have a post graduate program maybe on your website?

Our university also has graduate schools. For those who wish to study at the graduate level, there is a support program available.

International Collaboration

Are there any opportunities for future partnerships or international collaboration between our school and TMU?

TMU is open to discussing future partnerships and international collaborations. Please contact us separately regarding any specific proposals.

Student Life in Japan

Is life in Japan difficult for international students who do not speak Japanese?

Japanese is not required for the university studies. However, learning Japanese language can make daily life easier. If you are aiming to work in Japan, it is highly recommended to learn Japanese.
(Students can learn Japanese while studying at TMU through Japanese language courses offered by the university.)

What is student life like in Tokyo for international students?

International students can live comfortably in Tokyo, which is a safe and well-connected city with a vibrant cultural environment. It offers efficient public transportation and diverse international communities. While Tokyo is a fast-paced city, the cost of living is generally moderate compared to many other major global cities.

Will TMU provide or help to find accommodation for international students?

In addition to providing student accommodation, TMU also offers admitted students information on real estate agencies that are friendly and accessible to international students.

Can international students have a part-time job while studying at TMU? If so, what support does TMU provide?

Yes, students may work part-time while studying in Japan after obtaining permission from the Japanese immigration authorities. However, students holding a student visa must comply with the legal regulations. The university does not provide specific support or placement services for part-time jobs.