

Tokyo University of the Arts
Graduate School of Film and New Media
Doctoral Program in Film and New Media Studies

2026 Student Application Guide

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Admissions policy of the Graduate School of Film and New Media (Doctoral Program)

The Graduate School of Film and New Media's doctoral program seeks artists and researchers who can organically combine a wide range of knowledge related to film. The entrance examination will comprehensively evaluate the activities that students have undertaken to date, with particular emphasis on the ability to publicly share knowledge related to film.

1 Admissions overview

About the Graduate School of Film and New Media Doctoral Program in Film and New Media Studies

In today's world where image-based creative expression and image-related technological innovation are accelerating in tandem, there is a demand for artists and researchers who possess a broad, organized knowledge of images. The study of film and media focuses on the pursuit of image-based creative expression that incorporates a high level of contemporaneity, and the development of methods for expression and fundamental techniques. We hope to clarify the role played by images within culture and the potential for further development of visual culture, and that expertise previously limited to the experiences of creatives will be converted into knowledge capable of being shared with society as a whole. Tokyo University of the Arts Graduate School of Film and New Media leverages its distinctive feature of having creative production facilities, providing a unique environment for deeper theoretical work and practical research. The faculty in the Master's Degree Program at the Department of Film Production, Department of New Media and Department of Animation conduct lectures and seminars for the Film and New Media Doctoral Program and provide continuing support for individual students. The program includes presentations to research societies, preliminary review based on academic work, and the submission of a doctoral thesis. Theory-centric doctoral theses take the form of a traditional thesis, and practice-centric theses are presented as an exhibition or screening with a complementary thesis. Practice-centric theses have become more widespread in recent years, especially for fine arts doctoral programs. The thesis is reviewed by a committee that includes experts from outside the department, reflecting the complex nature of the field. Graduates of the program are in highly specialized positions as university faculty members, independent researchers and archivists.

2 Course completion requirements

The Graduate School of Film and New Media Doctoral Degree Program takes at least three years to complete. Students complete the program by obtaining the required number of credits, and passing the doctoral thesis review and examinations with faculty guidance. The doctoral thesis review may include the student's artistic work, depending on the nature of the research subject.

3 Academic degree

Students who have completed the Doctoral Program in Film and New Media Studies at the Graduate School of Film and New Media are conferred with a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

4 Student selection

Applicants with artistic experience will be evaluated based on their body of work to determine whether they possess the necessary capabilities to undertake research at a consistently high level in the Doctoral Program in Film and New Media Studies. For

researchers, outcomes including academic papers and publications will be evaluated alongside communication skills to ensure that they are competent to undertake research. Applicants are required to submit a research plan.

5 Number of students admitted

Department	Research field	Number of students admitted
Film and new media studies	Film and new media	3

6 Eligibility

Eligibility to apply for the Graduate School of Film and New Media (Doctoral Program) is based on one of the following:

1. you have attained (or are expected to attain by March 2026) a master's degree or professional degree;
2. you have attained (or are expected to attain by March 2026), in an overseas country, a degree equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree;
3. you have undertaken a distance learning course in Japan provided by a school in an overseas country and have attained (or are expected to attain by March 2026) a degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree;
4. you have completed a curriculum at an educational facility in Japan specially designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology that provides a curriculum from an overseas graduate school established within the school education system of that overseas country, and have attained (or are expected to attain by March 2026) a degree equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree;
5. you have completed a curriculum at the United Nations University established in accordance with the United Nations General Assembly resolution adopted on 11 December 1972 that is provided in Article 1(2) of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72, 1976), and have attained (or are expected to attain by March 2026) a degree equivalent to a master's degree;
6. Demonstrate academic ability at least equal to that of a holder of a master's degree by completing an educational program at a foreign university, an educational facility recognized as described under paragraph 4 above, or the United Nations University and by passing the equivalent of the testing and screening specified in Article 16-2 of the standards for establishment of a graduate school (or expect to achieve such degree equivalent recognition by March 2026).
7. The following persons recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan:
 - ① University graduate who has taken part in research for at least two years at a university, research center, or similar facility and are recognized to possess academic ability at least equal to that of a holder of a master's degree based on the results of such research at a graduate school or other achievements
 - ② Those who, after completing 16 years of school education in a foreign country or completing 16 years of foreign school education by completing in Japan a distance-learning course offered by a foreign school, have taken part in research for at least two years at a university, research center, or similar facility and are recognized to possess academic ability at least equal to that of a holder of a master's degree based on the results of such research at a graduate school or other achievements

8. you are 24 years of age or older and have, through eligibility screening, been assessed by the School of Film and New Media as possessing a level of academic ability equal to or greater than that of a person who has a master's degree or professional degree.

Note: Applicants who apply on the basis of 7 or 8 above will undergo admission eligibility screening. Application forms for eligibility screening can be downloaded from the entrance exam info website

(<https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/postgraduate/fnm/application/>).

Submit the completed forms with required documents to the Educational Affairs Office, Graduate School of Film and New Media by 17:00, October 30 (Thursday) 2025 (deadline for receipt by mail).

7 Standard timeframe for completing the program

3 years

8 List of Faculty Advisors (As of October 2025)

Department	Research Field	Advisor
Film and New Media Studies	Film and New Media	Professor Yuichi Ito
		Professor Shozo Ichiyama
		Professor Michiko Ooishi
		Professor Mitsuko Okamoto
		Professor Takashi Kiriya
		Professor Akihiko Shiota
		Professor Nobuhiro Suwa
		Professor Akira Takayama
		Professor Sohei Tanikawa
		Professor Hiroyuki Nagashima
		Associate Professor Hiroyuki Hattori
		Professor Taruto Fuyama
		Associate Professor Nahomi Maki
		Professor Keiko Mitsumatsu
		Professor Chikako Yamashiro
		Professor Koji Yamamura
		Professor Shogo Yokoyama

9 How to apply

Applications to the Graduate School of Film and New Media (Doctoral Program) are done online. After doing the preparations in step 1 below, follow the instructions in steps 2 and 3 between the dates indicated and submit the required documents according to the instructions in step 4. The application process is completed once your eligibility is confirmed, based on the documents you have sent. Then, you will be able to print out your exam slip from the online application website as shown in step 5.

- Entrance exam info website <https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/>
- Online application website <https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/>

1	Preparations for online application (see page 5)	
2	Registering online applications (see page 6)	Access the online application website through the entrance exam info website and register the required information.
3	Payment of application fee (see page 7)	After you have completed step 2 above, pay the application fee through the online application website. If you have not paid the application fee by 23:59 on the fourth day after registering your online application, the registered data will be treated as cancelled and deleted.
4	Sending required documents (see page 9)	After you have completed step 3 above, print out the required documents from the online application website and the exam info website and send them to the university together with other required documents.
5	Printing out the exam slip (see page 10)	When your eligibility is confirmed and your application has been accepted, you will be able to print out an exam slip from the online application website. Print out your exam slip and bring it to the exam.

○Questions regarding the Online Application Website and payment methods for the application

Career-tasu Corporation Learning and Education Support Center

Tel: 0120-202-079 (weekdays 10:00–18:00; closed Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, end-of-year holiday, and New Year holiday; available 24 hours during the application period)

*Japanese only

email: cvs-web@career-tasu.co.jp *Japanese and English

○Questions relating to exams

Educational Affairs Office, Graduate School of Film and New Media, Tokyo University of the Arts

Tel: 045-650-6201 (weekdays 9:00–17:00, closed Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, end-of-year holiday, New Year holiday)

* Unless there is a compelling reason, applicants should contact the Educational Affairs Office on their own behalf.

○**Dates for applications** *Dates and times are Japan Standard Time (JST).

Registration period for online applications	From 10:00, 20 November (Thursday) 2025 to 23:59, 26 November (Wednesday) 2025
Period for paying application fee	From 20 November (Thursday) 2025 to 27 November (Thursday) 2025
Submission of required documents by post (postmarked)	Postmarked between 20 November (Thursday) 2025 and 27 November (Thursday) 2025

1. Preparations for online application

Operating environment of your computer	Submit online applications using the following operating environment. [Recommended browsers for PC] • Microsoft Edge latest version • Google Chrome latest version • Mozilla Firefox latest version • Apple Safari latest version *Please do not work on the application page in multiple tabs in your website browser at the same time. This action can cause problems, such as data being inadvertently transferred among the tabs. [Recommended browsers for smartphones and tablets] • iOS 12 or later, Android 8 or later, iPadOS 13 or later *Use the standard browser for each OS. *If the display is distorted, try another browser. *For Android smartphones, please use the mobile version of Chrome (the PC version doesn't always display PDFs).
Email settings	The following four emails will be sent from no-reply@e-apply.jp to the email address you have registered. Please be sure that your email account is set up correctly to receive them. • Initial password notification email after completing the MyPage registration. • An automatic reply email when you have completed registration of your online application. • An automatic reply email when you have completed payment of the application fee. • An email notifying you that you are now able to print out your exam slip.
Photograph	Prepare a color photograph (up to 2MB) of your upper body facing forward, no headwear, against a neutral background, taken within three months prior to your application. (Must be vertical, preferably 4:3.) * Unacceptable photographs: Photographs that are blurry, have dark backgrounds, where the subject's face is turned to the side, where there are two or more people in the shot, or where the image has not been properly processed.
Documents establishing your eligibility to apply	Refer to page 9-10 and prepare the documents to be submitted with your application.
Envelope	Prepare a standard No. 2 rectangular envelope (240×332mm) to use in submitting required documents.
Printer paper	Prepare white A4-size printer paper to print the required

	documents from the online application website (https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/) and the entrance exam info website (https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/postgraduate/youshiki1/).
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2. Dates for registration of online applications

10:00, 20 November (Thursday) 2025 – 23:59, 26 November (Wednesday) 2025

○Procedure

Access the online application website (<https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/>) from the Web Application link on the main page of the entrance exam info website (<https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/>) during the online application registration period and register the information required for your application.

Access online application website (https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/) ▼
MyPage registration If you are applying online for the first time, please click the "My registration" button to register your MyPage. ▼
Internet Application Click on the "Login" button to access the "MyPage" you have registered. After accessing your MyPage, click on the "Carry out the application procedure" button and fill in the necessary information such as the admission category, faculty/department, personal information, and so on. * Admission examination fee exemption system: Fill in the box if applicable; if not, proceed to "Next" without making any selection. ▼
Register of personal information/upload profile photo data Photo: Prepare and upload color photo (see page 5). Personal information (name, address etc.) from your MyPage registration will be automatically entered, so check it for accuracy. Enter all other necessary information (registered domicile or nationality, contact information at the time of the examination, preferred faculty advisor, academic history, work history, commendations and disciplinary action, licences, qualifications etc.) and proceed to "Next." Please see page 3 for the list of available faculty advisors. ▼
Confirm application details Check that the entered information is correct, and if there are no errors, click "Register with this content." ▼
Complete application registration Registration is complete when the reception number is displayed on the screen. Click "Continue to payment" to proceed to the payment procedure.(See page 7)

*Verify that the "registration complete" email containing your application receipt number has been delivered to the email address you specified.

*You will need your application receipt number to confirm your application details, print your application, etc. Keep your "registration complete" email in a safe place until after the entrance exams.

Online application: Points to note

- The 12-digit reception number is not your examination number.
- If there is an error in the registered information, click "Modify" on "MyPage" without paying the entrance examination fee, input the correct information, and then proceed to the entrance examination fee payment procedure.
- Once you have paid the entrance examination fee, you cannot modify your registration details. Therefore, if you find an error in your registration details after

paying the examination fee, click "Perform application procedure" again within the application registration period to register your application and pay the entrance examination fee again. Please refer to page 8 for details on requesting a refund of an entrance examination fee paid by mistake.

- If you have not paid the application fee by 23:59 on the fourth day after registering your online application, the registered data will be treated as cancelled and deleted.
- You may have to resubmit your application photo if found to be unacceptable.

3. Payment of application fee

○ Application fee

36,000 yen (A bank account transfer fee may be charged in some cases, depending on the payment method selected.)

○ Payment method

Once registration of your online application is completed, pay the application fee using one of the two procedures below.

- ① After completing the online application registration, click "Continue to payment."
- ② Log into "MyPage" from "Login" on the top page of the "Internet application site" and click "Payment."

○ Dates for payment of the application fee

20 November (Thursday) 2025 – 27 November (Thursday) 2025

*If you have not paid the application fee by 23:59 on the fourth day after registering your online application, the registered data will be treated as cancelled and deleted. Be sure to complete the payment process before this happens. However, please note that if the day on which you complete registration of your online application is shown below, the final day (27 November Thursday 2025) of the payment period will be the cut-off date for payment.

25 November (Tuesday) 2025 - 26 November (Wednesday) 2025

○ Payment methods

Payment method	Financial institution, etc
Convenience store	Seven Eleven/ Lawson, Ministop (Loppi)/ Family Mart /Daily Yamazaki / Seicomart
Credit card	MUFGCARD/ DC/ UFJ Card/ NICOS/ VISA/ Master card/ JCB/ AERIAN EXPRESS
Post office or bank ATM	ATMs compatible with Pay-easy
Internet banking	Internet banking compatible with Pay-easy/ PayPay Bank/ Rakuten Bank/ SBI Sumishin Net Bank/ au Jibun Bank Corporation

*Visit the Pay-Easy website (<https://www.pay-easy.jp/where/index.html>) to find financial institutions offering Pay-Easy.

○ Notice regarding payment of application fee

- Check that you have received the email confirming that you have completed the payment process. Keep this email in a safe place until the entrance exam is over.
- Individuals expecting to complete a master's degree program at this university in March 2025 are not required to pay the application fee.
- If you are a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship student at the time that you submit the online application, you do not need to pay the application fee. You do need, however, to submit a Certificate for Attendance on a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for Foreign Students issued by the university at which you are enrolled.
- Once payment of the application fee is completed, you will be able to print out the required documents such as the application for admission form.
- If you are using a credit card to pay the application fee, make sure your card is valid before you attempt to pay. The name on the card does not need to be the same as

that of the applicant.

- If your credit card does not work, try using another card or a different method of payment.

○ **Exemption from payment of application fee**

We will waive the application fee for applicants affected by wind, flood or other large-scale natural disasters occurring in Japan to ensure equal access to educational opportunities.

For details about the procedure, check the website

(<https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/kenteiryomenjo/>).

- Application period: Up until 1 week before the start of the online application registration period
- Documents to be submitted
 - Application for exemption from payment of application fee (official university format);
 - A copy of your Victim of Natural Disaster Certificate (issued by your local government authority).
- Notice
 - Register your online application after your eligibility for exemption from payment of the application fee has been established.
- Contact

Admissions Office, Student Affairs Division, Tokyo University of the Arts
12-8 Ueno Park, Taito-ku, Tokyo, 110-8714, JAPAN
Tel: 050-5525-2075 / Fax: 03-5685-7763
E-mail : nyuusi-k@ml.geidai.ac.jp

○ **Return of application fee**

The application fee will only be refunded in the following cases:

- Where you have undergone the process of paying the application fee but you have not provided the required documents.
- Where you have undergone the process of paying the application fee but your application was not accepted.
- If you are expected to graduate from a master's degree program at Tokyo University of the Arts in March 2025, or you are a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship student and mistakenly paid the application fee.

If you wish to claim a refund, download and complete the "Request for refund of application fee" (official university format) from the entrance exam info website (<https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/postgraduate/youshiki1/>).

• **Mail by post to:**

Accounts Section, Financial Accounting Division, Tokyo University of the Arts
12-8, Ueno Koen, Taito-ku, Tokyo, 110-8714, JAPAN

• **Notes:**

- A bank transfer fee will be deducted by the university from the amount to be refunded to the applicant.
- Any fees arising when the application fee was paid will not be refunded.
- It ordinarily takes two to three months after receipt of the "Request for refund of application fee" for the refunded amount to be deposited into your bank account.
- The deadline for submitting the "Request for refund of application fee" is 31 March 2026 (postmarked). If the application is not submitted by the deadline, the fee will not be refunded.

4. Sending required documents

○ Procedure

Once you have completed the process for payment of the application fee, print out the necessary documents from the online application website (<https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/>) and the entrance exam info website (<https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/postgraduate/youshiki1/>), complete the required information and send them to the university together with other required documents.

Dates for submission by post

20 November (Thursday) 2025 – 27 November (Thursday) 2025 (valid postmark)

Documents to be submitted

Application for admission	Print out in color on A4-size paper from the online application website (https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/) Use your name as written in your official family registry. For non-Japanese nationals, enter your visa status. For your current address, use the address at the time of the application.
Photo card	
Study aspirations document	
Self-evaluation of language skills	Print out the designated form on A4-size paper from the entrance exam info website (https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/postgraduate/youshiki1/) and complete the required information. For the "Address labels to use when sending application documents," cut along the dotted lines and submit both labels (do not staple them together; using a paper clip is okay)
Address labels to use when sending application documents	
Graduate School Master's Degree Program Academic transcript	Obtain certificates that have been certified by the head of the university (or head of faculty) you attended. However, graduates and students currently enrolled in a graduate program (master's degree) at this university are exempt from this requirement. Submit both original documents (color copies not accepted). Remove each document from the envelop in which it was sent (do not submit the envelop).
Graduate School Master's Degree Program Certificate (or Certificate of anticipated graduation)	
Japanese-Language Proficiency Test Certificate of Result and Scores or Test Result (original)	To be submitted by foreign students who have taken the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (N1-N5) administered by the Japan Foundation and Japan Educational Exchanges and Services. Submit the original document. Certificate of Result and Scores (Example 1) Certificate of Result and Scores ※A4-size document Test Result (Example 2) Test Result ※postcard-size document Certificate of Japanese Language Proficiency ※postcard ※Only submit the left-hand section of the document Submit either the Certificate of Result and Scores (Example 1, original document only) or Test Result (Example 2, original document, left-hand section only). Do not submit the Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency (neither A4 nor postcard document).

Other required documents	If the any of the following situations apply to you, please submit the required documents. • International students who are Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship recipients should present a Certificate for Attendance on a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for International Students issued by the university at which you are enrolled. • If the family name on your certificates or other documents differs from your current family name, attach a document verifying the change of name (for example, your family register). • If you were enrolled in two or more schools during your two years in a master's degree program, please provide a transcript for each of the schools in which you were enrolled. • Attach a Japanese translation to any documents not written in Japanese (translations do not have to be certified by a public institution). Do not submit documents other than those specified by the university.
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○ **Sending required documents by post**

- Prepare a standard No. 2 rectangular envelope (240×332mm) for use in submitting required documents.
- From the online application website (<https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/>), print out the Address Label to Affix to Envelope (it will be printed with the application for admission form), and affix it to the No. 2 envelope.
- Insert the required documents into the No. 2 envelope described above and, within the dates indicated for submission of required documents, send by registered express mail to:
Educational Affairs Office, Graduate School of Film and New Media, Tokyo University of the Arts, 4-44 Honcho, Naka-ku, Yokohama, 231-0005 Japan

○ **Notice regarding sending required documents**

- The required documents will only be accepted if the postmark is within the designated dates. Documents will not be accepted under any circumstances if the postmark is not within the designated dates or if the documents are delivered in person.
- Documents will not be returned at the end of the application process under any circumstances.
- If you are applying from outside of Japan, please use a reliable delivery service such as DHL or EMS.

5. Printing out the exam slip

○ **Procedure**

Once the application process is complete, you will be able to print out your exam slip from the online application website (<https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/>) (you will be sent a notice by email). Print the exam slip in color on an A4 sheet of paper and cut out the exam slip along the dotted lines, and bring it with you to exams. Please note that the exam slip is not issued by the university.

You must have the exam slip on the day of the exam, and you cannot take the exam using the application receipt number. Please note that the application receipt number is not the same as your exam number.

○ **Notice regarding printing the exam slip**

- Check the information on the printed exam slip. If the information you registered on the online application website (<https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/>), and the information contained in an exam slip are not the same, please contact the Educational Affairs Office, Graduate School of Film and New Media (TEL: 045-650-6201).
- If by 19 December 2025 you have not received an email informing you that you are now able to print out the exam slip, please contact the Educational Affairs Office, Graduate School of Film and New Media.

○ Concurrent applications to other graduate schools of the university

There is no restriction on making concurrent applications to other graduate schools of the university (Fine Arts, Music, Global Arts). If, however, you have passed the exams of two or more of the graduate schools, you must decide which of the graduate schools you are going to attend and submit a Notice of Withdrawal (no official format required) to the graduate schools you will not be attending.

○ Prior consultation for disabled applicants

The university provides accommodations to ensure that applicants with disabilities are not disadvantaged during examinations or their studies. Those who wish to request exam accommodations should consult the university prior to submitting their application following the procedure outlined below.

If you wish to use a hearing aid, crutches, wheelchair or other assistive devices that you use in daily life during the examination, accommodations may be necessary so please be sure to consult the university in advance.

Applicants who require special support or consideration for exams or study should download and fill out the "Application for special consideration regarding exams or study" from the entrance exam info website (<https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/home/hairyo>) and obtain a "medical examination report" from your doctor. Please submit these documents to the Educational Affairs Office at the Graduate School of Film and New Media before making your application. Also, if you are injured in an accident after making your application, please contact the office as soon as possible.

10 Exam content and grading/evaluation criteria

First-round exam

Applicants will be comprehensively evaluated based on the following five criteria: creativity, expressive technical ability, expertise, originality, and motivation/future potential

Second-round exam

Applicants will be evaluated comprehensively based on the following five criteria: creativity, expressive technical ability, expertise, originality, and motivation/future potential

Failure to take even one of the assigned exams (including submission of work) will result in disqualification.

11 Pass/fail criteria

Applicants whose total scores meet the threshold criteria (60%) will be accepted in order of ranking from the top.

12 Entrance exam selection process, content and schedule

1. First-round exam content

Applicants must upload the required documents to the specified URL by the deadline below. The URL and uploading instructions will be sent to the email address registered at the time of application. If you do not receive the URL and uploading instructions by January 10, 2026, please contact the Academic Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Film and New Media. Applicants who do not submit their documents by the specified deadline will be disqualified (failed).

Submission deadline: Must arrive by 12:00, 19 January (Monday) 2026

Required documents	Notes
TOEFL or TOEIC test results certificate (select one to submit) (refer to pages 13-14)	A scanned PDF file of either your TOEFL or TOEIC test results certificate (score sheet) for a test taken after January 2024. Applicants whose official language is English should contact the Graduate School of Film and New Media's Educational Affairs Office (TEL:045-650-6201) in advance, as they may be exempt from this requirement.
A thesis or a film work (select one to submit)	• Thesis The thesis you wrote for your Master's Degree or an alternative (for example, a literary work, translation or original essay) * Please submit in PDF format. * Submissions in a language other than Japanese or English must include an abstract in Japanese of about one A4 page. • Film Work The work you produced for your Master's Degree or an alternative, or materials relating to one film or media work that provide an understanding of the work's content. Submit the video file of your work as specified below. • Video format: .mov or .mp4 • Codecs: H.264, H.265 or MPEG-4 • Audio codec: MP3 or AAC • Resolution: HD or 4K • File size: under 8 GB *Attach the script for film work in which you were responsible for directing, scriptwriting, production, technical role, etc.
Portfolio	A portfolio that provides an understanding of your activities to date. For example, an overview of past activities, outcomes of research about film or other works, or something that provides an understanding of the content of your academic theses or publications (such as articles contributed to trade journals). Portfolios must be submitted in PDF format; physical works or items will not be accepted.
Research plan	A summary (PDF file of about two A4 pages) that presents the research plan that will be implemented upon entering the doctoral degree program.

2. Announcement of successful candidates in the first-round exam

28 January (Wednesday) 2026, Around 14:00 (refer to page 15)

*Schedules etc. for the second-round exam will be announced to successful candidates.

3. Second-round exam (oral exam)

Oral exam (in Japanese or English)	Each applicant will first be asked to make a 15-minute presentation about their research achievements and research plans for the future, after which they will undergo the oral exam. *The assembly time for the oral exam will be posted on the entrance exam info website (https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/schedule-results/fnm/) at the time the successful first-round candidates are announced (28 January 2026) *The oral exam will be conducted in person. However, if you are a resident outside of Japan and cannot come to Japan due to unavoidable circumstances such as suspension of visa issuance, the oral exam may be conducted online.
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4. Second-round exam schedule:

9 February (Monday) 2026, 13:00

5. Second-round exam venue:

Bashamichi Building 1F (Yokohama Campus)

6. Final announcement of successful candidates:

27 February (Friday) 2026, Around 13:00 (refer to page 15)

13 TOEFL or TOEIC test results certificate (score sheet) submission

- Applicants to the Graduate School of Film and New Media Doctoral Program are required to submit either TOEIC or TOEFL test results certificate (only valid where the test was taken after January 2024). Applicants whose official language is English should contact the Graduate School of Film and New Media's Educational Affairs Office (tel: 045-650-6201) ahead of time, as they may be eligible for an exemption from submission of a TOEFL or TOEIC test results certificate.
- Transcripts must be submitted in PDF format. Printed transcripts must be scanned and converted into a PDF file.

1. Required documents

TOEFL or TOEIC test results certificate (select one to submit)

2. TOEFL test results certificate

Submit one of the following two test results certificates:

- TOEFL iBT (TOEFL test administered online)
- TOEFL revised Paper-delivered test

*TOEFL ITP test and TOEFL PBT (TOEFL Paper-delivered test) test result certificates will

not be accepted.

3. TOEIC test results certificate

Submit one of the following two test results certificates:

- TOEIC Listening & Reading Test. (The Institutional Program (IP) test and public tests are both acceptable.)
- TOEIC Speaking & Writing Test. (The Institution Program (IP) test and public test are both acceptable.)

*TOEIC Speaking Test and TOEIC Bridge Test result certificates will not be accepted.

14 Entrance exam procedures

1. Notice regarding entrance exams

- Information relating to exams other than that contained in this guide will be posted on the university's entrance exam info website (<https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/schedule-results/fnm/>) on the day of the exam or on the day when the interim announcement about successful candidates for the first-round exam are made.
- Questions relating to the exam details or announcements of successful candidates will not be addressed.
- Those who fail the first-round exam are not eligible to take the second-round exam.
- Candidates who act in a dishonest manner during an exam will be removed from the exam venue in question and barred from taking any other exams.
- Arrive at the specified place of assembly by the specified time for the exam.
- Latecomers will not be given extra time to complete the exam.
- Bring your exam slip with you on the day. If you have lost your exam slip or forgotten to bring it, report the fact without delay.
- Follow all of the proctor's instructions during the exam.
- Entering buildings or classrooms other than the specified venue is not permitted.
- In the case of inclement weather etc., it may become difficult to maintain the environment of the exam venue. There may also be long waits for certain exams to start. Wear clothing that is appropriate for the environment on the day of the exam.
- Smoking is prohibited throughout the Tokyo University of the Arts campuses for secondhand smoke prevention. Thus, smoking is prohibited at the exam venues, including venues outside the campus. Also, strive to prevent secondhand smoke and be considerate of others if you smoke in the vicinity.
- As a general rule, if you have contracted or are recovering from an illness (influenza, measles, chicken pox, COVID-19, etc.) that results in required absence under the School Health and Safety Act, you will not be able to take the exam as there is a risk of infecting other examinees. However, this does not apply if a doctor determines that there is no risk of infection due to the patient's medical condition. Even if you are unable to take the exam due to the above reasons, there will be no special measures such as make-up exams, and the entrance examination fee will not be refunded.
- The exam venues cannot be visited in advance.

2. Entrance exam venue

Tokyo University of the Arts, Graduate School of Film and New Media
Bashamichi Building, Yokohama Campus

○Address: 4-44 Honcho, Naka-ku, Yokohama

○Nearest station: Minatomirai Line (Yokohama Minatomirai Railway),
Bashamichi Station, a short walk from exit 5 or 7

○Tel: 045-650-6201

15 Announcements of successful candidates

Successful candidates will be announced on the entrance exam info website (<https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/schedule-results/fnm/>), and will not be posted on the bulletin board at Bashamichi Building.

*Dates and times of announcements are Japan Standard Time (JST).

1. Announcement of successful candidates in first-round exam and place of announcement

28 January (Wednesday) 2026

Around 14:00 (on the entrance exam info website

<https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/schedule-results/fnm/>)

2. Announcement of successful candidates in final-round exam and place of announcement

27 February (Friday) 2026

Around 13:00 (on the entrance exam info website

<http://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/schedule-results/fnm/>)

3. Mailing of enrollment forms to successful candidates

- Date posted: 2 March (Monday) 2026

- The enrollment forms will be mailed to successful candidates using the "Address labels to use when sending application documents" that was provided upon application.

4. Announcement of successful candidates: Point to note

The university is not able to respond to telephone or email inquiries.

16 Admission process etc.

1. Admission schedule

- Admission documents received by post must arrive by 9 March (Monday) 2026 (mail only).

- Address: Educational Affairs Office, Graduate School of Film and New Media, Tokyo University of the Arts, 4-44 Honcho, Naka-ku, Yokohama 231-0005

2. Admission fee

fee: ¥338,400

- The admission fee is waived for March 2026 graduates from Tokyo University of the Arts, Graduate School (Master's Degree Program).
- The admission fee will not be refunded. This applies also to applicants who, after completing the admission process, have by 31 March 2026 notified the university that they will not be attending.
- Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship students do not have to pay the admission

fee.

- Schemes are available for exemption from payment or deferred collection of the admission fee. (see page 17)

3. Student education and research accident and disability insurance and compensation liability insurance (three-year coverage)

fee: ¥3,620

4. Tokyo University of the Arts Campus Facility Management Association—organized to provide funding for facility management contributing to the enhancement of the campus environment (membership fee with three-year coverage)

fee: ¥50,000

- If you agree with the purpose, please apply for membership. Please pay the fee at the time of admission.

5. Tuition fees (first semester)

fee : first semester ¥321,480; second semester ¥321,480 (total annual fee ¥642,960)

- As a general rule, tuition payment will be made by automated bank transfer in accordance with the deposit account transfer request document that you submit at the time of admission.
- The total annual tuition fee is paid in two half-yearly instalments (the first in late May, the second in late November).
- Where the tuition fee is revised during the academic year, the new tuition fee shall apply from the time of revision.
- Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship students are not required to pay tuition fees.
- Schemes are available for exemption from payment or deferred collection of the tuition fee. (See page 18)

6. Material fees

The department will contact you with details during the admission process.

17 Exemption and deferment for admission/tuition fees

Tokyo University of the Arts has a scheme for exemption and deferment of admission/tuition fees. Those wishing to use this scheme should check the application requirements below and follow the required procedure prior to payment of admission/tuition fees.

Please be aware that applications are not accepted after the admission/tuition fee has been paid. Also, make adequate preparations to pay the admission/tuition fees, as admission fee exemption is not necessarily granted even if the application requirements are fulfilled, and there are cases in which tuition fee exemption is not permitted even if the application is submitted. The application requirements for exemption and deferment are as follows:

(1) Admission fee exemption

- ① Cases in which difficulty in paying the admission fee for financial reasons and excellent academic standing are recognized
- ② Cases in which severe difficulty in paying the admission fee is recognized due to the following occurrences within one year prior to the admission payment deadline: the death of the applicant's primary household income earner, or wind, flood or other natural disaster experienced by the applicant or the applicant's primary household income earner
- ③ Cases similar to ① above with comparable reasons as recognized by the university president

(2) Admission fee deferment

- ① Cases in which difficulty in paying the admission fee by the deadline for financial reasons and excellent academic standing are recognized
- ② Cases in which difficulty in paying the admission fee by the deadline is recognized due to the following occurrences within one year prior to admission: the death of the applicant's primary household income earner, or wind, flood or other natural disaster experienced by the applicant or the applicant's primary household income earner
- ③ Cases in which other unavoidable circumstances are recognized

(3) Tuition fee exemption

- ① Cases in which difficulty in paying the tuition fee for financial reasons and excellent academic standing are recognized
- ② Cases in which severe difficulty in paying the tuition fee is recognized due to the following occurrences within one year prior to the tuition payment deadline: the death of the applicant's primary household income earner, or wind, flood or other natural disaster experienced by the applicant or the applicant's primary household income earner

(4) Tuition fee deferment

- ① Cases in which it is recognized that the applicant faces difficulty in paying the tuition fee by the payment deadline for financial reasons and has excellent academic standing
- ② Cases in which difficulty in paying the tuition fee by the deadline is recognized due to the following occurrences within one year prior to tuition payment: the death of the applicant's primary household income earner, or wind, flood or other natural disaster experienced by the applicant or the applicant's primary household income earner
- ③ Cases in which other unavoidable circumstances are recognized

Consult the university website for details regarding the scheme:

Admission fee exemption and deferment

https://www.geidai.ac.jp/life/entrance_fee/waiver_deferral_admission

Tuition fee exemption and deferment

https://www.geidai.ac.jp/life/entrance_fee/waiver_deferral_tuition

- **Study Support Scholarship**

There is a scholarship scheme granting ¥50,000 per semester (¥100,000 per year, no repayment obligation) for cases in which the applicant faces difficulty in paying the tuition fee for financial reasons but is ineligible for tuition fee exemption above due to inadequate academic standing at the applicant's graduating school, provided that the applicant meets the prescribed requirements. Applicants wishing to utilize this scholarship need to follow the prescribed procedure at the same time as undertaking the above tuition fee exemption procedure.

- **Scholarship for Outstanding Students**

Tokyo University of the Arts actively supports motivated students with exceptional talent through establishing various scholarship schemes and commending enrolled students who achieve outstanding marks. There is no payment obligation for these scholarships. Consult the Tokyo University of the Arts website for details regarding the scholarships.

https://www.geidai.ac.jp/life/scholarship/geidai_scholarship

18 Notice for international students

You can enter Japan with a temporary visitor visa for the entrance exam, but a student visa is required for enrollment. If you enter Japan with a temporary visitor visa, please note that you cannot obtain a student visa while you are in Japan. You must return to your home country and apply for a Certificate of Eligibility, and then apply for a student visa at the Japanese embassy or consulate in your home county. Those who would like Tokyo University of the Arts to handle the proxy application for the Certificate of Eligibility should submit the required documents during the admission process.

※The Ministry of Justice evaluates Certificate of Eligibility and visa applications, and the university cannot take responsibility should your application be rejected.

※The student visa residence status is required for most scholarships, as well as tuition exemption and deferral.

※Do not submit multiple applications for the Certificate of Eligibility (for example, if you are admitted to another university or already have a valid Certificate of Eligibility). If you submit multiple applications, the Certificate of Eligibility will not be issued. If you have already asked another institution to handle your proxy application, you must first ask them to call off the application. Then, you can ask Tokyo University of the Arts to do your proxy application for Certificate of Eligibility.

19 Disclosure of entrance exam results

Individual entrance exam results for the Graduate School of Film and New Media Doctoral Program will only be disclosed upon the request of the exam candidate. You may submit a request as follows.

1.How to apply

Apply from the entrance exam info website. Pay the 500 yen fee along with the application fee.

2.Submit request with online application

From 10:00 on 20 November (Thursday) 2025 to 23:59 on 26 November (Wednesday)

3.Information disclosed

① Only individual information on entrance examinations for the current academic year (2026) will be released.

② Only individual scores and grades will be released. Rankings will not be released.

4.How to view disclosed information

This information is disclosed on the "MyPage" of the entrance exam info website. Keep the email address and password you registered with during the application period. You will need this to access MyPage. If you forget your password, you can only reset it using the email address you registered at the time of application.

5. Disclosure period: 7 May (Thursday) - 5 June (Friday) 2026

20 Handling of personal information

The university uses the personal information it acquires through the student selection process in the following way:

- **Purpose of use**

- Personal information including the full name and address of successful candidates is used in tasks relating to the student admission process;
- Personal information including the full name and address of students undergoing the student admission process is used in tasks relating to schooling including management of post-admission academic history and tasks relating to management health and well-being, including health check-ups;
- Personal information including the full name and address of students undergoing the admission process is used in tasks relating to administration of payments, including collection of admission fees and tuition fees;
- Personal information including results etc. obtained during the student selection process is used for tasks relating to learning support, including exemption from payment of the admission fee or tuition fees in the first academic year and in the selection of scholarship students etc.
- Personal information including results obtained in the student selection process is used for tasks incidental to statistics management etc. and admission guidance where individuals are not specifically identified, and surveys and research relating to selection of students by the university.

- **Provision of personal information to third parties**

Except where provided in Article 69 of the Act relating to Protection of Personal Information, personal information obtained by the university is not used for other purposes or provided to third parties without the consent of the applicant. However, the minimum required information may be provided in the following cases:

- Tasks involving the handling of personal information described in the above "purpose of use" may be entrusted to an external third party after concluding a contract with them concerning the appropriate handling of personal information
- Provision of information to parties outside the university in cases in which this would be in the interests of the person concerned
 - Tokyo University of the Arts Cooperative Association
 - Tokyo University of the Arts Campus Facility Management Association
 - organized to provide funding for facility management contributing to the enhancement of the campus environment

21. Briefing about the Graduate School of Film and New Media (Doctoral Program entrance exams)

Briefings will not be held for the Doctoral Program entrance exams in the Graduate School of Film and New Media. We have posted a "Summary of the Doctoral Program" and "Summary of doctoral theses and examination results of past graduates" on the "Graduate School of Film and New Media > (Doctoral Program) Department of Film and New Media Studies" webpage (URL below). Please use this as a reference. <https://fm.geidai.ac.jp/doctor/doctor-about/>

- **Contact**

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