

**2026 Academic Year
Tokyo University of the Arts
Graduate School of Fine Arts
(MFA Program)
Guidance for Prospective Students**

**Global Art Practice
Period 2 Examination**

[Notice]

This guidance provides the application guidelines for the Global Art Practice (MFA program) Period 2 Examination 2026 academic year (administered January -February 2026). For those who intend to apply for the Global Art Practice (MFA program) Period 1 Examinations for international applicants 2026 academic year (administered August - September 2025), please refer to its own guidance listed on the admission information website.

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Special features of GAP curriculum

- Collaboration with students from various countries, cultures, and backgrounds.
- Programs such as the Unit Program (a joint class program with our overseas partner schools) involving overseas travels and staying and working in groups for several weeks in Japan and abroad.
- Please note that students in the Global Art Practice course do not acquire a specialized teaching license.
- Special programs held during the holidays in the University academic calendar.
- Classes may be held during the summer holiday.
- Technical training in the workshops (wood, metal, casting, glass, etc).

GAP website

<http://gap.geidai.ac.jp/>

Important Notice of preliminary consultation to Applicants for Global Art Practice

Due to the specific features of our curriculum, preparing and planning for your individual support may take time. If an applicant requires special accommodations for examination or enrollment, please consult the the Educational Affairs Section, Faculty of Fine Arts and Global Art Practice faculty in advance.

The applicant should then fill out the consultation form, available on the University admissions website under “Request for Special Needs Accommodations for Entrance Examination”, attach supporting documents such as medical certificates or disability certificates and email them to the following address by 20th October 2025 in the Educational Affairs Section, Faculty of Fine Arts, Tokyo University of the Arts.

Email: gap.exam@ml.geidai.ac.jp (Japanese / English)

*Please be aware that the university cannot guarantee accommodation to all requests made during preliminary consultations.

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Graduate School of Fine Arts Admissions Policy

The master's course in fine art, in comparison to the bachelor's course, along with providing a higher level of expertise, aims to train talented individuals that have a broad understanding of the arts and are able to be internationally active within the arts. The master's program selects candidates through a comprehensive use of academic tests interviews, and submitted materials (a portfolio of works, thesis, etc). The selection process is carried out through intensive evaluations that consider and reflect the characteristics of each major with the highest regard. Students wishing to enroll in this graduate course are expected to engage in studies to increase their creativity and ingenuity, in addition to acquiring the fundamental knowledge and techniques of each major in the undergraduate course.

Number of Students Admitted

18 students

*The department of Global Art Practice admits 18 students, among which 6 international students (screened by Period 1 Examinations for international students) are to be included.

Standard Timeframe for Completing the Program

2 years

Offices and Faculty Advisors

Major	Research field	Office	Faculty advisor
Global Art Practice	Global Art Practice	Global Art Practice	(Schedule to start in April 2027)
			Prof. Mina Lee
			Assoc. Prof. Chiaki Soma
			Assoc. Prof. Hikaru Fujii
			Assoc. Prof. Ryohei Kan
			Lecturer. Chiaki Haibara

Keys: ○ Indicates a faculty member who plans to retire at the end of March 2027 but is currently accepting student applications.

● Indicates a faculty member who plans to retire at the end of March 2027 and is not accepting student applications.

(Concurrent post) Indicates a faculty member concurrently serving in another studio in the Graduate School of Fine Arts.

(Dual post) Indicates a researcher with the Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties who is also a faculty member at the Tokyo University of the Arts.

★ Indicates a faculty member who is not accepting student applications for the 2026 academic year.

Students in Global Art Practice are required to take classes related to their practical works. Please look at the website of Global Art Practice for detailed information about the requirements for receiving a master's degree.

Students who wish to graduate with a thesis must receive approvals from their primary tutors by September of their first year at the program.

Eligibility to Apply

Applicants to the Graduate School of Fine Arts (MFA Program) must meet one of the following requirements¹:

1. Has graduated (or expects to graduate by March 2026) from a university in Japan, as stipulated in Article 83 of the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947).
2. Possesses (or expects to possess by the end of March 2026) a bachelor's degree as stipulated in Article 104, Paragraph 7 (National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation) of the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947).
3. Has completed (or expects to complete by March 2026) a 16-year program of school education in a foreign country.
4. Has completed (or expects to complete by March 2026) a 16-year program of school education in Japan through a distance-learning course offered by a foreign school.
5. Has completed (or expects to complete by March 2026) a foreign university program in Japan, which is specified separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan and offered by an educational facility operated as part of the educational system of the foreign country in question (subject to the condition that students completing such program are considered to have completed a 16-year program of school education in the foreign country in question).
6. Has completed on or after the date specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (or expect to complete by March 2026), a specialized program at an advanced vocational school, which is specified separately by the Minister (subject to the condition that the program requires at least four years to complete and satisfies other criteria specified by the Minister).
7. Other persons deemed eligible by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (cf. Ministry of Education Directive No. 5, 1953, and Ministry of Education Directive No. 39, 1955, No. 1 and No. 2)
8. Possesses (or expects to possess by March 2026), a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by completing a program at a foreign school, which requires more than 3 years of study. The school must be properly acknowledged by a certified personnel of the government or other appropriate institutions in the foreign country, or is specified separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan. Students can also complete such program in Japan through a distance-learning course offered by a foreign school, or complete the program at an educational institution acknowledged in the school education system of a foreign country, if it is designated as in no.7.
9. Other persons who do not fulfill any of the requirements listed above, and are deemed eligible by the Graduate School through an individual entrance qualification exam for having sufficient or better academic ability than a college graduate, who is 22 or older.

¹ If one does not fulfill any of the requirements listed from 1 to 8 and wishes to apply through eligibility no.9, please contact the Educational Affairs Section, Faculty of Fine Arts and obtain the application form in advance. Please submit the application documents online by October 10, 2025. The application documents will be kept on hold until the end of the individual entrance qualification exam, and the results will be announced directly to the person. If certified as a candidate for the exam, complete the application procedure by the deadline specified by the Graduate School.

Application Procedure Explanation

※Japan standard time (UTC /GMT+9)

1	Register for online application (Page 5-6)	Go to the online application site (https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/). Enter the required fields and upload the required documents.	14 th November 2025 10:00 ~ 21 st November 2025 23:59
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2	Completing Payment (Page 7)	After finishing procedure 1, please follow the instructions on the application website to pay the examination fee.	14 th November 2025 10:00 ~ 21 st November 2025 23:59
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※Please pay the examination fee within 4 days after your registration. If you register for an online application after November 18th, the payment must be done by November 21st, 23:59.



3	Print examination ticket (Page 8)	Once the applicant is deemed qualifiable and the application is received, the applicant may print out an examination ticket. Applicants should print their own examination ticket and present it at the interview.	25 th December 2025 16:00 onward
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4	Upload required application documents (Page 9)	Please upload the required documents to the link sent by email from the Global Art Practice Department by the submission deadline. Please refer to the submission method specified by the university described on page 9. The email will be sent to applicants by 6 th January 2026.	6 th January 2026 20:00 ~ 13 rd January 2026 23:59
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5	Preliminary examination's result announcement (page 10)	The result will be published on the examination website at 10:00, 6 th February, 2026. The date and time of final examination interview will be only send to those who passed the preliminary examination by 18:00, 6 th February, 2026.	6 th February 2026
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6	Final examination (page 10)	Final examination is interview screening. Applicants should refer to the email sent from the Global Art Practice to the registered email address at the time of application and conduct an online interview at the designated time (within the specified period).	10 th February 2026 ~ 11 st February 2026
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Notes on Registering for the Online Application.

- All required application documents, including screening examination documents must be submitted online. The examination fee must also be paid during the designated period.
- If some of the application documents are missing or incomplete, applications may be denied.
- Offers of admission will be cancelled if any of the required application documents submitted online differ from the original copies, or the original copies are not submitted by the deadline designated by the university.
- Application documents cannot be revised for any reason after receipt.
- We do not receive any inquiries regarding the submitted documents or materials.
- Please do not submit documents do not specified in the requirement.
- If the documents proving your eligibility to apply are written in a language other than Japanese or English, be sure to attach Japanese or English translations (You may translate such documents yourself. The translations do not need to be certified by a certified public agency).
- Only one applicant can make an application and upload the required documents to the Online application site (if data from multiple applicants are submitted in a single application, all applications will be made invalid).
- Applicants who passed the screening examinations are required to submit the original copies of documents proving your eligibility to apply. Offers of admission will be canceled if any of the required application documents submitted online differ from the original copies, or the original copies are not submitted.

Computer Operating System Requirements

- Microsoft Edge latest version
- Google Chrome latest version
- Mozilla Firefox latest version
- Apple Safari 8 onwards

※ When applying, avoid using multiple tabs in your web browser at the same time. Doing so may lead to problems in certain cases, such as items selected on one tab being unintentionally carried over to other tabs.

※ Smartphones and tablets are not recommended.

Mail System Setting

The following six emails will be sent to the registered email address

- ① Notification email of initial password once you have completed the "Mypage" registration
- ② Automatic reply email upon completing registration to apply
- ③ Automatic reply email upon completing payment for examination fee
- ④ Notification email to obtain an examination ticket
- ⑤ Notification email to upload the submission documents that are to be submitted
- ⑥ Notification email for the interview examination date, time, and instruction

※ All emails will be sent from no-reply@e-apply.jp or @geidai.ac.jp. Please enable your account to receive messages from this address in advance.

※ If the application form is incomplete, we will contact the registered email address. Please check your mailbox regularly.

Preparing an ID photo

You must provide one ID photo (up to 2MB). The color photograph should show the top half of your body, facing forward, without a hat, and should have been taken within the previous three months.

※ Use the image on the right as a reference.

Examples of unacceptable photos

Photos that are blurry, edited, contains a dark background, includes multiple people obscure the area around the eyes with long hair and portraits in profile are not accepted.

※ If the photo is not suitable, applicants may be asked to resubmitted a different photo.

※ Also refer to the Preparation section on the web application.

Website: <https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/>



Registering for the Online Application

Go to the online application site
<https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/>

Application period: Friday 14th November 2025 (10:00)～ Friday 21st November 2025 (23:59)



Click on “Mypage Registration” on the top of the page, register your personal information following instructions on the screen.



Click on “Carry out the application procedure”.
Select the “美術学部・美術研究科 Faculty of Fine Arts Graduate School of Fine Arts” in the Choose your program section.
→ Select the “美術研究科（修士/Global Art Practice/）” in the Admissions Selection section.
Upload required documents in the following pages.



Application Registration
You will be directed to a page for confirmation of the documents for registration after uploading all the necessary documents. If there are no mistakes, click the button to “Register” the attached documents.



When the “Receipt number” shows up on the screen, the registration is completed. Please proceed to then pay the examination fee. The reception number will be used for confirming application details and the payment of the examination fee.

- ※ A notification for registration completion will be sent to the registered email. The reception number will also be presented in the notification email. Please keep the reception number until the end of the entrance examination.
- ※ The 12 digits reception number is not the “examinee number”.
- ※ Please pay the examination fee within 4 days after your registration. If you register for an online application after November 18th, the payment must be done by November 21st, 23:59.
- ※ The registered information will not be able to be changed after the registration has been completed. Please fill out all information carefully. If you have noticed an error prior to the payment of the examination fee, please start the registration process again.

Upload required application documents.

Application Documents	Instructions	Required Persons	Remarks
Documents proving eligibility to apply	<p>Upload the following two documents to prove your eligibility to apply</p> <p>① University academic transcript</p> <p>※ If you completed four years of university education at two or more schools (e.g. because you transferred), submit transcripts for all schools attended.</p> <p>② Diploma (or certificate of anticipated graduation)</p>	All Applicants	<p>This is not required for applicants who are graduates of or current students at the Faculty of Fine Arts of the Tokyo University of the Arts or for Japanese government funded international students.</p> <p>Non-regular students such as research students must submit the form.</p>
Statement of reasons for application	<p>Upload the form designated by the University on p. 19 of the Guidance for Prospective Students, provide the necessary information, and submit the form. You can also download this form by clicking the following link on the University's entrance examination site.</p> <p>https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/postgraduate/youshiki1/</p>		<p>※Accepted only in English or Japanese.</p>
Recommendation Letter	<p>Please enter the following recommender information on the application site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommender's name • Recommender's affiliation • Recommender's email address (must also be included in the recommendation letter) <p>The applicant must submit recommendation letters from two recommenders through the application site. Ensure that the recommenders agree to write the letters and that the email address used in the application site matches the email address included in the recommendation letter. The content of the recommendation letters may be verified with the recommenders.</p> <p>The original recommendation letters must be mailed to the academic affairs office during the enrollment procedures. Failure to submit the original letters may result in the cancellation of enrollment.</p>		<p>※Accepted only in English or Japanese.</p> <p>※Persons who have instructed you or are able to evaluate your past research or creative work.</p> <p>※There is no specified format. Upload the signed document.</p>
Photocopy of the passport	Upload a photocopy of the page of your passport where your photo ID and passport number is located.	Non-Japanese citizen applicant	<p>※Accepted only in PDF format or JPEG format.</p>
Certificate of English language ability	<p>Submit certified scores from one of the following exams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL iBT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ※ TOEFL PBT and TOEFL ITP are not accepted. ※ Please request the testing agency, Educational Testing Service (ETS), to send your official score report directly to Tokyo University of the Arts; the institution code (DI Code) for the Graduate School of Fine Arts is B882. ※ Test Taker Score Report will not be accepted. • IELTS Academic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ※IELTS General Training is not accepted. 	All Applicants	<p>※ The exam must have been taken on or after 1st March 2024.</p>
Notes ㊸~㊿	<p>㊸International students who are residents of Japan must submit their Certificates of Residence (showing their visa status and period of residence) issued by the heads of their municipal governments or copies of their Residence Card. (This is not required for applicants who are current students at the Tokyo University of the Arts or Japanese government-funded international students at the University)</p> <p>㊹ In addition to the documents under ㊸ above, Japanese Government-funded international students must submit Japanese Government Scholarship for Foreign Students Certificates issued by their current universities. (Showing their enrollment status and enrollment type)</p> <p>㊿ If the family name shown on your certificates or other documents differ from your current family name, attach a certificate or other documentation of your name change. (Such as official partial copy of a family register)</p>	If applicable	

※The original application documents need to be submitted after passing the exam. The successful applicants will be disqualified if either fail to submit, or the submitted documents contain fault information.

Payment of the Examination Fee

Pay the examination fee after completing the procedures 1 as indicated on pages 5-6.

1. Click “Payment（引き続き支払う）” after completing registration for the online application.
2. Login to your “Mypage（マイページ）” and proceed with the payment procedures.

Select the payment method and send the examination fee during the designated period.

Examination fee	Remittance period
36,000 yen	<p>Friday 14th November 2025</p> <p>～</p> <p>Friday 21st November 2025 (23:59) (Japan standard time)</p> <p>※ Please note that if the examination fee is not paid for within four days of completing the registration for your online application, registration will be canceled, and all information will be deleted. (Please remit the examination fee by 23:59 of the fourth day. The day of registration is counted as day one.)</p> <p>※ You may have to pay a separate transfer charge depending on your payment method.</p>

Payment method	Accepted institutions
Convenience store	Seven-Eleven / Lawson / Minis top (Loppi) / Family Mart / Daily Yamazaki / Seicomart
Credit card	MUFGCARD / DC / UFJ / NICOS / VISA / Master Card / JCB / AMERICAN EXPRESS
Post Office ・ Bank ATM	Pay-easy compatible ATM
Net Banking	Pay-easy compatible Net Banking / PayPay Bank / Rakuten Bank / SBI Sumishin Net Bank / au Jibun Bank

Notes on the Examination Fee

- For more details and notes on the fee payment process, please refer to the “Payment method” section on the online application homepage.
- You cannot pay the examination fee after the payment period.
- If the payment is incomplete by the deadline, please note that your online registration information will be deleted.
- If you are Japanese government-funded international student, please also upload the “Japanese Government Scholarship for Foreign Students Certificate” together with the other required application documents (refer to page 6).
- The card holder does not have to be the applicant themselves.
- If you cannot pay with one credit card, try a different card, or choose another payment method.

Examination Fee Waiver System

We will waive examination fees for applicants affected by windstorm, floods or other large-scale natural disasters that have occurred in Japan to ensure that they have equal opportunity for education. For details of the waiver application period and related matters, check the University's website (<https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/kenteiryo-menjo/>).

1. Documents to be submitted

- Examination Fee Waiver Application Form (specific form assigned by the University)
- A copy of your Disaster Victim Certificate (issued by your municipality)

2. Notes

Please start registering for the online application after receiving a decision on your waiver application.

For inquiry : 12-8 Ueno Park, Taito-ku, Tokyo, 110-8714, JAPAN

Tokyo University of the Arts, Student Affairs Section

TEL : 050-5525-2075 / FAX : 03-5685-7763

Examination Fee Refunds

We will not refund the examination fee transferred after we receive your application form for any reason other than below:

- If you paid for the examination fee and submitted application documents but your application was not received.
- If you paid for the examination fee but did not submit any application documents.

Download and print the University's designated Screening Fee Refund Request Form from our admission information site. Fill out and sign the required fields and mail it to the following address.

Mailing Address : 12-8 Ueno Park, Taito-ku, Tokyo, 110-8714, JAPAN

Tokyo University of the Arts: Accounting Section of the Financial Accounting Division

- Any transaction charges that the applicant incurred in transferring the examination fee will not be refunded.
- Any transaction charges incurred in refunding the examination fee will be deducted from the amount returned to the applicant.
- Refunds normally take between 2-3 months following receipt of the refund request form
- A refund request must be received by the university no later than 31st March 2026. The University will not refund the examination fee if you fail to observe the deadline.

Printing of Examination Ticket

Your examination ticket will be available to print from the online application site upon receipt of your application. A notification email will be sent to your registered email address. After you have received the notification email, please login to your "Mypage (マイページ)" and print your examination ticket. Be sure to print your ticket out on an A4-sized piece of paper and keep it with you until the examination is over.

Printing period
Thursday 25 th December 2025 from 16:00 onward

Notes on your examination ticket

- Be sure to check that the written information is correct upon printing your examination ticket. If the information on the examination ticket differs from that of the online application site, please contact the Educational Affairs Section of the university by 5th January 2026. (You can refer to your registered information by clicking "Confirm Application/Print Application Form for Fine Arts")
- Your receipt number upon registering for the online application differs from your examinee number.
- Please note that if you change your email address after completing registration, you will not be able to receive the email issuing your examination ticket.

Examination Documents

The submission method of examination documents such as your portfolios (including supplementary materials) are referred to it an email sent by the Global Art Practice Department to the email registered in the application. Documents should be submitted by the method referred to on page 3 within the submission deadline.

documents	Outline	Applicants
Portfolio	A4 size/ maximum of 20 pages File format: PDF Data Capacity: 25 MB	All applicants
Supplementary materials	1. Video (Up to 3 videos) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit playback time to 3 minutes each video. • The video must be in mp4 or .mov format at a resolution not exceeding 1920 pixels × 1080 pixels. 2. Audio (Up to 3 videos) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit playback time to 3 minutes, in mp3 or wav format. 3. Printed materials (Up to 3 essays or other printed materials) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written works or essays in PDF format. *Up to 5 files for supplementary materials.	Optional
Self-introductory video	Limit playback time to 2 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit video in mp4 or mov file format at a resolution of no more than 1920 x 1080 pixels. • In the video, the applicant should face the camera and introduce themselves, as well as explain their motivation for applying and their field(s) of activity. • The video does not have to be taken with a high-resolution camera. It could be taken casually with a digital camera, a computer, or a mobile phone. 	Optional

※Prepare the portfolio and other materials in either English or Japanese.

※Please don't set a password to download the file.

※In case that a file cannot be opened due to a technical problem, GAP may request to submit once again.

※Submitted materials will be excluded from consideration for screening purposes if we are unable to review/play them.

※Submitted materials will be viewed using Mac OS (14.4).

※Note that materials submitted will not be returned.

Examination

Examination	Examination content and methods
Preliminary Examination	[Portfolio Evaluation]
Final Examination Tuesday 10 th February 2026 ~ Wednesday 11 st February 2026	[Online interview] The interview will be held on a date between the timeframe indicated on the left. The time of final examination interview will be only send to those who passed the preliminary examination by 18:00, 6th February, 2026.

For those who passed the preliminary examination, we decide whether to admit a student based on comprehensive evaluations that include assessments of academic abilities and by reviewing documents submitted by the applicant. Applicants who fail to complete or submit even one of the assigned examinations will be ruled ineligible for admission. Note that examination fees will not be returned.

Scoring and Evaluation Criteria

The submitted documents, essays, portfolios (including supplementary materials), and interview content will be used to evaluate the knowledge, skills, logical structure, and ability to express the goals of each student, which will enable them to share and learn about the vision of GAP.

Pass/Fail Judgment Criteria

If the submitted materials and interview are judged comprehensively and the criteria are met, the top candidates will be considered to have passed.

Announcement of Admitted Students

The examinee numbers of admitted students will be posted on the university's website.

[\(https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/en/\)](https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/en/).

Preliminary examination result announcement: Friday 6th February 2026 at 10:00 am

Final examination result announcement: Thursday 19th February 2026, at 10:00 am

(Admission procedure documents will be sent to admitted students around February 21st, 2026)

Admission Procedures

1. Processing Period

Applications accepted by mail only.

Completed admission procedure documents must be received by March 6th, 2026.

Applicants who fail to complete admission procedures during the above period will be deemed to have declined the offer of admission to the Graduate School.

※Please also submit the original copies of all the required application documents by this deadline.

2. Enrollment Fee Payment

Information for making the enrollment fee payment will be attached along with the Admission Procedure Documents

Type	Amount	Remark
Enrollment fee* ¹	338,400 yen	Planned amount (Not required from Japanese government-funded international students)
Student welfare and guidance support fee	10,000 yen	
Mori-no-kai (alumni association) membership fee	40,000 yen	Payable by students who have graduated from other universities and students who have graduated from the university but have yet to pay the Mori-no-kai membership fee. Includes membership fee and 10 years' worth of dues. International students are exempt.
Student casualty insurance premium	1,750 yen	Two years premium
Student casualty insurance additional liability insurance premium	680 yen	Two years premium
Tokyo University of the Arts Campus Facility Management Association fee * ²	50,000 yen	

※1 The enrollment fee will not be returned after completion of admission procedures, even if the student withdraws on or before March 31st, 2026.

※2 Tokyo University of the Arts Campus Facility Management Association—organized to provide funding for facility management contributing to the enhancement of the campus environment. If you agree with a purpose, please apply for membership. Please pay it at the time of admission. The membership is effective until you finish your master's degree.

※ Enrollment fee not required from Japanese government-funded international students.

※ Any changes in tuition fees during your time as an enrolled student will go into effect at the time of the change.

※ In principle, the fees are paid by an account transfer (automatic withdrawal).

Please register a financial institution account for the automatic withdrawal of tuition fees in accordance with the instructions provided the enrollment procedures.

※The transfer will be made on the end of May for the first semester, and on the end of November for the second semester of the first year.

3. Materials fee

In addition to the above-mentioned fees, a materials fee of approximately 300,000 yen will be required. This fee, which covers the entire duration of the master's degree program, will be used for materials and costs needed in the GAP curriculum. Any remaining funds will be refunded to students at the end of the program. The payment is due at the time of enrollment, and the GAP faculty will provide details on the payment methods.

4. Procedures for obtaining a Japanese residence permit

① Visa application

- Applicants must apply for a visa to enter Japan at their own risk, separate from the enrollment process.
- Entry into Japan on a "short-term visitor" visa is permitted for the purpose of taking the exam, but if enrollment is confirmed, a "student" visa must be obtained before enrolling.

② Procedures for changing visas when entering Japan on a "short-term visitor" visa

- After entering Japan on a "short-term visitor" visa, the visa type cannot be changed within Japan.
- Applicants need to return back and apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) in their home country. Once it is issued, applicants will need to obtain a "student" visa at the Japanese embassy or consulate in their home country.

③ About COE proxy applications

- Applicants who wish to have Tokyo University of the Arts apply for COE on their behalf should submit the required documents when completing the enrollment procedures.

④ Scope of responsibility

The Ministry of Justice reviews residence status, and the decision on whether or not to issue a visa is made by the Japanese embassy or consulate in the applicant's home country.

The university bears no responsibility in the event of a denial of permission.

⑤ Notes

-You cannot apply for a COE multiple times (if you are currently applying at another university, or if you already have a valid COE). If you apply multiple times, the certificate will not be issued.

Please ask the institution to which you have already applied to cancel it.

-It takes 1-3 months to issue a COE.

Exemption / Deferral of Admission / Tuition fees

Tokyo University of the Arts offers a program to exempt/defer the admission and tuition fees. To benefit from this program, see the following application conditions, then complete the designated procedures before paying your admission or tuition fee.

(Note that you cannot apply for exemption or deferral after you make your payment. Also, since exemption from the admission fee will not necessarily be granted even when the conditions for the application are met and since not all applications for exemption from tuition fees are approved, applicants should prepare in advance to pay both the admission fee and tuition fee.)

The conditions for applying for exemption/deferral are described below.

1. Exemption of admission fee

- ① Cases in which it would be difficult, for economic reasons, for an applicant recognized as a student of high scholastic standing to pay the admission fee.
- ② Cases in which it is recognized that it would be difficult for the applicant to pay the admission fee due to conditions arising within one year prior to admission, such as the death of a primary income earner in a household or economic hardships imposed on the primary income earner or the applicant due to a natural disaster.
- ③ Cases equivalent to those described under ① above which are determined by the President of the University as qualifying for exemption.

2. Deferral of admission fee

- ① Cases in which it would be difficult, for economic reasons, for an applicant recognized as a student of high scholastic standing to pay the admission fee by the payment deadline.
- ② Cases in which it is recognized that it would be difficult for the applicant to pay the admission fee due to conditions arising within one year prior to admission, such as the death of a primary income earner in a household or economic hardships imposed on the primary income earner or the applicant due to a natural disaster.
- ③ Other cases as deemed unavoidable.

3. Exemption from tuition fee

- ① Cases in which it would be difficult, for economic reasons, for an applicant recognized as a student of high scholastic standing to pay the tuition fee by the payment deadline.
- ② Cases in which it is recognized that it would be difficult for the applicant to pay the tuition fee due to conditions arising within one year prior to the payment deadline, such as the death of a primary income earner in a household or economic hardships imposed on the primary income earner or the applicant due to a natural disaster.

4. Deferral of tuition fee

- ① Cases in which it would be difficult, for economic reasons, for an applicant recognized as a student of high scholastic standing to pay the tuition fee by the payment deadline.
- ② Cases in which it is recognized that it would be difficult for the applicant to pay the tuition fee by the payment deadline due to conditions arising within one year prior to the payment deadline, such as the death of a primary income earner in his or her household, or economic hardships imposed on a primary income earner or the applicant due to a natural disaster.
- ③ Other cases as deemed unavoidable.

About the Study Support Scholarship (Benefit Type)

This scholarship program pays a benefit of 50,000 yen per semester (100,000 yen per year; repayment not required) to students who would find it difficult to pay the tuition fees for financial reasons but are not eligible for exemption from tuition fees under number 3 stated above because they do not meet the standards for recognition of high scholastic standing. Applicants who wish to apply for this scholarship must complete the specified procedures at the same time they apply for exemption of tuition fees described above.

Disclosure of Information on Entrance Examinations

The application method is as follows.

1. How to Apply

Please apply through the online application site. There is a 500 yen fee for grade disclosure, which should be paid together with the entrance examination fee. *Please note that requests for grade disclosure will not be accepted by mail or after the application has been submitted, so if you wish to request grade disclosure, be sure to apply at the time of application.

2. Application Period

Period II Examination:

10:00 Friday 14th November ~ 23:59 Friday 21st November 2025 (Online Application)

3. Disclosure content

- (1) Only individual scores for the entrance examination for the fiscal year (2026) will be disclosed.
- (2) Individual scores will be disclosed either as scores or in stage evaluations. Rankings will not be disclosed.

4. Disclosure Method

Scores will be disclosed on the My Page of the online application site. Please remember the email address and password you registered when applying. You will need them to log in to My Page. In case you forget your password, reset instructions will be sent only to the email address you registered during application.

5. Disclosure Period

Friday 15th May ~ Sunday 14th June 2026

Handling of Personal Information

Under the Act on the Protection of Personal Information by Incorporated Administrative Agencies (“Personal Information Protection Act” hereinafter), the University will use personal information obtained during the process of selecting students for tasks related to the selection process and for other purposes, as described below.

• Purposes of use

1. Personal information concerning admitted students such as names and addresses will be used for tasks related to admission procedures.
2. Personal information such as names and addresses concerning persons who have completed admission procedures will be used following matriculation for tasks related to their studies, including the managing of student records and tasks related to health, such as medical examinations.
3. Personal information such as names and addresses concerning persons who have completed admission procedures will be used for tasks related to the management of payments, such as the collection of enrollment and tuition fees.
4. Personal information such as applicant assessments made during the selection process will be used for tasks related to support students for studies, including waivers of enrollment fees and tuition fees in the first year and selection of students for scholarships.
5. Personal information such as applicant assessments made during the selection process will be used for tasks related to statistical processing, provision of information for prospective students, and surveys and research related to the selection process. In such cases, personal information will be used in ways that render it impossible to identify individuals.

• Provision of personal information to third parties

Apart from the cases set forth in Article 9 of the Personal Information Protection Act, personal information obtained by the University will not be used for other purposes or be provided to third parties without the permission of the applicants themselves. However, the minimum amount of required information may be provided in the following cases:

1. Tasks involving the handling of personal information described in 1. (1) – (5) above may be entrusted to an external third party after concluding a contract with said third party concerning the appropriate handling of personal information.
2. To facilitate operations related to acceptance decisions and additional acceptance decisions through a separate installment system in which national and public universities offer two opportunities to take entrance examinations, personal information related to matters such as acceptance and admission procedures (limited to names and examination numbers for the Common Test for University Admissions) may be provided to the National Center for University Entrance Examinations and any other national and public universities to which the applicant has applied.
3. Provision of information to parties outside the University in cases in where this would be in the interests of the person concerned which include:
 - ① Musical Education Promotion Association (Parents’ association for the Faculty of Music supporting faculty education and research and student extracurricular activities.)
 - ② Mori-no-kai (Alumni association of the Faculty of Fine Arts)
 - ③ Dosei-kai (Alumni association of the Faculty of Music)
 - ④ Tokyo University of the Arts Cooperative Association
 - ⑤ Tokyo University of the Arts Campus Facility Management Association (an organization that provides funding for facility management contributing to the enhancement of the campus environment.

Statement of Reasons for Application

Name		Major	Global Art Practice
		Research field	Global Art Practice
Past research topics (or undergraduate graduation research theme)			
Brief statement of your reasons for applying to the Graduate School and research topic(s) you wish to study after admission			
Records of activities			

* Applicants may write in Japanese or English.

Important Notes on Taking Examinations

1. Further information on the examinations (not included in this guideline) will be announced via emails from the University, the University website or other media. Please be sure to check this information before the interview.
2. Recording the online interviews (both audio and video) are strictly prohibited.
3. Applicants will be disqualified and will be banned from sitting for the subsequent examinations, if found to have engaged in malpractice (including any audio and video recordings of the online interviews) or if any of the required application documents submitted online differ from the original copies. Admission may also be canceled after enrollment.
4. Applicants should prepare their settings and be ready to take the online interviews at the time indicated by the University via email.
5. Interviews will not be extended for applicants who are late. Should connections fail during the interview, please follow the instructions from the examiners who will contact you via phone or email.
6. Applicants should print their “Examination Tickets” and present them at the interview.

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List of Contacts

Tokyo University of the Arts accepts inquiries through the following channels:

○ **Online application procedure inquiries**

DISCO Cooperation, Learning and Education Support Center

Phone: 0120-202-079 (available on weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., closed on weekends, holidays, and New Year's Eve/New Year's Day) (available only in Japanese)

Email: cvs-web@disc.co.jp (available in English and Japanese)

※24-hour support during application period

※We do not accept questions regarding the admission process.

○ **Entrance Exams Inquiries/ Consultation regarding study etc.**

Educational Affairs Section, Faculty of Fine Arts/ Tokyo University of the Arts, Faculty of Fine Arts

Tel : 050-5525-2122 (Available only in Japanese)

Weekdays: 9:00am-12:00pm/ 1:30pm-4:30pm

Not accepted on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays

Email : gap.exam@ml.geidai.ac.jp (available in English and Japanese)

※ Whenever possible, inquiries should be made by the applicant themselves.

○ **University's website**

<https://www.geidai.ac.jp/>

○ **Admission website**

<https://admissions.geidai.ac.jp/>

○ **Online Application Website**

<https://e-apply.jp/ds/geidai-net/>