

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

Into a Sea of Diversity:  
Creating the Future through Dialogue

**UTokyo WAY**

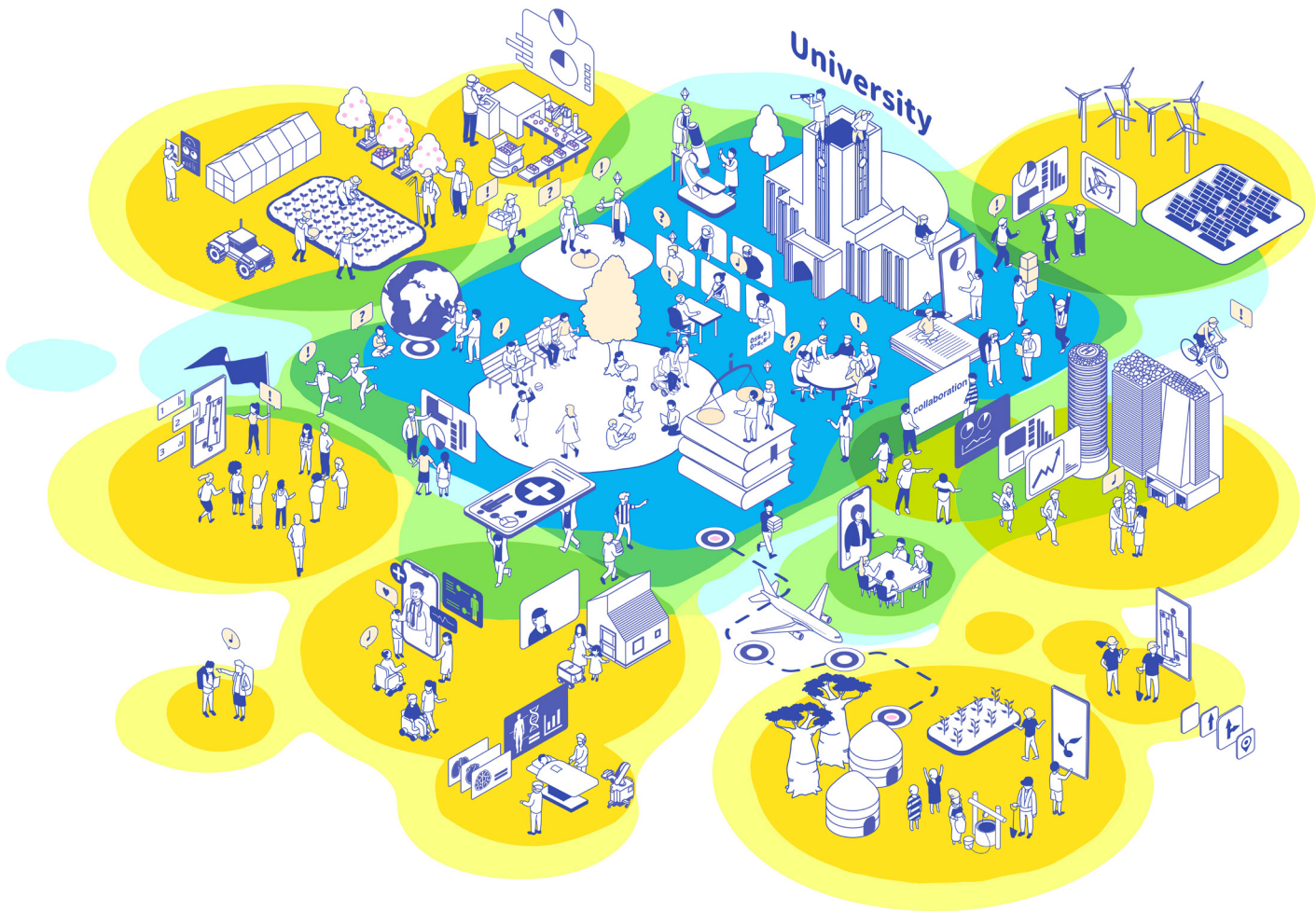


# UTokyo WAY

# UTokyo: Where Bold Ideas Shape Tomorrow

For over three centuries, the University of Tokyo has advanced the frontiers of human knowledge. Our story began in 1684, when the Tokugawa shogunate founded the Tenmonkata (Astronomy Agency), an institution that evolved over time to become a cornerstone of Japan's modern higher education. Since our formal establishment in 1877 through the merger of several pioneering schools, UTokyo has grown into Japan's premier research university and a leader in Asia and the world.

UTokyo's legacy of innovation has helped shape Japan's pivotal role in the global arena. Our alumni include 16 prime ministers, nine Nobel laureates, and countless leaders in business, scholarship, culture, and society. The university has also spearheaded research in fields throughout the natural and social sciences, the humanities, medicine, and engineering, cementing Japan's reputation for excellence. Today, UTokyo continues to venture into unexplored territories as we seek solutions to humanity's most urgent challenges.



## Transforming Knowledge into Global Solutions

At UTokyo, we prepare pioneers—well-rounded, ethical leaders who combine a global vision with the drive to create a more equitable and sustainable world. Our vibrant community brings together diverse, talented students from Japan and around the globe, all united by a spirit of free inquiry and open dialogue.

Students have access to world-class facilities, distinguished faculty at the pinnacle of their fields, and extensive international programs that broaden their horizons. Our curriculum provides a strong liberal arts foundation alongside deep expertise in chosen disciplines, with a special focus on empathy, integrity, and collaboration. These qualities empower students to craft solutions that serve the common good.

Armed with this education, UTokyo graduates go on to

guide governments, energize both established and start-up enterprises, and break new ground in fields as varied as environmental studies, literary criticism, and artificial intelligence. The UTokyo experience ignites a lifelong commitment to the pursuit of truth and public service, inspiring our alumni to address the world's most complex challenges.

## Partnering to Build a Better World

Even as UTokyo honors our distinguished history, we look boldly to the future. Our guiding principles, set forth in UTokyo Compass, emphasize academic excellence, social inclusion, and collaboration across differences to tackle shared global issues. Embracing this spirit of openness, UTokyo continues to break down barriers, unite communities, and forge partnerships across the globe in pursuit of a brighter, more sustainable tomorrow.



# President's Message

Teruo Fujii

President  
The University of Tokyo (UTokyo)



We stand at the beginning of the Intelligence Age, as AI fundamentally changes how we work, learn, and preserve cultural identity. As a leading research university, the University of Tokyo must now confront profound questions about human expertise, creativity, and governance. This moment demands that we continue to advance cutting-edge research while reimagining what universities must become when knowledge itself is being redefined.

Meeting these challenges requires human resources with new capabilities. Single-discipline expertise can no longer solve complex problems; we need individuals who can weave knowledge from multiple fields together, master tools like AI, and articulate compelling visions. One of our solutions can be seen in UTokyo College of Design, planned for launch in September 2027. This five-year integrated Bachelor's/ Master's program will cultivate leaders who can coordinate diverse knowledge to address social challenges creatively. This initiative also further advances our internationalization, welcoming diverse talents including those from the Global South.

Educational innovation must extend beyond traditional classrooms to reconnect learning with society. Field experiences where students confront real challenges can have profound impacts on learning motivation and knowledge application. With AI augmenting human intelligence and making knowledge more accessible, the power to judge what should be learned must be developed through direct experience. This underpins our emphasis on entrepreneurship education, community fieldwork, and student-driven challenges. We are promoting "responsible flexibility": integrating knowledge across boundaries while maintaining social responsibility.

Another critical dimension of our mission is sustainability.

Green transformation is both an environmental imperative and a difficult challenge. UTokyo's innovative approaches include forest valuation projects and our newly launched Building Carbon Management system. We cultivate sustainability consciousness through our SPRING GX program, which includes about 1,300 doctoral students. Each of those students, regardless of specialization, takes responsibility for how they will engage with green transformation.

Our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion remains unwavering. Precisely because we have not yet achieved DEI at a sufficient level, we must continue to strengthen our efforts. International collaboration with partners worldwide is essential to solving global issues. We are creating venues where young people can engage with diverse perspectives through exchanges with institutions like the Asian University for Women in Bangladesh and programs supporting entrepreneurship in Africa. To drive these initiatives, we are establishing a new Academic Management Headquarters centered on a Provost who will strategically oversee education and research university-wide.

As we approach our 150th anniversary in 2027, UTokyo is engaged in a fundamental transformation. In response to the rapid shifts in today's world, we are comprehensively reviewing our education, research, and societal engagement. This reform requires collaboration with our alumni, partners, and stakeholders worldwide. As an institution entrusted with the expectations of society at large, we embrace our responsibility to lead meaningful progress. Through dialogue, innovation, and commitment to academic excellence, we will continue to serve the global public and establish new standards for research universities in this era of rapid and profound change.





# About UTokyo

## Overview

### Independence and Innovation

Established by the Japanese government in 1877, not long after the country's reopening to the world, the University of Tokyo has played a leading role in Japan's modernization and development. In 2004, UTokyo was incorporated as an institution independent from the government, ushering in a new era of autonomy. With our 150th anniversary approaching in 2027, UTokyo continues to evolve as a pioneer in education and research.

Guided by our commitment to serve the global public,

UTokyo pushes the frontiers of knowledge through interdisciplinary collaboration and groundbreaking research. Promoting academic freedom and diversity, we provide a rich curriculum in both the liberal arts and advanced specializations, empowering students to become global leaders. UTokyo aspires to be a university that is open to the world—where scholarship thrives, unhindered by barriers.



### Pluralism and Acceptance

As a pioneer in research and education, the University of Tokyo believes that embracing a pluralistic, accepting approach in everything we do is imperative for pushing new boundaries and developing future global leaders. That's why, in June 2022, we adopted our Statement on Diversity & Inclusion. This document both reiterates and uplifts the principles of the university's charter, promoting respectful, continuous dialogue and banning any form of discrimination, including in decision-making processes. The statement not only facilitates inclusion within the university but extends this principle to all who cooperate with the institution, promoting a sense of belonging and respect for everyone.



## Education

The University of Tokyo's undergraduate programs are structured into a two-tier system: the first two years comprise general education in the College of Arts and Sciences, while the last two years involve specialized education in the student's chosen faculty and department. This "late specialization" model provides students with a broad liberal arts foundation before they pursue focused

study in their majors.

Following Japan's standard academic calendar, UTokyo's school year begins in April. However, in response to globalization, select undergraduate and graduate programs taught in English have adopted autumn admission to meet growing international demand and diversify student perspectives.

### UTokyo College of Design

Scheduled to launch in September 2027, UTokyo College of Design represents an ambitious milestone: our first five-year integrated Bachelor's/Master's program. Taught entirely in English with fall enrollment, the program will welcome one hundred students annually drawn from both Japan and around the world. The College embodies its philosophy in the motto: "See the World Through Design. Then Change It."

Here, "design" encompasses not only the shaping of industrial products or artistic artifacts, but also the creation of new values, systems, processes, and innovative solutions. Students will be exposed to wide academic knowledge and different design approaches, develop projects that address social issues, and take part in a mandatory fourth-year internship. Learning

will be rooted in a newly created studio environment on campus, where students will interact daily with faculty members from across the university, peers, and practitioners, and be inspired to create their own learning pathways shaped by their own interests. The program's international environment and project-based curriculum will encourage substantive discussion, committed engagement, and personal growth. Graduates will become next-generation leaders equipped to integrate different disciplines to tackle social issues, collaborate with others, create new businesses, social systems, and values, and shape the world's future.

UTokyo College of Design website

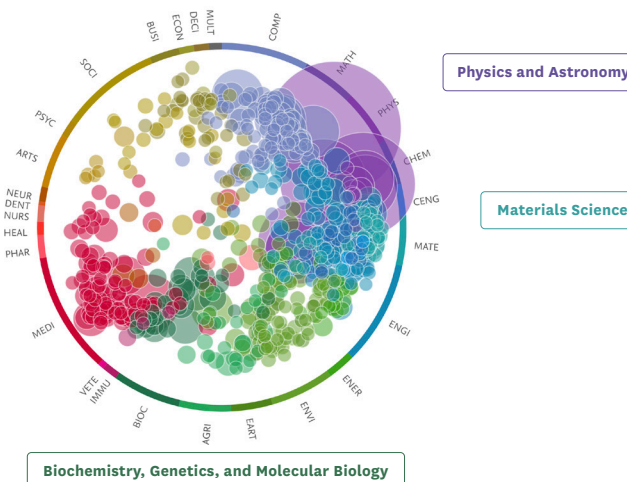


## Research

For nearly 150 years, the University of Tokyo has exemplified Japan's tradition of academic excellence and ingenuity across a wide range of disciplines. A recent study revealed that, from 2020 to 2024, UTokyo scholars produced high-impact publications on over 17,000 research topics. This remarkable achievement reflects UTokyo's culture of boundary-pushing rigor across the academic spectrum. Unlike many Japanese universities that focus on only certain fields, UTokyo pursues excellence in all areas of scholarship. Our researchers unlock insights stretching from the sciences, social sciences, and humanities to

interdisciplinary frontiers.

This comprehensive ethos stems from UTokyo's mission to advance knowledge for society's benefit. While honoring Japan's scholarly traditions, UTokyo also promotes ever-greater global research engagement in English and other languages. By bridging academic cultures and languages, UTokyo seeks to expand the vistas of human understanding.



(SciVal data updated on October 31, 2025; based on papers from 2020 to 2024)

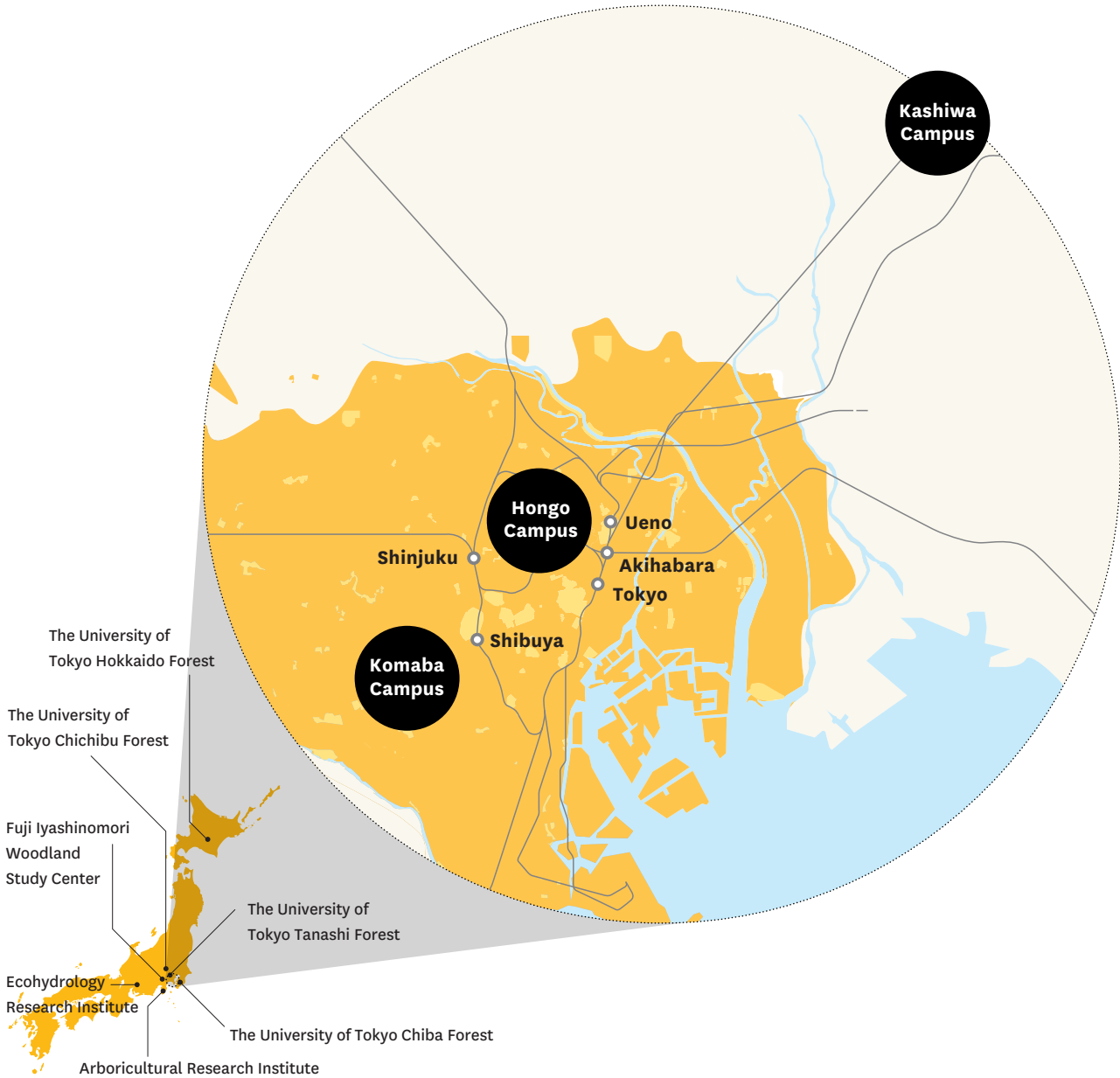


# Organization

## Locations

The University of Tokyo's headquarters and main campus are located in Hongo on the east side of central Tokyo. Other primary locations include the Komaba Campus near Shibuya and the Kashiwa Campus in suburban Chiba Prefecture. The university also has numerous affiliated facilities throughout

Japan that support our educational and research activities. These include the extensive research forests affiliated with the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, covering a total of approximately 32,300 hectares at seven locations nationwide.



## Divisions

The University of Tokyo has a total enrollment of nearly thirty thousand students across 10 undergraduate faculties and 15 graduate schools. It also hosts affiliated research institutes in fields ranging from historiography, social sciences, and cultural studies to atmospheric and ocean science, mathematics, and seismology, as well as dozens of collaborative research organizations and the University of Tokyo Institutes for Advanced Study. With abundant world-class facilities, UTokyo provides premier conditions for education, research, and international engagement.

## People

With over eleven thousand faculty and staff, the University of Tokyo is a large comprehensive university that serves as a world-leading platform for education and research. An increasing number of our full-time faculty come from outside Japan, and every year we welcome many scholars from throughout the world for short-term stays. Our professional staff includes many who are fluent in English as well as Japanese, helping to make international collaborations go even more smoothly. The university also works together with leading research institutions and private companies throughout Japan and worldwide.

### Faculties/College

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|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Faculty of Law         | Faculty of Agriculture             |
| Faculty of Medicine    | Faculty of Economics               |
| Faculty of Engineering | College of Arts and Sciences       |
| Faculty of Letters     | Faculty of Education               |
| Faculty of Science     | Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences |

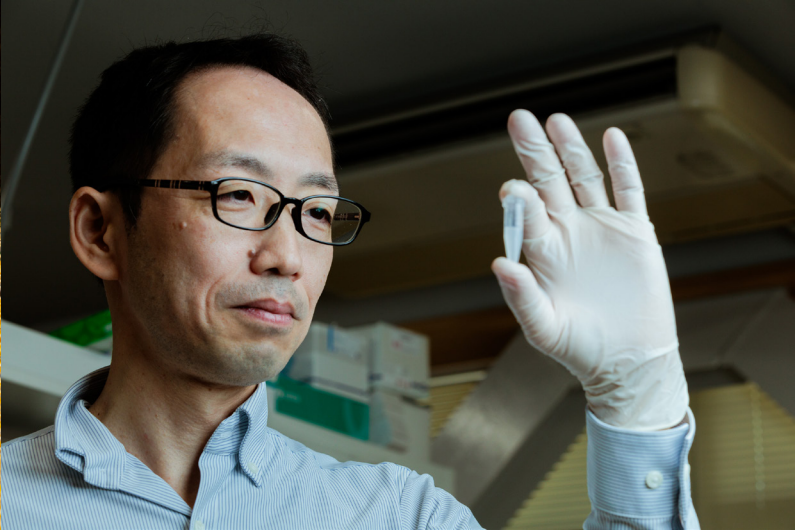
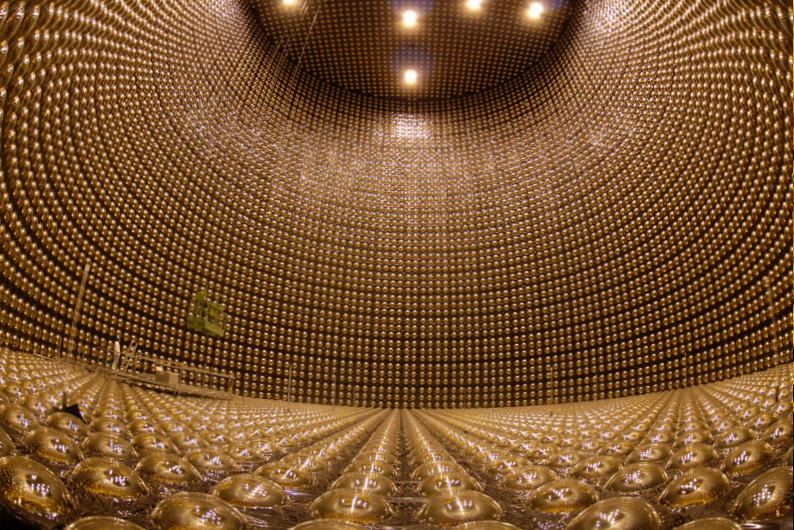
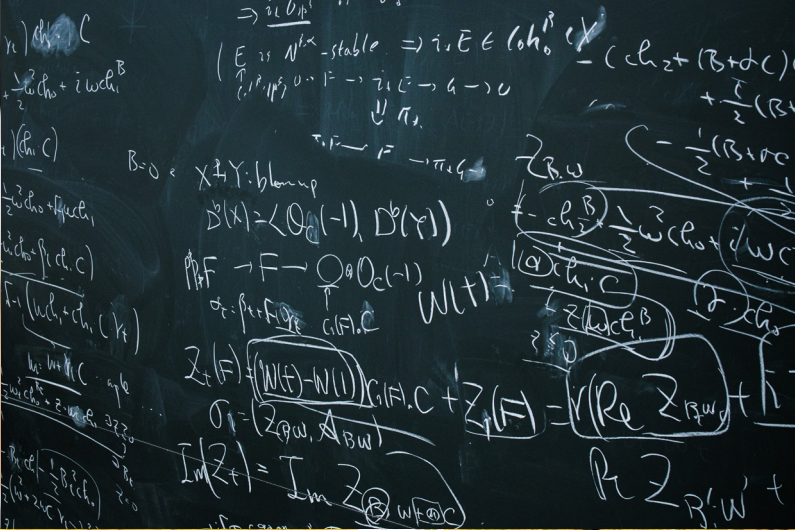
### Graduate Schools

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| Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology       | Graduate School of Medicine                              |
| Graduate School of Education                      | Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences               |
| Graduate Schools for Law and Politics             | Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences                 |
| Graduate School of Economics                      | Graduate School of Frontier Sciences                     |
| Graduate School of Arts and Sciences              | Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies |
| Graduate School of Science                        | Graduate School of Information Science and Technology    |
| Graduate School of Engineering                    | Graduate School of Public Policy                         |
| Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences |  |

### Affiliated Institutes

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| Institute of Medical Science           | Institute for Quantitative Biosciences              |
| Earthquake Research Institute          | Institute for Cosmic Ray Research                   |
| Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia | Institute for Solid State Physics                   |
| Institute of Social Science            | Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute             |
| Institute of Industrial Science        | Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology |
| Historiographical Institute            |   |







# UTokyo by the Numbers

Founded in  **1877**

THE World University  
Rankings 2026  
 **26<sup>th</sup>**

QS World University  
Rankings 2026  
**36<sup>th</sup>**



Total number  
of graduates  
**474,961**  
As of March 31, 2025



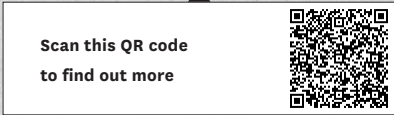
Overseas facilities  
and offices  
**26**

International  
exchange agreements  
**570**

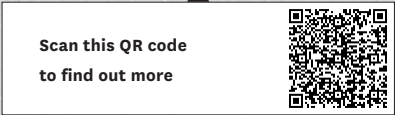
Exchange  
of researchers  
**13,790**  
Inbound/outbound in 2024

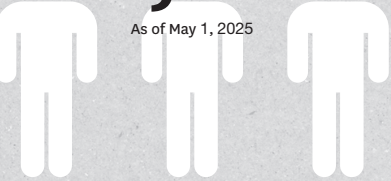


International  
students  
**5,234**  
As of May 1, 2025




Non-Japanese  
researchers  
**918**  
As of May 1, 2025

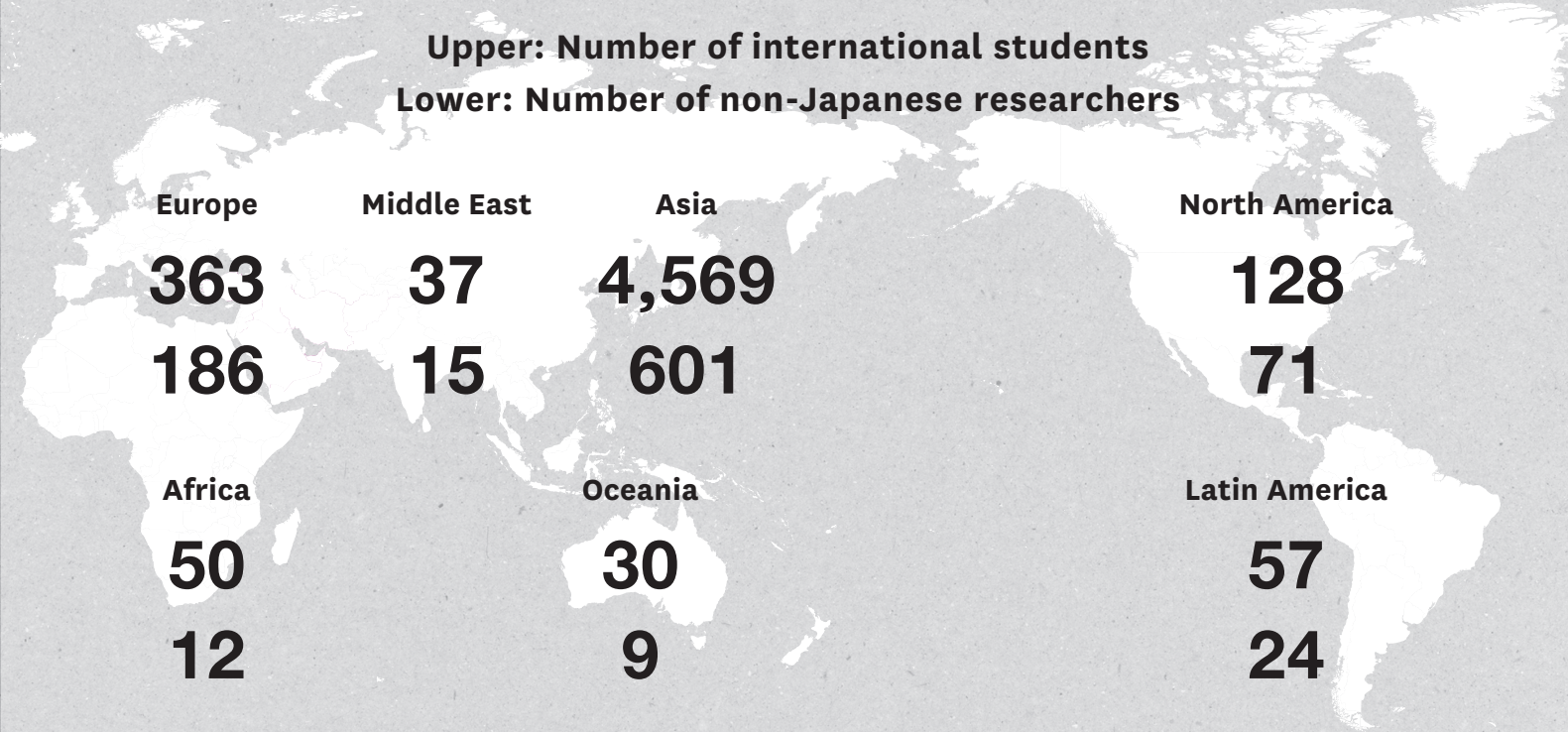


Students  
**29,577**  
As of May 1, 2025  


Academic staff  
**6,122**  
As of May 1, 2025  


Administrative staff  
**5,805**  
As of May 1, 2025  


Upper: Number of international students  
Lower: Number of non-Japanese researchers





Cited papers

1,072,781

Number of times that UTokyo papers published from 2020 to 2024 were cited as of October 1, 2025  
(Source: SciVal by Elsevier)



Among the World's Best Hospitals 2025,  
The University of Tokyo Hospital ranked



1<sup>st</sup> in Japan

2<sup>nd</sup> in Asia

by Newsweek and Statista



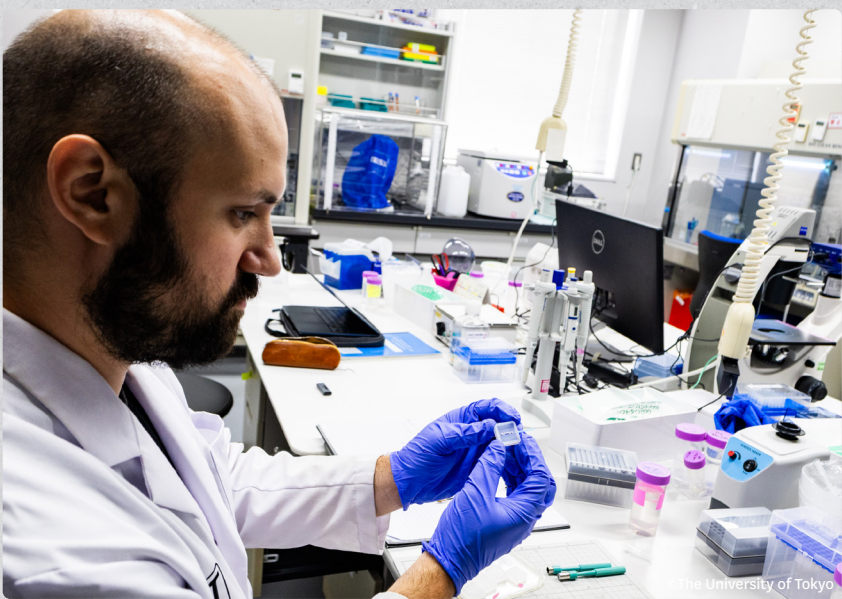
Ochikubo no soshi (collection of the General Library, the University of Tokyo)



Volumes in university libraries\*

10,077,542

As of March 31, 2025  
\*The first university library system in Japan with a collection of over 10 million volumes



Number of acquired patents

5,038

As of March 31, 2025

UTokyo-related startup companies

638

As of March 31, 2025

Total ordinary revenue (FY2024)

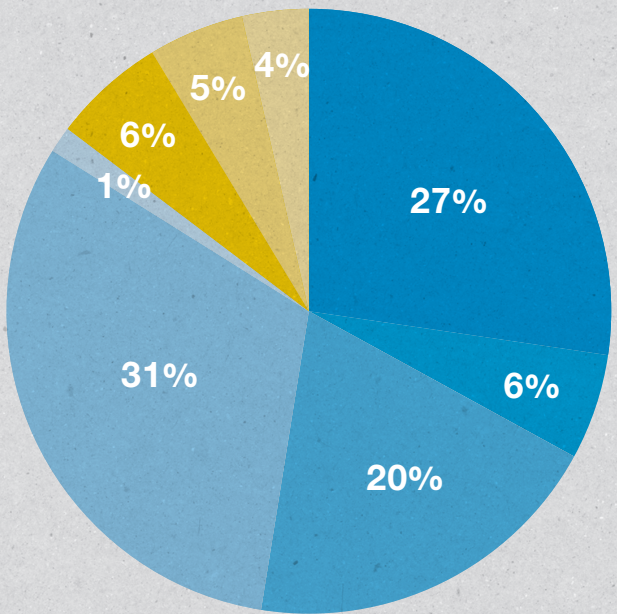
299.1 billion JPY  
(2.0 billion USD)

Conversion rate 1 USD = 148.17 JPY, TTM rate on October 1, 2025

Total ordinary expenses (FY2024)

290.1 billion JPY  
(2.0 billion USD)

Conversion rate 1 USD = 148.17 JPY, TTM rate on October 1, 2025



Government grants  
Student tuition fees  
Revenue of university hospitals  
Research grants  
Research-related revenue  
Subsidies  
Other ordinary revenue  
Donations

Total assets (FY2024)

1,504 billion JPY  
(10.2 billion USD)

Conversion rate 1 USD = 148.17 JPY, TTM rate on October 1, 2025

Total invested assets\*  
(as of FY2024)

54.2 billion JPY  
(365.5 million USD)

\*UTokyo Foundation and other funds under advanced portfolio management  
Market value basis; conversion rate 1 USD = 148.17 JPY, TTM rate on October 1, 2025





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