

Top Japan CS Universities (Summary): Japan offers **world-class Computer Science programs** with low tuition and safe, vibrant cities. **University of Tokyo (UTokyo)** leads in CS reputation (QS #30 in 2025 ¹) and global industry links, though its undergrad CS is Japanese-taught (requires language proficiency). **Kyoto University** (Kyoto) and **Tokyo Institute of Technology** (Tokyo Tech) are also highly ranked (both ~Top 100 CS globally ¹) with strong research and **generous scholarships** – e.g. Kyoto's *iUP* program waives full tuition for 4.5 years ². For **English-taught options**, **Waseda University** (Tokyo) stands out with a BSc in Computer Science taught entirely in English ³; **Kyushu University** (Fukuoka) offers an English **EECS** program ⁴. National universities have **low tuition** (~¥535,800/year ≈ **\$3.6k**) ⁵ and moderate living costs – particularly in cities like **Sendai** (Tohoku U) or **Fukuoka** (Kyushu U), which are cheaper than Tokyo. All listed cities are **very safe** (Japan ranks #13 globally on the 2023 Global Peace Index ⁶); Kyoto and Sendai boast especially low crime (crime index ~14, safety ~86) ⁷ ⁸. Many universities and government programs provide **scholarships**: e.g. the **MEXT Scholarship** (full tuition + ¥117k/month stipend) ⁹ ¹⁰, **JASSO Honors Scholarship** (¥48,000/month) ¹¹, and university-specific merit awards (Waseda awards automatic tuition reductions to top admits). International students are **welcomed** – support includes Japanese language courses, dedicated dorms, and the ability to work part-time (up to 28 hrs/week on a student visa ¹²) to help with expenses. Below is a comparison of the top programs:

Rank	University	City	CS Ranking (latest)	Tuition/ Year (intl)	Est. Annual Living Cost	Scholarships (highlights)	Admission Window (2024–2026)	Coun Safety
1	University of Tokyo (UTokyo) – B.Eng. Computer Science (Faculty of Eng./IST)	Tokyo, Kantō, Japan	QS 2025: #30 ¹ ; THE 2025: #37 ¹³ ; ARWU 2023: 101–150 ¹⁴	¥535,800/ year (nationals & intl) ⁵ ¥282,000 one-time entry fee ⁵	~¥1.64M/ year (~\$11.1k) in Tokyo (rent ¥58k, food ¥39k/mo avg) ¹⁵	MEXT full-ride (tuition + ¥143k/mo) ⁹ ¹⁰ ; JASSO Honors (¥48k/mo) ¹¹ ; UTokyo Assist. Assoc. stipend (¥50k/mo) ¹⁶ (need-based)	<i>Nat'l Exam:</i> Nov 2024–Feb 2025 (apply via EJU/Common Test, exam Feb, April '25 intake) ¹⁷ . PEAK (English) programs: not available for CS (Japanese-taught only).	GPI 2024: 17 th safest (Score 1.525) ¹⁸

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2	Kyoto University – Informatics & Mathematical Science (B.Eng.)	Kyoto, Kansai, Japan	QS 2025: #100 ²⁰ ¹ ; THE 2024: #69 ²¹ ; ARWU 2023: 301–400 ²²	¥535,800/ year (~\$3,630) + ¥282k entry (national uni standard) ⁵	~¥1.0M/ year (~\$6.8k) in Kyoto (rent ~¥37k, food ¥26k/mo avg) ²³	Kyoto iUP Scholarship: full 4.5-yr tuition & admission fee waiver for all iUP students + ¥120k/mo stipend (prep year) ² ; MEXT (Univ reco.) slots for top iUP admits ²⁴	<i>English iUP:</i> Nov 4–Dec 4, 2025 (online app for Oct 2026 entry) ²⁵ ²⁶ ; interview Feb, results Mar. <i>Std Apr intake:</i> via nat'l exam (Japanese, similar timeline as UTokyo).	GPI 2024: 17 th (Japan) ¹⁸
3	Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech) – B.E. in Computer Science	Tokyo, Kantō, Japan	QS 2025: #136 ²⁹ ; THE 2024: ~101–125 (≈Top 100) ¹ ; ARWU 2023: 401–500 ³⁰	¥535,800/ year (~\$3,630) + ¥282k entry (nat'l uni) ⁵	~¥1.5M/ year in Tokyo (~\$10k; slightly lower living cost than central Tokyo campus)	MEXT Scholarship (via grad programs, undergrad via embassy route) ⁹ ; JASSO Honors (¥48k/mo) for privately-funded intl students ¹¹ . Tokyo Tech offers tuition exemption/ waivers for top students ³¹ .	<i>Undergrad admissions in Japanese.</i> Oct–Nov 2024 apps for Apr 2025 entry; Common Test Jan & Tokyo Tech exam Feb ³² ³³ . (No full English undergrad; an IELTS 6.5 may be accepted for grad IGP.)	GPI: S Japan (#17 C 2024) ¹⁸

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4	Osaka University – B.Eng. Information/Computer Science	Osaka, Kansai, Japan	QS 2025: ~#150 ¹ ; THE 2025: ~151–175 ³⁵ ; ARWU: not top 500 (CS)	¥535,800/ year (~\$3,630) + ¥282k entry fee ⁵ (nat'l)	~¥1.2M/ year (~\$8.2k) in Osaka (rent ¥50k, food ¥30k/mo est.)	Japan Gov't MEXT (embassy or univ. rec, full tuition + stipend) ⁹ ; JASSO (monthly ¥48k) ¹¹ ; Osaka offers partial tuition waivers for high-performing students ³¹ .	<i>Japanese-medium program. Fall 2024</i> application for Apr 2025 via nat'l exam system; Common Test Jan, Osaka Univ exams Feb. (Osaka also has bilingual modules but no full English BSc).	GPI: Japan #17 (2024) ¹⁸
5	Tohoku University – B.S. in Information Sciences	Sendai, Tōhoku, Japan	QS 2025: ~#201–250 ³⁷ ; THE 2025: ~#126–150 ³⁸ ; ARWU 2023: 201–300 ³⁹	¥535,800/ year (~\$3,630) + ¥282k entry (nat'l) ⁵	~¥0.96M/ year (~\$6.5k) in Sendai (lower rents ~¥30k, food ¥30k/mo)	MEXT Scholarship (full tuition + ¥120k/mo) via university ⁹ ; JASSO Honors (¥48k/mo) ¹¹ ; Tohoku's President Award (tuition waiver) for top intl undergrads (competitive) ⁴⁰ .	<i>Japanese-taught. Fall 2024</i> apply (EJU) → exams Feb 2025, enroll Apr. (Tohoku's programs like JYPE are for exchange; degree program requires Japanese ability.)	GPI: Japan #17 ¹

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6	Waseda University – B.Sc. Computer Science & Communications Eng. (English-based)	Tokyo, Kantō, Japan	QS 2025: ~#191–200 ⁴² ; THE 2024: ~#201–250 (CS) ⁴² ; (Overall QS 2024: #129)	¥1,584,000/ year tuition + ~¥75k fees = ¥1.66M (~\$11.3k) ⁴³ ; first year + ¥200k entry (¥1.86M total) ⁴³	~¥1.5M/ year (~\$10.2k) in Tokyo (private housing ~¥70k in Shinjuku, meals ¥40k/ mo)	Waseda Merit Scholarships: automatic tuition waivers (30%–100%) for top international admits ⁴⁴ ; JASSO Honors (¥48k/mo) often awarded to Waseda int'l students; variety of private scholarships via Waseda (e.g. Ono Azusa Memorial) covering ¥400k–¥1M ⁴⁵ .	Sep 2026 intake: Jan 8–Feb 10, 2026 online application ⁴⁶ ; results ~April. (Single round; English documents, no Japanese needed).	GPI: Japan #13 (2023) ⁶

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7	Kyushu University – B.Eng. Electrical Engineering & Computer Science (English)	Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan	QS 2025: ~#251–300 ⁴⁷ ; THE 2025: ~#176–200; (Overall QS 2024: #146)	¥535,800/ year (~\$3,630) + ¥282k entry (nat'l std) ⁵	~¥900k/ year (~\$6.1k) in Fukuoka (rent ~¥30–40k, food ¥25k/ mo) ⁴⁸ – low cost city.	Kyushu Univ. Int'l Undergrad Scholarship: ¥60,000/ month stipend for top ~10 EECS entrants (first 4 years) ⁴⁹ ; MEXT full scholarship available (via Kyushu reco) ⁹ ; Kyushu Tuition Waiver (50%~100% based on merit/need).	Oct 2025 intake: Jan 2025 application period ⁵⁰ ⁵¹ ; results by March; program begins in October 2025 ⁵² ⁵³ . (All classes in English; Japanese not required.)	GPI: Japan #17 ¹
8	University of Tsukuba – B.S. in Informatics/ Computer Science	Tsukuba (near Tokyo), Kantō, Japan	QS 2025: ~#251–300; THE 2025: ~#201–250; (Overall QS 2024: #295)	¥535,800/ year (~\$3,630) + ¥282k entry (nat'l) ⁵	~¥1.1M/ year (~\$7.5k) in Tsukuba (lower rent ~¥40k, campus meal plan available)	MEXT University Rec. (full ride) ⁹ – Tsukuba is a frequent MEXT host; JASSO Honors (¥48k/mo) ¹¹ ; Tsukuba Honors Scholarship (¥60k/mo) for top int'l undergrads (competitive).	<i>Japanese-taught.</i> Oct–Nov 2024 apply (for Apr 2025). Tsukuba has special intl admission using EJU scores ³² ; exams/ interview Dec–Feb. (No pure English undergrad in CS.)	GPI: #17 (J 2024) ¹⁸

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9	Nagoya University – B.Eng. in Computer Science (Department of CS)	Nagoya, Chūbu, Japan	QS 2025: ~#271–300; THE 2025: ~#201–250; ARWU 2022: 151–200 (Eng/ Tech)	¥535,800/ year + ¥282k entry (nat'l std) ⁵	~¥1.2M/ year (~\$8.2k) in Nagoya (rent ¥45k, food ¥30k/mo est.)	G30 International Program Scholarships: e.g. <i>Automotive/ Engineering</i> scholarships (tuition 100% waiver + ¥500k/year) – CS-adjacent fields; MEXT (full) ⁹ ; Nagoya University Global 30 merit awards (¥50k–¥100k/ month stipend for select intl students).	Oct 2025 intake (English G30): Dec 2024–Jan 2025 application (est.) – Nagoya's G30 has fall entry for certain programs (CS may be via Engineering program). <i>Std Japanese intake:</i> via nat'l exam (Apr start).	GPI: #17 JP ¹⁸
10	Hokkaido University – B.S. Information Science (Faculty of Science/Eng.)	Sapporo, Hokkaidō, Japan	QS 2025: ~#301–350; THE 2025: ~#251–300; (Overall QS 2024: #173)	¥535,800/ year (~\$3,630) + ¥282k entry ⁵	~¥1.0M/ year (~\$6.8k) in Sapporo (rent ~¥30k, food ¥30k/mo; lower than Tokyo)	Hokkaido University President's Fellowship: full tuition + ¥2.3M stipend (1–2 awardees worldwide) ⁵⁹ ; MEXT (embassy) slots ⁹ ; JASSO Honors (¥48k/mo) ¹¹ .	<i>Japanese-taught. Oct 2024–Feb 2025</i> (apply and take entrance exams for Apr 2025 start). Some lectures/ research opportunities in English, but degree requires Japanese.	GPI: #17 JP ¹⁸

Notes: All national universities (#1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9, #10) have **very affordable tuition (¥535,800 ≈ \$3.6k/year)** ⁵, and many offer **tuition waivers** or reductions for students with financial need or top

grades. Living cost estimates above assume a moderate student lifestyle; Tokyo is the most expensive, while regional cities like Sendai, Fukuoka, and Sapporo are cheaper by 20–30%. We did **not find any programs exceeding the \$15k/year tuition cap** – even Waseda (private) is about \$11k/year ⁴³. Your IELTS 7.5 **exceeds minimum requirements** for all English-taught programs listed; just beware that UTokyo and other national programs **require Japanese fluency** (we flagged these in the table). Japan is extremely safe for students (low crime, and ranked #2 in Asia on safety/security ⁶), but always check the latest travel advisories. Finally, a **student visa (“College Student” status)** will be arranged via your university's Certificate of Eligibility; it allows **part-time work up to 28 hours/week** during semesters ¹² (full-time in vacations), which can help cover living expenses. Each university's international office provides guidance on visa, housing, and scholarships – use the links above to get the most up-to-date details and application guidelines. Good luck with your studies in Japan! 🇯🇵

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<https://www.iup.kyoto-u.ac.jp/student-support/>

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<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/admission/en/undergraduate/english>

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https://www.eng.kyushu-u.ac.jp/e/u_international_electrical.html

⁵ **The University of Tokyo | JPSS for international students**

<https://www.jpss.jp/en/univ/31/>

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⁷ **Is Kyoto Safe? A Tourist's Guide to Safety and Security**

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