



Post-graduate study on Nano-Satellite Technologies (PNST) 2024 round

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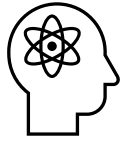
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Access to Space for All

Structure of the initiative

The goal of the Access to Space 4 All initiative is to provide research and orbital opportunities for UN Member States **to access space and to ensure that the benefits of space, in particular for sustainable development, are truly accessible to all**



Acquire cutting-edge skills for jobs and other opportunities and **develop hands-on capabilities** from A-Z



Free of charge access to unique ground and space infrastructure, technology, and information



Gain international cooperation experience through working with the UN and space-faring partners



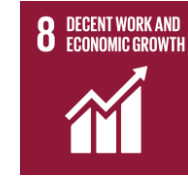
Visibility to the R&D and space activities already done in the country/region



Motivate the young generation and **boost interest in STEM**

Access to Space for All in Numbers

- **9** Hands on Opportunities
- **1** Annual Fellowship
- **32** Awardees involving **44** Entities from **32** countries
- **5** CubeSats launched
- **8** Microgravity & **3** Hypergravity Experiments performed
- **16** projects in development
- **68** Scholarships granted
- **100+** Hours of educational content on YouTube



SPACE AGENCIES



RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES



PRIVATE SECTOR





Access to Space for All

Impact of the initiative



Ellas construyen el satélite guatemalteco

Conozca a las siete estudiantes que participan en el proyecto del CubeSat.

Buenaf Vida #GuatemalaEnEspacio

“Estamos haciendo historia”
Estudia Ingeniería Industrial y es parte del equipo de Maestra y Contramaestra. Este proyecto me permite crecer en el área de tecnología, porque debemos demostrar que somos capaces de realizar cosas innovadoras. Va a ser un trabajo largo, con muchas dificultades, pero al mismo tiempo, aprenderemos a otras cosas para que sigan nuestras vidas”, afirma

LUCIA LARA, de 22 años, es encargada de la divulgación del proyecto.

“No debemos enviarle nada a los hombres”
Este proyecto muestra que Guatemala, pese a ser un país en vías de desarrollo, está dando los pasos de ser una nación que está en el área de tecnología, porque debemos demostrar que somos capaces de realizar cosas innovadoras. Va a ser un trabajo largo, con muchas dificultades, pero al mismo tiempo, aprenderemos a otras cosas para que sigan nuestras vidas”, afirma

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Exposure and Engagement

Launch and Deployment Event from mainstream media
> 1,000,000 views
> 2300 comments

How has participating in DropTES changed the environment around us?

- Progress in our scientific knowledge
- New connections
- SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship
- Best Student Presentation at ISCP-INDLAS 2018 international conference (Alba Iulia, RO)
- New project opportunities: Long-term microgravity studies

HyperGES and community impacts in Thailand

- Students stepping out of comfort zone
- Expand space biology research opportunity and awareness
- Collaboration with top organizations
- Government research grant opportunity
- Preparation for space economy through space ecosystem development in Thailand

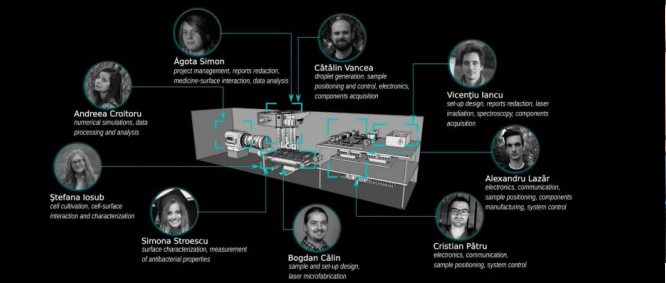
3. How has participating in DropTES changed the environment around you?

New enrollment in Mechanical Engineering at UVG grew 176% in 2020

Now these new students ask when are they going to send to space **Quetzal-2?**

Aerospace, AI and Digital Centre

ESPITA was able to grow, to expand by inauguration AEROSPACE, AI AND DIGITAL CENTER on July 2022



Guatemalan team launches nation's 1st CubeSat, wins Interplanetary Initiative prize

International student team recognized for its success through adversity



June 6, 2022

When members of the team that built the Quetzal-1 CubeSat watched their satellite take off on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket in 2020, it was the culmination of six years of hard work, overcoming financial and personnel hurdles, and challenging cultural barriers.

That hard work and ingenuity has crowned the team the CubeSat Delivery Prize award through Arizona State University.

The Aerospace Laboratory at UVG

- New generation of students continue working on developing technologies for CubeSats in the aerospace laboratory at UVG
- The laboratory receives continuous visits from schools
- Other space missions:
 - DSRG: pieces manufactured for this experiment launched in Artemis 1
 - Space Biofilms





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Awardees



DropTES

-  **2014** German Jordanian University, Jordan
-  **2015** Universidad Católica Boliviana "San Pablo", Bolivia
-  **2016** Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica, Universidad de Costa Rica, Costa Rica
-  **2017** Warsaw University of Technology
-  **2018** University of Bucharest and Politehnica University of Bucharest, Romania
-  **2019** Politecnico de Milano "Polimi", Italy
-  **2020** Universidad Católica Boliviana "San Pablo", Bolivia
-  **2023** Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia

HyperGES

-  **2020** Mahidol University, Thailand
-  **2023** Macau University of Science and Technology
-  **2023** Universidad Católica Boliviana "San Pablo"

Bartolomeo



2021 A consortium composed of Egyptian Space Agency, Kenya Space Agency, and Uganda National Space Programme

PHI



2022 Antarikchya Prathistan, Nepal

2022 National Space Science Agency, Bahrain

KiboCUBE



2015 University of Nairobi, Kenya

2016 Universidad del Valle de Guatemala

2017 Mauritius Research and Innovation Council

2018 Surya University, Indonesia

2019 Technical University, Moldova



2020 Central American Integration System (SICA)



2022 Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla, México



2022 École Supérieure Privée d'Ingénierie et de Technologie Appliquée, Tunisia

China Space Station



2019 9 proposals were selected initially. 7 projects from 17 institutions from 13 different countries are under development: China, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Switzerland

Vega C



2023 University of Nairobi, Kenya, supported by the University of Arizona and Space Trust

ISONscope



2022 Kenya Space Agency



2022 National Space Research and Development Agency, Nigeria



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Structure of the initiative

HYPERGRAVITY AND MICROGRAVITY

Building capacity for conducting experiments in orbit



Hands-on opportunities in hypergravity and microgravity from ground to orbit



Open source tools bridging hands-on and education components



Educational material for building up experiments

SATELLITE DEVELOPMENT

Building capacity that enables the development, deployment, and operation of satellites



Hands-on opportunities for satellite deployment



Open source tools bridging hands-on and education components



Educational material supporting the whole life-cycle of satellites

SPACE EXPLORATION

Broadening the engagement in space exploration



Hands-on opportunities to engage in space exploration



Open source tools bridging hands-on and education components



Educational material for space exploration



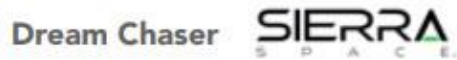
Access to Space for All Opportunities



HYPERGRAVITY/
MICROGRAVITY



Suborbital and
parabolic flights



SATELLITE
DEVELOPMENT

canSATs

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SPACE
EXPLORATION



Ground
Analogues

Beyond GEO





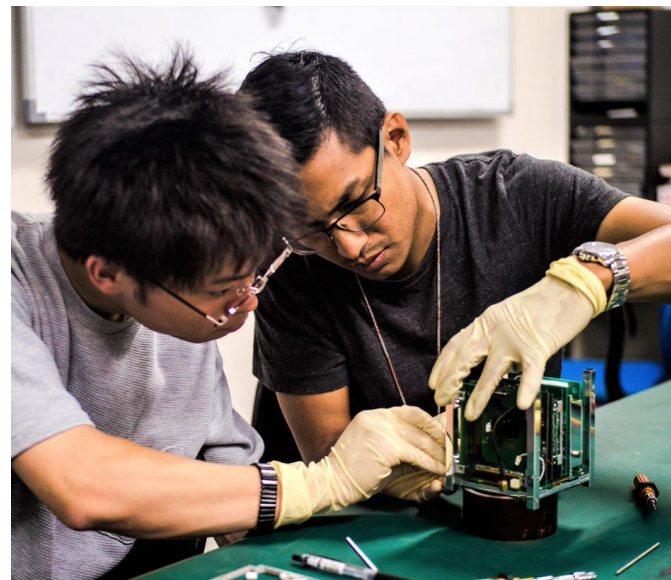
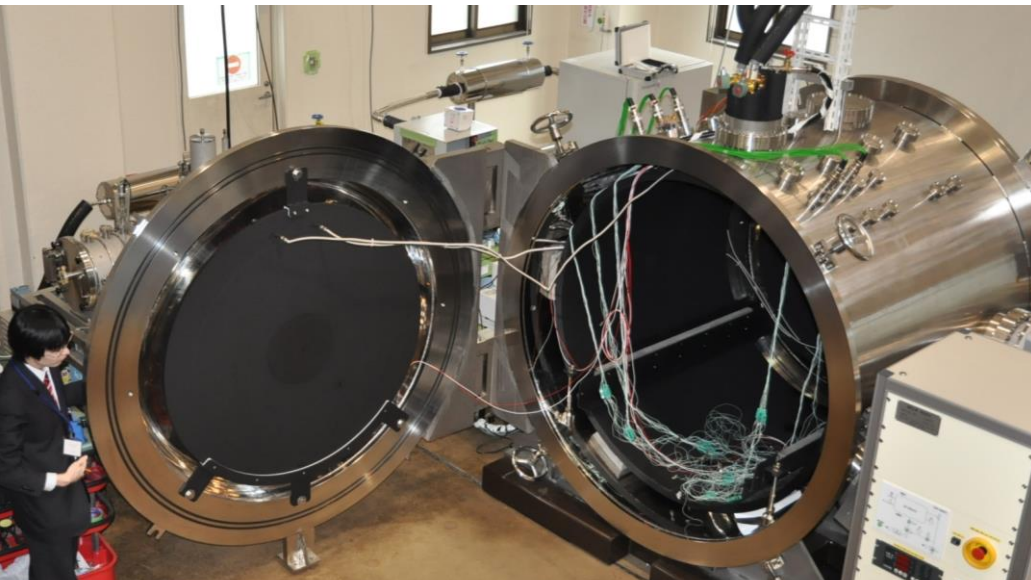
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Post-graduate Study on Nano-Satellite Technology (PNST)



- Partner: Kyutech (Kyushu Institute of Technology) with the support of the Gov. of Japan (MEXT)
- Established: 2013
- Provides **3 students in the Master's Programme (2 years duration) and 3 students in the Doctoral Programme (3 years duration)** to enroll in Kyutech's Space Engineering International Course (SEIC) for a **hands-on, extensive research opportunity in nano-satellite systems through the use of the nano-satellite development and testing facilities** available at Kyutech.
- The selected fellows are expected to return to their home counties upon completion of their studies and contribute to their countries using the experience and knowledge gained from the programme.

Photo credit: Kyutech



Year	Selected Student's Countries of Origin
2023	Algeria, Indonesia, Nepal, Nigeria, Uganda
2022	Egypt, Mexico, Mongolia, South Africa, Turkey, Thailand
2021	Bhutan, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Laos, Trinidad and Tobago, Zimbabwe
2020	Brazil, El Salvador, Indonesia, Nepal, Paraguay, Vietnam
2019	Bhutan, Ethiopia, Laos, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago



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Why PNST?

1. Opportunity to study in an international environment at a leading university in the field of small satellites



Hands-on, extensive education opportunity in nano-satellite systems through the use of testing facilities available at Kyutech.



From 2018, Kyutech has been reported by Bryce Space and Technology to have launched the **highest number of small satellites** among all academic operators.

2. Generous support from Japan



144,000 JPY per month for the duration of their fellowship study (2 or 3 years) to cover housing, food, local transportation, and other expenses from MEXT



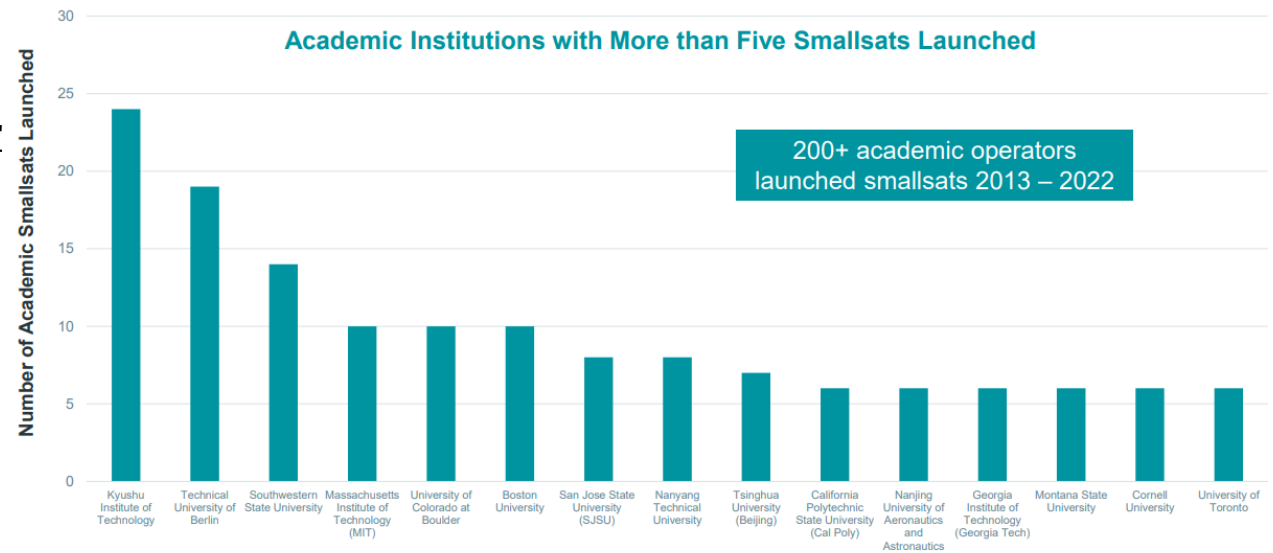
An economy class air ticket between an international airport in the country and Japan from MEXT



Fees for matriculation, tuition and entrance examinations will be paid by Kyutech.

Operator and Mission Type Trends

Number of Academic Smallsats 2013 – 2022, by Institution



Bryce Tech (2023) "Smallsat by the Numbers 2023"



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A joint initiative to offer access to space research facilities, infrastructure and information, and to promote international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

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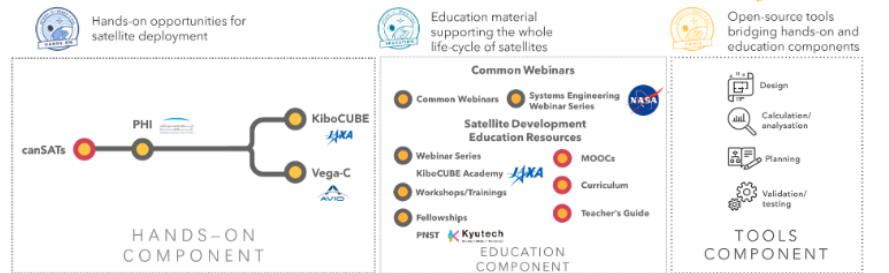
Access to Space for All Latest Information

- EVENT** Access to Space for All will hold a hybrid side event at the 66th session of COPUOS on 31 May 2023, [read more](#) (26 May 2023)
- EVENT** KiboCUBE will hold a hybrid side event at the 66th session of COPUOS on 2 June 2023, [read more](#) (26 May 2023)
- EVENT** 1st Access to Space for All Expert Meeting has been held on 15-17 May 2023 online, [read more](#) (17 May 2023)
- NEWS** UNOOSA and ESA announced the 2nd round HyperGES awardees on 8 May, [watch here](#) (8 May 2023)

Satellite Development Track

SATELLITE DEVELOPMENT

- Building capacity that enables the development, deployment, and operation of satellites



The Satellite Development Track is aiming at building the capacity to design, implement, verify, operate and decommission a satellite in a responsible and sustainable manner.

Hands-on Component

- PHI
- KiboCUBE
- Vega C

Education Component

- NASA System Engineering Webinars
- PNST Fellowship Programme**
- KiboCUBE Academy
- Common Webinars
- PHI Webinars
- KiboCUBE Webinars
- Vega C Webinars

Tools Component

- Tools component



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United Nations/Japan Long-term Fellowship Programme Post-graduate study on Nano-Satellite Technologies (PNST)



PNST in partnership with the Government of Japan in cooperation with the Kyushu Institute of Technology (Kyutech) provides nationals of developing countries or non-space-faring nations extensive research opportunities in nano-satellite systems through the use of the nano-satellite development and testing facilities available at Kyutech.

News

- PNST 2024 round is open for applications. For more information, see [Rounds](#). For Press Release, see [here](#).
- The Access to Space for All x SDGs Interview Series #2 on PNST is released. Read from [here](#).

ROUNDS



The United Nations/Japan Long-term

AWARDEES



Every year this PNST accepts up to three

PARTNERS



This opportunity is in collaboration with the

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- Space4Youth
- Space4Water
- Space4Women
- World Space Forum
- Worldwide Space Agencies

ROUNDS



The United Nations/Japan Long-term Fellowship Programme: Post-graduate Study on Nano-Satellite Technologies (PNST) is provided by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and the Government of Japan in cooperation with the Kyushu Institute of Technology (Kyutech). The Programme will provide extensive research opportunities in nano-satellite systems through the use of the nano-satellite development and testing facilities available at Kyutech.

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AWARDEES



Every year this PNST accepts up to three students in the Master's Program (2 years duration) and up to three students in the Doctoral Program (3 years duration). We have selected more than 60 students from all over the world. Read our interviews with the selected students: [Fatima Duran from El Salvador \(selected in 2020\)](#) and [Pooja Lepcha from Bhutan \(selected in 2017\)](#).

PARTNERS



This opportunity is in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan and the Kyushu Institute of Technology (Kyutech). Kyutech launched the English-based Space Engineering International Course (SEIC) from April 2013, where students from all over the world learn nano-satellite design and basic space technology development through SEIC program.

[read more >](#)

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- Space4Water
- Space4Women
- World Space Forum
- Worldwide Space Agencies
- Capacity Building Activities

Latest

- 20 November 2023**
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- 19 October 2023**
PUBLICATIONS ST/SPACE/90: The Space4Water Project: Building bridges for knowledge exchange
- 20 November 2023**
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Post-graduate study on Nano-Satellite Technologies (PNST) Rounds

OPEN FOR APPLICATION (2024 Round)

updated on 22 November 2023

The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and the Government of Japan in cooperation with the Kyushu Institute of Technology (Kyutech) have established a United Nations/Japan Long-term Fellowship Programme on Nano-Satellite Technologies for nationals of developing countries or non-space-faring nations. The Programme will provide extensive research opportunities in nano-satellite systems through the use of the [nano-satellite development and testing facilities](#) available at Kyutech.

Every year this "Post-graduate study on Nano-Satellite Technologies (PNST)" Fellowship Programme will accept up to three students in the Master's Programme (2 years duration) and up to three students in the Doctoral Programme (3 years duration). Successful participants will be awarded a master or doctoral degree after successful thesis defence. The successful candidates will enroll in the Space Engineering International Course (SEIC) after passing an official entrance examination by the Graduate School of Engineering, Kyushu Institute of Technology.

The selected candidates will each receive a grant under Japanese government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology: MEXT) scholarship (Research Students) of approximately 144,000 JPY per month for the duration of their fellowship study (2 or 3 years) to cover housing, food, local transportation, and other expenses. Each candidate will be provided, according to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT, an economy class air ticket between an international airport in the country of his/her nationality and an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to the accepting university. Fees for matriculation, tuition and entrance examinations will be paid by Kyutech.

The purpose of this fellowship is to help non-space-faring nations join the community of space faring nations. Consequently, if you are selected as a PNST Fellow through the aforementioned process and you earn your advanced degree at Kyutech, you have an immense moral obligation to return to your home country and contribute to it. This is the central expectation of both UNOOSA and Kyutech.

Applications for the Fellowship Programme will be accepted until 5 January 2024 (Friday, 23:59 Japan Standard Time (JST)). If not fully completed at the time of the deadline, the application will be deemed to be not qualifying.

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READ this page carefully
(especially the FAQ!)



ASK questions in this webinar and if you have any afterwards, address them to unoosa-access-to-space@un.org



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▶ Application Requirements

▼ Information Note and Application Documents

Before submitting the completed application documents through the online upload-form, please first complete the electronic registration form, using the link below:

- [Registration for the Post-graduate study on Nano-Satellite Technologies \(PNST\)](#)

The PNST registration site is using Microsoft services. If you are unable to access the above URL due to restrictions on Microsoft services in your area, please contact PNST Administration: pnst.space [at] mail.kyutech.jp (Replace [at] with @). Please note that the administrative office cannot reply to your inquiries during weekends, and Japanese holidays (from Dec 29 to Jan 3, and Jan 8). If you want to apply, please contact us well in advance.

After registering for PNST you will receive a confirmation email with the web address where you will download the .doc-versions of the application forms.

• Application Documents:

- [Information Note \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Terms of Participation \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Nomination Form \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Nomination Form \(Rank certificate\) \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Application Form \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Referee Report Form \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Academic Background \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Academic Background Sample \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Application for Japanese Government \(Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology: MEXT\) Scholarship \(.pdf\)](#)
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- [Checklist \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Application Guidelines of Japanese Government \(MEXT\) Scholarship \(.pdf\)](#)

▼ Application Submission Procedure

- The fully completed application form and other required documents except the referee report forms shall be submitted in electronic format (.doc or .pdf or.xls) at the Web address that is in the confirmation e-mail you will receive after registering above, by no later than 5 January 2024 (Friday, 23:59 JST). If not fully completed at the time of the deadline, the application will be deemed to be not qualifying.
- Note: For file a name, do not use any non-English characters. Moreover, each character must be a one-byte type of character. As well, do not use spaces in your file names as the file server will not handle such data correctly. Use "_" (under bar) or "-" (hyphen) instead, e.g. "01_Tom_Smith_2023.12.24".
- The Referee report forms should be sent by uploading to the designated URL by the referees themselves by no later than 5 January 2024 (Friday, 23:59 JST).

← **Register** from here to get the word version of the documents



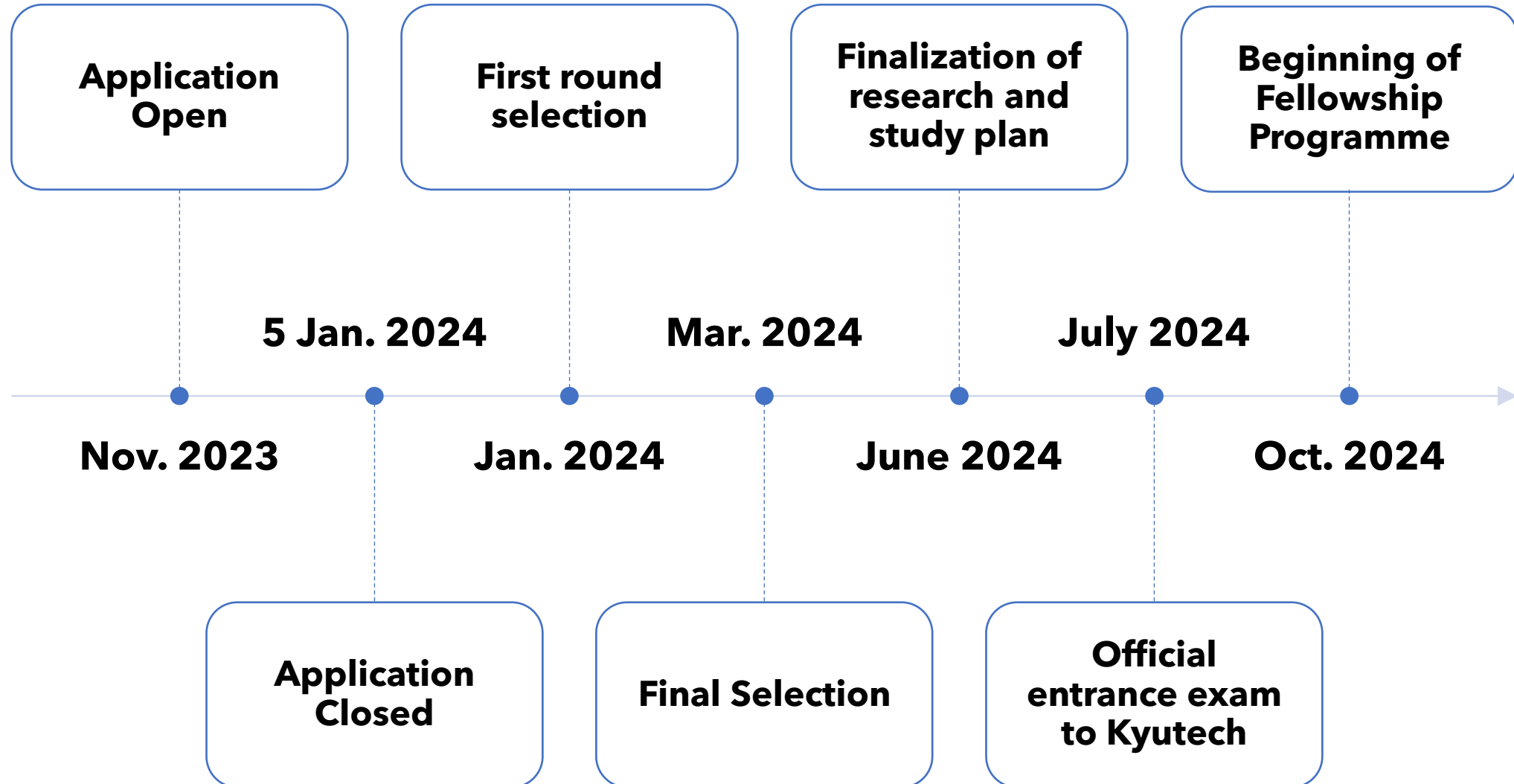
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▼ Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

During the registration process for PNST, if you have any questions, first, please read the Application Flow (PDF) which can be downloaded from <https://www.tobata.kyutech.ac.jp/gr-school/gra-program/seic-pnst/>

Q: I am expected to graduate sometime in 2024. Am I still eligible to apply for the PNST?

A: We accept applications as long as the applicant is expected to have the degree by September 2024. However, the applicant will need to submit a proof of the expected degree conferral date by the submission deadline; 5 January 2024 (23:59 JST), and if selected, will also have to submit the diploma received before the Fellowship Programme starts on 1 October 2024.

Q: As the topic of my Doctoral or Master thesis, am I restricted to choose something related to nano-satellite?

A: Space technology is made of many disciplines. You do not have to restrict yourself to choosing a topic too narrowly such as "nano-satellite guidance", "nano-satellite communications", etc. As long as the topic is space related, it has a possibility of being applied to nano-satellite. The important thing is that the thesis topic has suitable academic meaning as a Doctoral or Master thesis. Your research topic will be determined via matching between your research interest and the academic disciplines that Kyutech faculty members can offer. We will try to find a supervisor who is able to guide you in the area of your research interest.

Q: Where can I find more information about the research work I could conduct at Kyutech?

A: Please visit http://kyutech-cent.net/seic/seic_web.html which provides information about the research programmes at Kyutech, on the subjects of the Space Engineering International Course and on the faculty members and their recent publications.

You can also find the list of professors who belong to the Department of Space Systems Engineering at <https://www.space.tobata.kyutech.ac.jp/lab/list/>. Although the page is in Japanese, you can go to the webpage of each laboratory from the links listed in the page.

Q: After a survey of the different researchers at Kyutech I am interested in working with Dr. XXX. My question is if I can apply to the United Nations/Japan Long-term Fellowship Programme on Nano-Satellite Technologies even though I do not have any agreement with any researcher yet?

A: Yes, of course you can apply! You do not need any pre-agreement with a Kyutech faculty before you apply. After the first round of down-selection, we will work on matching the remaining applicants to a professor at Kyutech. We will consider your interest in working with a particular professor if you pass this first round. Please first register for the PNST programme 2024 and then submit your application package.

Q: Who should sign the "Nomination Form"?

A: The nomination form shall be signed by the head of the nominating organization. If you are a student right now, the person who signs the form has to be the Dean or a higher ranking official. If you are employed by a company, the person who signs the form has to be the president of your company. If you are neither a student nor employed, please ask the Dean or a higher ranking official of the school you attended most recently.

Q: Is it sufficient for the "Referees Report Form" to be signed by the referee or is the seal of the referee's organization also required?

A: The referee's signature is sufficient, however, for the "Nomination Form" the official seal of the nominating organization is required.

Q: Is it necessary to send the hardcopies of the application forms to PNST?

A: At the first stage in the application process this is not necessary. You should just upload and submit the softcopies of required documents through the specified website. However, please retain all the original certificates; such as Certificate of graduation (Diplomas) or expectation of graduation, grade certificates (transcripts) and those official translations into English, and official score report of English test (such as TOIEC, TOEFL, etc.), and Nomination Form signed by the head of the nominating agency/institution. The short-listed candidates will be contacted and asked to send those original documents by express mails (such as DHL, FedEx) directly to Kyutech in early February.

Q: Can I send additional certificates to support my application?

A: Yes, you can if you think that it will strengthen your application.

Q: I will apply for the Master's Program. Do I have to fill the STATEMENT OF PURPOSE in the PNST 2024_Application Form?

A: Yes, please complete this field if you apply for Master's Program as well as if you apply for Doctoral Program.

Q: As an applicant do I need any help from my nominating agency during the application process? How is the nominating agency going to know about the progress in the selection process?

A: It is up to the applicant and the nominating agency how they wish to relate to each other during the application process. For example, some successful applicants have retained employment with their respective nominating agency, retained the possibility to return to their previous employer, or had coordinated the topic of their theses work with their nominating agency. This is handled differently in each case and so it is up to the applicant and the nominating agency how you would like to handle this. It is also up to the applicant to keep the nominating agency informed about the progress in the application and selection process.

Q: Do I need preparation for an examination to Kyutech?

A: You need to register online for admission application in May, and then take an interview as an official entrance examination for Graduate School of Engineering, Kyutech in July. The details for registration will be provided by April from Kyutech. Doctoral Program candidates may be exempted from an interview, whereas Master's Program candidates must undergo an interview. However, as long as the candidates are selected as final PNST candidates, it is unlikely to fail the interview.

Q: Is TOEFL or another English proficiency certification required? If so, what score is required and where should the exam results be sent?

A: Basically, it is advised all the candidates should submit an official English test score taken within two years; such as TOEIC, TOEFL, etc., and the score level should be CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) B2 or higher. Please check what tests are approved by CEFR at Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_European_Framework_of_Reference_for_Languages

The submission of the test score is not mandatory if your university (Bachelor for Master candidates, Master for Doctoral candidates) education was conducted entirely in English, and you can submit the evidence of that as a certificate signed by Dean or an official of higher rank.

Please refer to the checklist No.08 for the details about certification of English proficiency.