INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ATTACHMENT PROGRAMMES (i-RAP)

IMPORTANT NOTE
Before applying for any summer/winter programme, read the GRO website and application guide for important information on:

- General Eligibility Requirements and Application Process
- Course Mapping and Financial Aid
- Visa Application, Travel Advisories and Student Insurance

Programme Title: University of Tokyo Amgen Scholars Program 2027

(Updated as of 2 November 2026)

Host University Website:	http://u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/prospective-students/amgen_program.html
Programme Location:	Tokyo, Japan
Programme Dates:	3 June – 5 August 2027
Application Period:	1 November 2026 – 1 February 2027, 3pm (JST)
No. of Placements:	10 undergraduate students from colleges and universities across Asia

ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION

1	**Programme Fee & Discounts (if available)**	No programme fees. **Travel Expenses:** The program will provide round-trip airfare for the most direct and economical route between the city of your home institution and Tokyo for international students. The program will also cover the cost of participating in the Amgen Scholars Asia Symposium at Kyoto University. Once the travel allowance is announced by the Program Office, you will be responsible for making your own flight arrangements. **Stipend:** A stipend of JPY 280,000 will be provided and may be used at your discretion for meals and personal expenses during your stay in Japan. However, please note that this stipend is also intended to cover local transportation costs required for participation in the program, including travel between your home and departure airport, as well as between Narita or Haneda Airport and the residence in Tokyo. * All participants must arrange their own private health and travel insurance. Please note that neither the Amgen Foundation nor the University of Tokyo can provide health or travel insurance. * If you are assigned to a campus other than Hongo or Yayoi, you will receive an additional transportation allowance. * If you fail to fully participate in the program, you may be required to reimburse both the travel expenses and stipend provided by the program.
2	**Projected Expenditure**	**Item** / **Estimated Cost (on-site)** Programme fee: None Daily expenses: Click Here

3	**Financial Aid Available**	You should have enough monetary funds to last you through the whole summer/winter programme. Your decision to go on the summer/winter programme should not be dependent upon the confirmation of a scholarship or bursary award. If you are a Singaporean, you can consider the following financial aid options to fund your summer/winter programme: • NUS Awards for Study Abroad (NASA) Enhancement Bursary • Higher Education Student Loan - Overseas Student Programme component (HESL-OSP) • Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) Funds Please note that successful financial aid applicants might only receive the funds after the completion of the programme.
PROGRAMME DETAILS		
4	**Academic Content**	The Amgen Scholars Program provides hundreds of undergraduates each year with the opportunity to undertake scientific research projects at many of the world's leading institutions. Launched in 2006 in the United States, 2008 in Europe, and 2015 in Japan at the University of Tokyo and Kyoto University, the Amgen Scholars Program has expanded to additional world-class institutions in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia, and Asia. The objective of the program is to provide undergraduate students from different countries (including some from Japan) who are committed to or who are considering a career in biology or related sciences and looking to continue to graduate studies, with eight weeks of biomedical research experience in the basic and translational sciences. At UTokyo, research opportunities will be provided by various Graduate Schools and Institutions as listed under the Project section. By the end of their summer experience, students are expected to have acquired the knowledge and skills for conducting research. The students are also expected to extend their international friendship through their collaborative experiences. These experiences will help the students to develop future collaborations in many situations. In addition to working full time in the laboratory for 8 weeks, the program features: ○ Online Japanese language classes ○ Excursions and other program activities, including cultural events and networking sessions ○ Access to UTokyo facilities, including libraries, the Health Care Center, and sports facilities
5	**Eligibility Requirements**	NUS' generic eligibility requirements apply, please see GRO website for details.

		The Amgen Scholars Asia Programme's requirements: • Full-time undergraduate student currently enrolled at NUS who has completed their first year of undergraduate study at the time the summer programme begins and is not graduating before the summer programme begins, and after the summer programme ends will resume undergraduate studies for at least one semester • Have a strong record of academic performance and a good working knowledge of English, demonstrated by a minimum TOEFL (iBT) score of 72, IELTS overall band score of 5.5, Cambridge English FCE, TOEIC score of 1095, TOEIC L&R score of 785, or TOEIC S&W score of 310, if not a native English speaker or not having English as first language • Have an interest in pursuing a Ph.D.
6	**Accommodation**	Accommodation at an off-campus residence near the Hongo or Yayoi Campus will be provided for the duration of the program. Please check the location of your assigned laboratory, as some laboratories are not located on the Hongo or Yayoi Campus and may require commuting by train.
7	**Application Procedure**	1. Create your account for online application through their portal and fill out all the required field, i.e. application information, statement of purposes, etc. 2. Write to NUS GRO Asia (groasia@nus.edu.sg) providing the host university name and programme start and end date for programme set-up in NUS Education Records System (EduRec). 3. Proceed to apply in EduRec once the programme has been set up. 4. Final acceptance to the summer research programme is decided by the respective host universities. We require all NUS students going on NUS endorsed summer/winter programmes to apply via EduRec. Besides allowing you to submit course mapping and apply for financial aid, this allows NUS to contact and assist you in times of crisis/emergency while you are overseas. Additionally, NUS can also provide supporting letters for visa application and NS deferment (for NSmen). To request for the letter, submit your request by completing this form. Please read the step-by-step guide available on GRO's website before applying for your programme. We also encourage you to review the application guide to ensure that you understand the application requirements and process. Application results release date: Middle to late March 2027

8	**Course Mapping**	Students interested in transferring units can start the course mapping process after applying and accepting the offer for the programme in EduRec. Course mapping requests are subject to approval from the Faculties. Click here for a step-by-step guide on applying for course mapping. Please also note that students may map up to a maximum of 10 units for each summer/winter Programme and up to a maximum of 5 units for each Winter Programme. A total of 12 units from a maximum of 2 overseas summer/winter and research programmes can be mapped without having to pay NUS tuition. Additional units mapped will be subjected to Special Term fees. For details, visit the Office of the University Registrar's website.
9	**Transcript**	Please provide **your personal mailing address** to the host university so that they can send your transcript to you directly after the programme. If the host issues an electronic transcript, please provide your **own NUS email address** to receive the transcript. Please do not request that your transcript be sent to NUS Global; NUS will not be responsible for missing transcripts.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
10	**Visa Application**	UTokyo Amgen Scholars Program will assist successful applicants with this process. If you are required to obtain a visa, please let them know as soon as you receive your application outcome. You will need to apply for the visa immediately to ensure your participation in the program. For more information, please visit Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Please note that you are responsible for obtaining a valid visa before making any travel arrangements for your summer/winter programme. Students are encouraged to prepare and apply for a visa as early as possible, as obtaining a visa might be time consuming.
11	**Travel Advisories**	Visit the MFA website for travel advisories on various countries from the Singapore government.
12	**Student Insurance**	NUS Student Travel Insurance is provided for your participation in this programme. Please request a certificate of insurance from the insurer directly following the instructions detailed in: https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/. (Log in using your NUSNET ID and password.) Students are responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient travel insurance coverage for the full duration of their trip (including travelling). Please review the insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs. Students may purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.

13	**Contact Information**	Questions about the programme? Contact the host university here: Amgen Scholars Program –UTokyo: amgenscholars.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp Questions specific to NUS GRO? Contact us at: global@nus.edu.sg; groasia@nus.edu.sg