

Admission in Academic Year 2024

ICT Global All-English Program
(General Selection)

The School of Computer
Science and Engineering
The University of Aizu



ADMISSION POLICY

The University of Aizu is the first university in Japan solely dedicated to computer science and engineering (CSE). Without question, CSE— encompassing information and communications technology (ICT) — has been a technological catalyst since the dawn of the digital age. Heralded as cutting-edge and with a bright outlook, CSE remains poised to bring about exciting new opportunities, and further unlock a new wealth of knowledge and applications with the potential to make the world more advanced and forward-looking than it is today. Founded on the principles “Act Locally, Think Globally” and “to Advance Knowledge for Humanity”, since its beginning in 1993, the University of Aizu has conducted world-leading research and education in CSE, spearheaded by its own faculty comprised of highly accomplished researchers from all around the world. Partially owing to its unwavering commitment to global recruitment of faculty talent, the University of Aizu embraces an exceptionally culturally diverse academic environment: the level of success the University of Aizu enjoys today in that pursuit is unrivaled across the country.

The University of Aizu specifically looks for the following qualities in student applicants: students who are eager to be guided by the University's mission “to Advance Knowledge for Humanity” while thriving in a field of CSE: students who are eager to have a global vision, aspirations and objectives while living in the Aizu area.

The University of Aizu is committed to educate:

1. creative minds, cross-culturally competent aspiring researchers, IT leaders and entrepreneurs with a strong sense of ethical integrity, who are determined enough to make their mark in tech innovations.
2. enthusiastic students aspiring to make a leap forward in cutting-edge CSE research for the benefit of society.
3. standard-bearers who are eager to salute the growth of Fukushima’s local industries, give moral support to them, and uphold Fukushima’s homegrown culture through education and research.

In accordance with the above, the University of Aizu has defined the qualities an ideal undergraduate student (incoming freshman) must possess as follows.

An Ideal Undergraduate Student (Incoming Freshman)

An ideal undergraduate student (incoming freshman) is one who can demonstrate mastery of basic academic skills, is ready to take on the intellectual challenges of college level coursework, is ready to study CSE fields with ease, and furthermore possesses either one or both of the following attributes:

- one who exhibits strong intellectual curiosity and passion, is ready to delve into the world of CSE, and recognizes the hallmark of the University of Aizu’s unique undergraduate program well enough to list the University of Aizu as their first-choice school.
- one who aspires to make a difference to the world through applying their ICT knowledge and skills.

In the same vein, the University of Aizu has set the following basic admission selection policy:

Basic Admission Selection Policy

The University of Aizu administers a written exam as the means of identifying academically meritorious applicants who possess fundamental skills specifically in mathematics and English.

1. Application Process

Category	Timeline	Notes
Pre-Application Review	January 22, 2024, 5:00 p.m. (JST)	Those who do not fall under section 3 Application Eligibility 1)-16), or those who wish to apply for this program using a qualification that does not appear in the Appendix on pages 11-12.
Application Period	From February 26 to March 22, 2024, 5:00 p.m. (JST)	Required for those who meet one of the qualifications in “3. Application Eligibility” and satisfy the application requirements in “4. Application Requirements”. The examination fee must be paid by March 29, 2024, 5:00 p.m. (JST)
Announcement of Successful Applicants	May 17, 2024, Around 11:00 a.m. (JST)	For more details, please refer to page 8.
Admission Procedures	June 14, 2024, 5:00 p.m. (JST)	For more details, please refer to page 8.
Enrollment Date	October 1, 2024	For more details, please refer to page 4.

2. Admissions Capacity

A select number

3. Application Eligibility

The following individuals are eligible.

- 1) Individuals who have completed a 12-year school education curriculum outside of Japan, or those expected to complete said curriculum by September 30, 2024.
- 2) Individuals 18 years of age or older as of September 30, 2024 who have passed an examination outside Japan certifying that they have academic ability equivalent to individuals who have completed a 12-year school education curriculum in the country outside Japan.
- 3) Individuals who have completed a school curriculum outside Japan that corresponds to that of Japanese senior high schools (including those who have passed an examination outside Japan certifying academic ability equivalent or superior to individuals who have completed such a curriculum), and who have completed the curriculum of a preparatory education for admission to Japanese universities designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), or are expected to do so by September 30, 2024.
- 4) Individuals who have completed a program of study in Japan at an educational institution that is considered, within the educational system of a country outside Japan, as having an equivalent school curriculum as that of senior high schools in that foreign country (limited

- to programs considered comparable to completion of a 12-year school curriculum under the country's school education system), or are expected to do so by September 30, 2024.
- 5) Individuals who have graduated from a senior high school or a secondary education school in Japan, or those who are expected to graduate from one by September 30, 2024.
 - 6) Individuals who have completed 12 years of school education with regular curriculum (including those who have completed school education with a curriculum other than regular curriculum), or those expected to complete said curriculum by September 30, 2024.
 - 7) Individuals who have completed a curriculum of an overseas Japanese educational institution recognized by MEXT as equivalent to the curriculum of a Japanese senior high school, or those expected to complete said curriculum by September 30, 2024.
 - 8) Individuals who have completed a post-secondary program of a Specialized Training College (vocational school) in Japan at the date specified by MEXT or later, or those expected to complete said program by September 30, 2024. The program must be one that requires an enrollment period of at least three years for completion, satisfies other standards as established by MEXT, and has been separately designated by MEXT.
 - 9) Individuals designated by MEXT.
 - 10) Individuals who have passed the examination for the Certificate for Students Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary School Graduates in Japan in accordance with the Regulations for the Certificate for Students Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary School Graduates (MEXT Ordinance No. 1, 2005) (including those who passed the University Entrance Qualification Examination (hereafter referred to as the "former examination") administered based on the Regulations for the University Entrance Qualification Examination (Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 13, 1951) (hereafter referred to as the "former regulations) before it was abolished by the provisions of the Supplementary Provisions, Article 2 of the Regulations for the Certificate for Students Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary School Graduates) , or those who will be at least 18 years of age and are expected to pass said exam by September 30, 2024.
 - 11) Individuals who have obtained the International Baccalaureate qualification awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), a foundation incorporated in accordance with the Swiss Civil Code.
 - 12) Individuals who have obtained the Abitur, which is recognized as a qualification for university admission in the states of the Federal Republic of Germany.
 - 13) Individuals who have obtained the Baccalaureate Diploma recognized as a qualification for university admission in the French Republic.
 - 14) Individuals who have obtained the A Level (Advanced Level) of the General Certificate of Education that is recognized as a qualification for university entrance in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
 - 15) Individuals who have completed a 12-year school curriculum at an educational institution that has been established in Japan for the education of foreign nationals and that has been accredited by WASC, CIS, ACIS or other international accreditation organizations so designated by MEXT in regard to the institution's educational activities, or those who are

expected to complete said curriculum by September 30, 2024.

- 16) Individuals who have been admitted to a university based on the provisions of Article 90, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Law (Law No. 26, 1947) and whose academic ability has been recognized by the University President as appropriate for receiving education at the University.
- 17) Individuals other than those listed above who will be at least 18 years of age by September 30, 2024 and who are recognized by the University President, based on Pre-Application Review,*¹ as having academic abilities equal or superior to individuals who have graduated from a senior high school.

*¹ Pre-Application Review :

Application deadline: Please refer to the Pre-Application Review under “1. Application Process” on page 1. For further information on application documents, inquire with the Student Recruiting Section (ICTG Program) whose contact information is shown in 7 (3) below.

Applications that arrive after this deadline cannot be considered.

4. Application Requirements

The applicant must fulfill the following requirements 1) and 2).

- 1) The applicant must submit proof of test results for one of the following English proficiency tests:

- TOEFL (iBT), TOEIC, EIKEN, IELTS

The university’s Designated Institution Code for TOEFL-iBT is C624.

In principle, the tests must be taken no more than two years before the application deadline.

However, if you wish to submit a score for an English proficiency test other than those listed above, or for some reason you are unable to take one of the above, contact the University of Aizu via e-mail before submitting your application documents and submit the documents you are instructed to submit.

Further, if you have received at least three years of upper secondary education in English, you may submit a certificate to that effect received from the school's principal in lieu of proof of test results for the above English proficiency.

- 2) The applicant must submit official results for one of the examinations listed in the Appendix for each of the designated subjects. Submission of examination results other than those listed in the Appendix without any prior inquiry will not be accepted.

Applicants unable to submit the final scores/grades by the application deadline must submit a certificate of official predicted scores/grades issued by their school. Should such applicants be selected as successful applicants, the result announced on the date specified in the application guide shall be "Conditional Pass". A final result of “Pass” or “Fail” shall be determined after the applicant’s final scores/grades are confirmed.

Applicants unable to submit the final scores/grades by enrollment date are not eligible for enrollment. In this case, all paid fees including the application fee and admission fee will

not be refunded.

5. Selection Process

Applicants are selected based on their application documents, in principle. If there are any questions about your application eligibility, we will contact you via phone/e-mail, or conduct an online interview. Even if you pass the selection process, failure to meet enrollment requirements such as not receiving a Certificate of Eligibility for Resident Status due to a lack of ability to pay your expenses will result in the cancellation of an admission offer.

6. Enrollment Date

October 1, 2024

7. Application Procedure

1) How to Apply

Please submit application documents 1-8 listed on page 5 as a PDF file via e-mail (sgu-admission@u-aizu.ac.jp). After receiving confirmation from the University, please send application documents by post and pay the examination fee.

Application documents must be sent by post (applicants residing in Japan must use registered express mail, while overseas applicants must use air mail), or be handed to the University of Aizu in person. If submitting the application documents in person at the University of Aizu, please visit the Student Recruiting Section of the Student Affairs Division between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on a weekday (excluding holidays).

2) Application Period

Please refer to the Application Period under “1. Application Process” on page 1. Applications must arrive by the deadline listed there. Note too that the closing time is shown in Japan Standard Time. If the documents cannot be sent to the University of Aizu by the deadline due to unavoidable circumstances, please contact us before the deadline and follow the instructions you are given.

3) Send Applications and Direct Inquiries to:

Student Recruiting Section (ICTG Program), Student Affairs Division, University of Aizu
Address: Tsuruga, Ikki-machi, Aizu-Wakamatsu City, Fukushima, 965-8580 JAPAN
Phone: [+81] (242)37-2701
E-mail: sgu-admission@u-aizu.ac.jp

4) Application Documents

Documents shown below should be originals or certified true copies that are certified by the issuing organization, current schools, or a notary public office. **The application documents submitted will not be returned for any reason.**

Please fill out clearly all the forms in English or in Japanese. Please translate documents in any other languages into English or Japanese. Translations, which can be made by the applicant, must be accompanied by an official seal of approval from your school, an embassy,

a notary public office, or a government-approved institution. Do not staple the documents.

Application Documents		Applicants	Description
1	Application Form	All	Fill in the designated form.
2	Diploma, Certificate of Expected Graduation, or Certificate of Enrollment	All	An official certificate created and sealed in an envelope by your school principal. All applicants, whether already qualified to apply, or expected to gain qualification to apply, must submit documents certifying their application eligibility.
3	Official Transcripts (issued by the applicant's high school, etc.)	All	An official transcript (covering all courses and grades since entry into the school up to the most recently completed courses) in a sealed envelope should be issued by the school the applicant attended/is attending. In the event that the course names are unclear, or the applicant has skipped grades, explanatory documentation regarding these facts must be attached.
4	Letter of Recommendation	All	Use form designated by the University. This should be prepared and sealed by someone who can objectively attest to the applicant's academic abilities (the applicant's high school teacher, etc.)
5	Official Examination Results for Academic Ability	All	Official results of one of the examinations listed in Appendix must be submitted, showing the applicant's name, subjects taken and grades for each subject.
6	Official Test Scores for English Proficiency	All	Submit one of the test scores listed in 4.(1). If you wish to submit a score for an English proficiency test other than those listed in 4(1), or for some reason you are unable to take one of the tests, contact the University and submit the documents you are instructed to submit. Alternatively, if you have received at least three years of upper secondary education in English, you may submit a certificate to that effect received from the school's principal in lieu of proof of the above test results for the above English proficiency.

7	Statement of Financial Support and Document Certifying Assets	Applicants without Japanese citizenship	<p>Fill in the forms prescribed by the University with the necessary items.</p> <p>Submit documents that certify your sponsor's assets.</p> <p>(One of the following documents should be submitted to certify the sponsor's assets. It should be in English and may be in any format.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certificate of employment and document certifying sponsor's annual income - Certificate showing the balance in the sponsor's deposit account*2 - Certificate of scholarship, including information on the period during which the scholarship is paid and the amount of the scholarship (if you are a recipient of scholarship in your country)
8	A Photocopy of Passport	All	<p>Submit a photocopy of the page of your passport showing your photo and nationality. If you don't have a passport please submit a copy of your National Identity Card or a certificate showing your name, birth date, and nationality. If you have dual nationality, please submit copies of both passports. Please submit a photocopy of your Japanese resident card if you have one.</p>
9	Examination Fee (Proof of remittance such as bank transfer certificate)	All	<p><u>Please pay the examination fee after receiving confirmation of the application documents 1-8.</u></p> <p>The examination fee must be paid in Japanese yen to the following bank account, and a document certifying that the payment is made must be submitted to the University. When paying by remittance from overseas, please make sure that the remittance <u>is made in the name of the applicant</u> and that exactly 17,000 yen is deposited into the account. Applicants must also pay any remittance charges for the bank transfer. Because an application cannot be accepted if the examination fee is not received in full, due to the deduction of remittance fees, <u>make certain to inform the financial institution that the applicant will bear all remittance fees.</u></p>

			<p>Some banks cannot directly transfer funds into the account specified by the University, and will need to use intermediary financial institutions to complete the payment. Please note that the applicant will need to bear additional handling fees for intermediary financial institutions in such cases.</p> <p>Bank Name: Mizuho Bank, LTD., Aizu Branch Branch Number: 725 Account Number: 1178709 Name of Account Holder: The University of Aizu SWIFT Code: MHCBJPJT</p>
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*2 A balance of at least 3,000,000 yen for two years' expenses (Breakdown: Admission fees and other expenses 643,380 yen, two years' tuition 1,041,600 yen, estimated cost of living 1,000,000 yen) is desirable.

8. Points to Note

- 1) Incomplete applications and applications that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.
- 2) Please note that once received, application documents and examination fee will not be returned for any reason.
- 3) Changes to the content of submitted application documents are not allowed.
- 4) If any false statements are found in the application documents, admission might be revoked even after the applicant's admission has been approved.
- 5) In the event that an applicant applies with "expectation to complete a curriculum/program, to graduate, or to pass the required exam" as mentioned in "3. Application Eligibility" above, but for some reason can no longer meet the requirements, admission will be revoked (make sure to submit all documents related to a certification of graduation upon admission).
- 6) Even in cases of 4) and 5) above, application documents, the application fee, and the admission fee will not be returned.
 - a. Applicants with disabilities who may require special measures for the purpose of taking exams or special considerations in carrying out their studies must submit a request for consultation (no set format) containing the following items, along with their application documents in Japanese or English. Further, when submitting the item c in a language other than Japanese or English, please submit a translation. Translations, which can also be made by the applicant, must be accompanied by a seal of approval from your school, an embassy, a public notary, or a government-approved institution.
 - b. The name and address of the applicant (please include a telephone number where you can be contacted as well)
 - c. The name of the applicant's school
 - d. The type and degree of the disability (individuals currently being treated for the

- condition must attach a doctor's written statement of diagnosis)
- e. Any special measures that applicant would like to request that may facilitate the applicant to take exams
 - f. Any matters requiring special consideration to help the applicant to carry out his/her studies
 - g. Any special measures that had been provided by the applicant's school
 - h. The situation regarding the applicant's daily life

9. Announcement of Successful Applicants

1) Method of Announcement of Successful Applicants

The examinee numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the University website for reference.

<https://u-aizu.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/result/>

Successful applicants will receive a notification of successful results in writing and by e-mail.

2) Date of Announcement of Successful Applicants

Please refer to Announcement of Successful Applicants under “1. Application Process” on page 1.

10. Admission Procedure

The documents necessary for admission procedure will be sent to successful applicants by postal mail after announcement of successful applicants.

Fill out the documents and send them by postal mail to the following address.

1) Address for Submission of Documents for the Admission Procedure

Student Recruiting Section (ICTG Program), Student Affairs Division, University of Aizu
 Address: Tsuruga, Ikki-machi, Aizu-Wakamatsu City, Fukushima, 965-8580 JAPAN
 Phone: [+81] (242)37-2701
 E-mail: sgu-admission@u-aizu.ac.jp

2) Enrollment Period

Please refer to the Admission Procedures under “1. Application Process” on page 1.

Make sure to pay the admission fees, etc. well in advance of this deadline. Admission to the University may be revoked if payment cannot be confirmed by the deadline.

3) Admission Fees and Charges (one-time payment)

Payments for 2024 admission (expected amount) are as follows.

Admission Fee	Student Casualty and Accident Insurance	Comprehensive Insurance for International Students	Other Expenses	Total
564,000 yen*3	3,300 yen	6,080 yen	70,000 yen	643,380 yen

*3 282,000 yen in the event that the applicant, or the spouse or first-degree relative of the applicant, has had an address in Fukushima Prefecture for at least one year before the date

of admission (October 1, 2024).

11. Annual Tuition Fee

The details of tuition (expected amount) are as follows.

	Amount	Payment Due	Payment Method
Tuition	520,800 yen	Tuition should be paid after enrollment in two installments of 260,400 yen on the days designated by the university after the end of November and after the end of May.	Please pay the amount by bank transfer into the bank account designated by the University.

12. Others

- 1) In the Event an ICT Global All-English Program (General Selection) Applicant is Unsuccessful

Applicants who were unsuccessful may apply to up to three national and public universities (three faculties or undergraduate departments within national and public universities), one each from the "*zenki nittei* (first term)", "*kouki nittei* (second term)", and "public university *chuuki nittei* (intermediate term)" in the schedule of universities' separate academic assessments (excluding public universities and their faculties or departments that carry out admissions exams on an independent schedule). This is primarily intended for applicants residing in Japan.

In regards to public universities that carry out admissions exams on an independent schedule, please refer to the Japan Association of Public Universities homepage.

For the Common Test for University Admission, it is necessary that applicants have taken the examinations in the subject areas and subject required by the university or the university department that the applicant is applying for.

- 2) Immigration and Visa Procedures

All immigration and residence procedures required to enroll in the University of Aizu must be completed before admission. The applicant is entirely liable if he or she is unable to actually be admitted to the University as a result of failing to complete the immigration and other procedures. In such cases, submitted documents, payments made, etc. will not be returned.

Proof of admission is sometimes required in order to acquire a student visa. However, please note that proof of admission at the University of Aizu can only be provided after admission fees are paid and admission procedures are completed. Please confirm with your embassy ahead of time regarding the acquisition of student visas.

- 3) Scholarships

Scholarship, etc. are available from the Independent Administrative Institution Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). Details will be provided at a briefing session after admission.

4) Housing

The University of Aizu has on-campus housing in the form of Somei House, a dormitory aimed at supporting students' studies. Residency in Somei House is selective. Besides Somei House, there are boarding houses, apartments, etc. targeted at students available around the city. For more information, visit the University of Aizu homepage.

<https://u-aizu.ac.jp/en/campus/apartment/>

13. Handling of Personal Information

Personal information is handled in accordance with the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Administrative Organs" and "Regulation on the Protection, Etc. of Personal Information Handled by The Public University Corporation, The University of Aizu".

- 1) The personal information, including the applicant's name, address, etc., obtained in the application procedure will be used for 1) selection of applicants (application processing, screening), 2) announcement of successful applicants, and 3) administrative work related to the admissions procedures.
- 2) Examination results used for selection of applicants may be used for the purpose of post-admission education and instruction as well as the creation of materials for future selection methods.
- 3) Personal information obtained in the application procedure and the examination results used for selection of applicants may be used, to the extent they relate to admitted students, for the purpose of 1) academic affairs (learning support, etc.), 2) student support (registration, health management, career support, tuition exemption/scholarship application, dorm residency screening), and 3) tasks related to the collection of tuition.

<Notification of Changes to Application Guidelines and Contingencies>

The dates and other details of the selection are subject to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the event of any changes to the content of these application guidelines or disasters and other contingencies, we will promptly provide the information via the following website or other means. As such, you are asked to frequently check the website to obtain the latest information, particularly before submitting your application and before the examination.

[Visit the "Prospective Students & Parents" pages shown on the top page of the official University of Aizu web site.]

"Prospective Students & Parents" <https://u-aizu.ac.jp/en/for-prospective/>

Appendix

1. International Qualification

*If multiple tests are taken (including one examination more than once), all scores expected to be submitted.

Examination Name	Specific Requirements
ACT (ACT, Inc) (The Institution Code for ACT is 1819)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Science
AP (College Board)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculus (AB or BC) • Science: At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics (1 or 2)
EJU (Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics (Course 2) • Science: At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
International A Level (offered by Cambridge International Examinations, Oxford International AQA Examinations or Pearson Edexcel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Science: At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
International Baccalaureate (IB)	Within the six subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics: Higher Level • Science: At least one subject at Higher Level from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics

2. National/Regional Qualification

Country/Region	Examination Name	Specific Requirements
China	Gaokao (National Higher Education Entrance Examination in China)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Science: At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
France	Baccalaureate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Science: At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
Hong Kong	HKDSE (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category A Core Subjects: four subjects (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics, and Citizenship and Social Development) • Elective Subject: choose at least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics

India	Class XII examinations (CBSE, CISCE, NIOS, and state examination boards)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Science: At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
Malaysia	STPM (Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics: Mathematics M or Mathematics T • Science: At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
	UEC (Unified Examination Certificate) organized by the United Chinese School Committees Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics (Advanced Mathematics I or II) • Science: At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
Scotland	Advanced Higher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Science: At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
United Kingdom	GCE A Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Science: At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics

* If you wish to apply for this program using a national qualification that does not appear on the list, please contact us via e-mail at the Student Recruiting Section, Student Affairs Division, University of Aizu (sgu-admission@u-aizu.ac.jp) by the date shown for Pre-Application Review under “1. Application Process” on page 1.