

**THE  
UNIVERSITY  
OF  
TOKYO**

**Into a Sea of Diversity:  
Creating the Future through Dialogue  
UTokyo WAY**



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# 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)**



As the University of Tokyo approaches our 150th anniversary in 2027, we stand at a pivotal moment in our history. Since our founding, we have played a central role in Japan's development and modernization while building a legacy of academic excellence that resonates globally. Yet today's complex challenges demand that we not only honor our traditions but also embrace bold transformation. The world faces unprecedented environmental, social, and technological changes that demand new approaches to education, research, and institutional management.

Meeting these challenges requires a comprehensive transformation of our organization, finances, and engagement with stakeholders. While UTokyo has traditionally relied on government funding, we are now decisively shifting toward a hybrid model that blends public support with private-sector dynamism. This shift calls for new organizational structures and management systems, including strengthened governance under a new chief-officer framework. At the heart of this evolution is the building of a robust endowment, vital for ensuring both financial stability and the flexibility to pursue long-term excellence in an autonomous manner.

Among our highest priorities is supporting the next generation of research leaders. To this end, UTokyo is establishing a new research intelligence organization to identify emerging research directions and cultivate top talent. We are also fostering interdisciplinary collaboration across traditional boundaries and forming strategic global partnerships. By creating international platforms where young researchers can flourish, we aim to generate groundbreaking innovations that address pressing worldwide challenges.

Educational innovation is equally vital to our mission. Our planned 2027 launch of an ambitious new program, tentatively called the College of Design, exemplifies UTokyo's commitment to dialogue-based education that transcends conventional disciplines. By expanding English-medium programs and reinforcing connections between academic learning and society, we are nurturing the next generation of global leaders equipped to tackle complex issues. Our enhanced focus on entrepreneurship education further demonstrates our dedication to translating academic excellence into positive social impact.

UTokyo's commitment to sustainability and global engagement continues to deepen. We have pledged to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 through UTokyo Climate Action and are leading green transformation initiatives that reach far beyond our campuses. Our expanding global startup ecosystem and international research collaborations reflect our resolve to serve as a hub for addressing urgent global problems. These efforts embody our conviction that our university must take an active role in shaping a sustainable future.

The University of Tokyo envisions itself as a global public institution that drives positive change through dialogue, inclusion, and academic excellence. Although the challenges before us are substantial, they also present unprecedented opportunities for innovation and impact. By collaborating closely with our stakeholders and partners throughout Japan and around the world, we remain confident in our capacity to fulfill our mission of serving the global public and to set new standards for what a research university can achieve in the 21st century.



# 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.

### Programs in English at Komaba (PEAK)

Launched in 2012, Programs in English at Komaba (PEAK) represent an innovative milestone—the University of Tokyo's first undergraduate degree programs taught entirely in English. PEAK aims to share UTokyo's wealth of intellectual resources with outstanding students from around the world. Two interdisciplinary courses are currently offered: the International Program on Japan in East Asia (JEA) and the International Program on Environmental Sciences (ES). Taught by UTokyo's leading academics, JEA and ES provide interactive, seminar-style learning in English for a select cohort of undergraduates.

PEAK students have access to the full range of UTokyo's academic

offerings and join their Japanese peers in clubs and other student activities. Alongside their major, they also study Japanese from beginning to advanced levels. PEAK's low student-faculty ratio and cross-cultural environment facilitate rich discussion and personal growth. Upon graduation, PEAK students earn a regular University of Tokyo bachelor's degree. Alumni have gone on to top graduate schools and to careers at world-class organizations, where they serve as ambassadors bridging Japan and the global community.

PEAK website

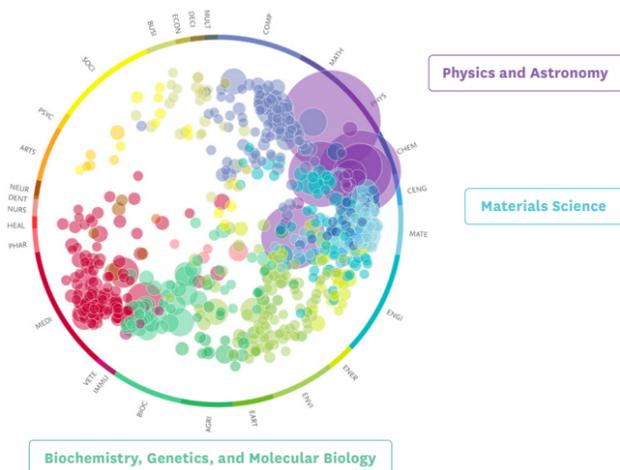


## Research

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 2019 to 2023, 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.



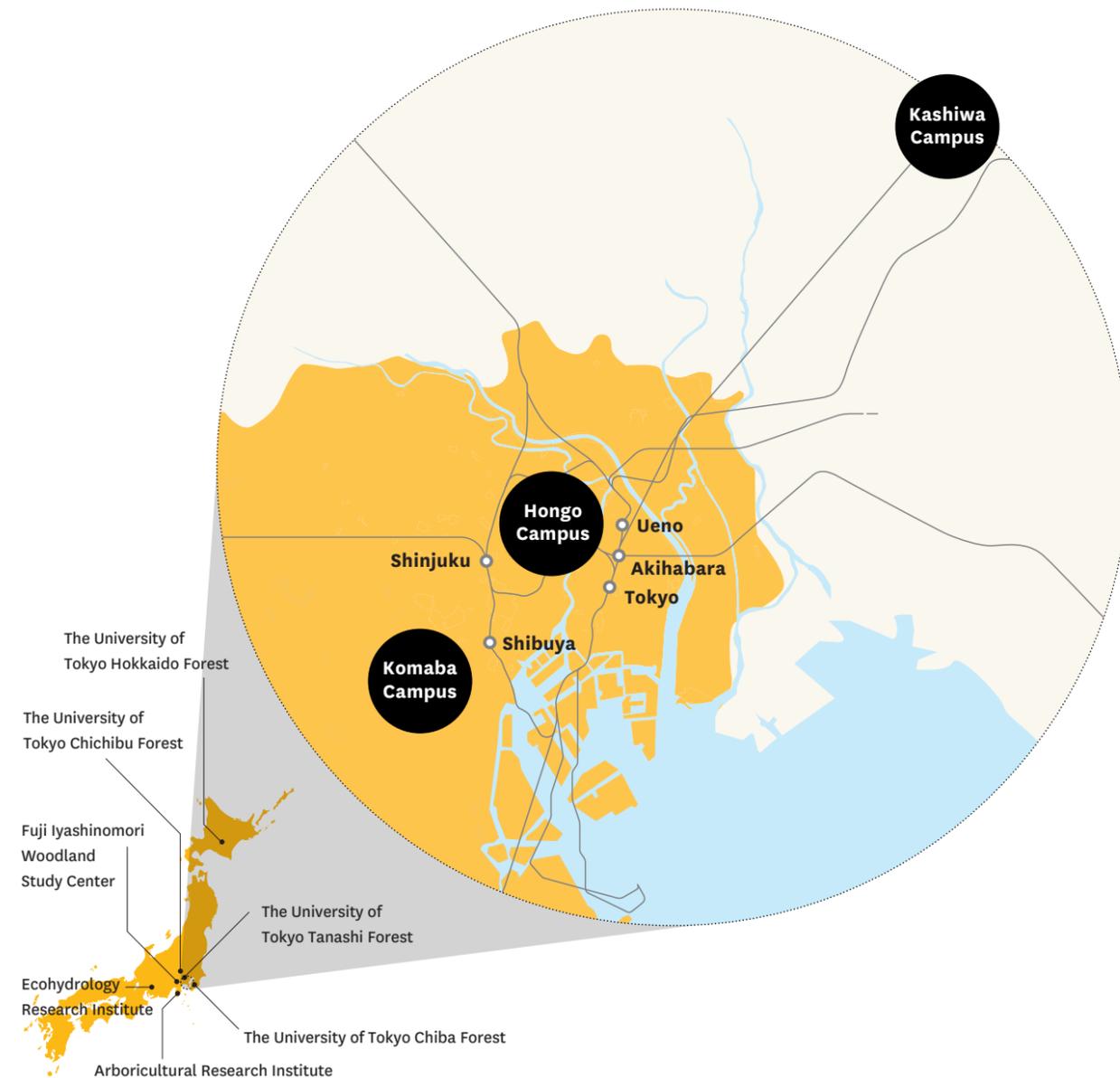
(SciVal data updated Jan. 22, 2025; based on papers from 2019 to 2023)

# 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

- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Letters
- Faculty of Science

- Faculty of Agriculture
- Faculty of Economics
- College of Arts and Sciences
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

### Graduate Schools

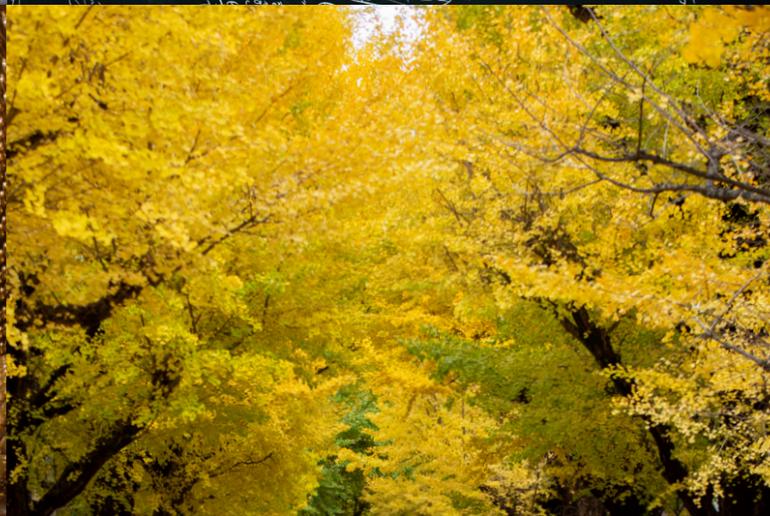
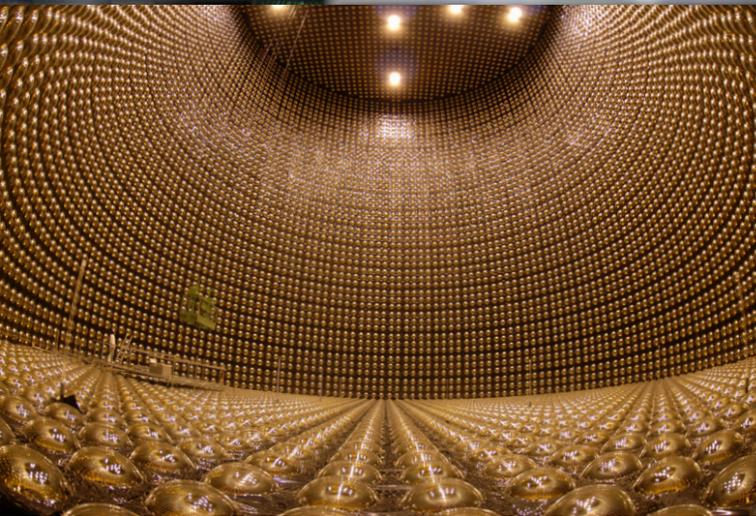
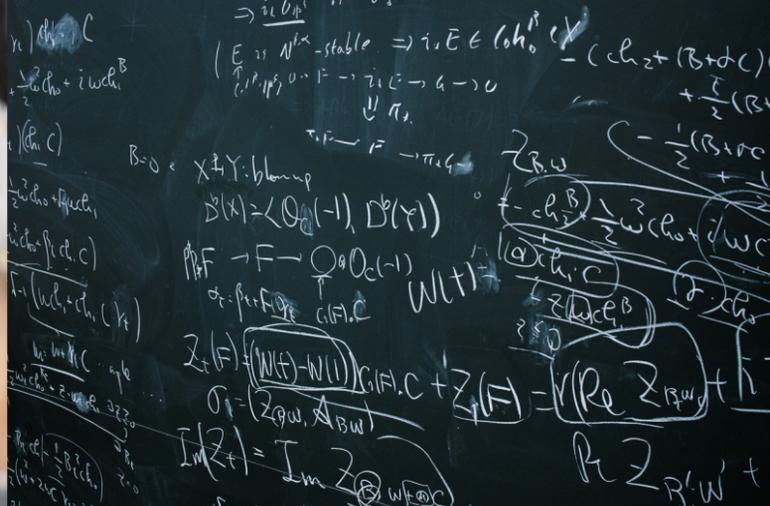
- Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology
- Graduate School of Education
- Graduate Schools for Law and Politics
- Graduate School of Economics
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- Graduate School of Science
- Graduate School of Engineering
- Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences

- Graduate School of Medicine
- Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences
- Graduate School of Frontier Sciences
- Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies
- Graduate School of Information Science and Technology
- Graduate School of Public Policy

### Affiliated Institutes

- Institute of Medical Science
- Earthquake Research Institute
- Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia
- Institute of Social Science
- Institute of Industrial Science
- Historiographical Institute

- Institute for Quantitative Biosciences
- Institute for Cosmic Ray Research
- Institute for Solid State Physics
- Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute
- Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology



# UTokyo by the Numbers

Founded in **1877**

THE World University  
Rankings 2025

**28<sup>th</sup>**

QS World University  
Rankings 2025

**32<sup>nd</sup>**



Total number  
of graduates  
**467,125**  
As of March 31, 2024



Overseas facilities  
and offices

**27**

International  
exchange agreements

**554**

Exchange  
of researchers

**12,004**  
Inbound/outbound in 2023



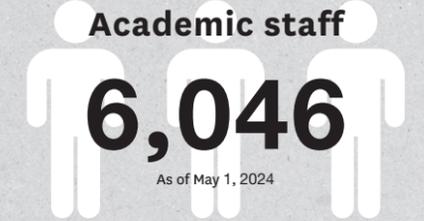
Students

**29,126**  
As of May 1, 2024



Academic staff

**6,046**  
As of May 1, 2024



International  
students

**5,104**  
As of May 1, 2024

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Non-Japanese  
researchers

**843**  
As of May 1, 2024

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Administrative staff

**5,658**  
As of May 1, 2024



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

Europe

**339**

**179**

Africa

**65**

**13**

Middle East

**37**

**16**

Asia

**4,458**

**530**

Oceania

**33**

**8**

North America

**119**

**76**

Latin America

**53**

**21**

## Cited papers

# 604,655

Number of times that UTokyo papers published from 2019 to 2023 were cited by papers indexed in Web of Science during the same five-year period (Source: Essential Science Indicators database, accessed on September 20, 2024)



## Among the World's Best Hospitals 2024, The University of Tokyo Hospital ranked



**1<sup>st</sup> in Japan**

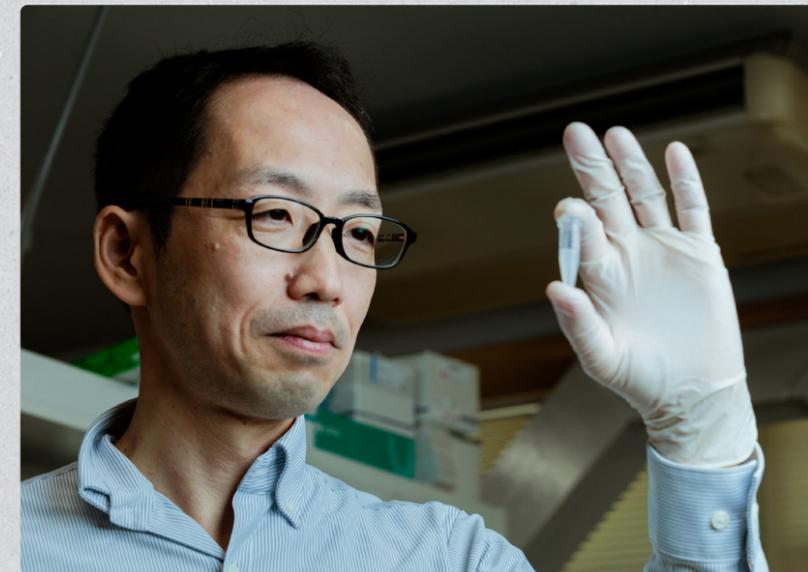
**2<sup>nd</sup> in Asia**

by Newsweek and Statista



**Volumes in university libraries\***  
**10,039,322**

As of March 31, 2024  
\*The first university library system in Japan with a collection of over 10 million volumes



## Number of acquired patents

# 4,969

As of March 31, 2024

## UTokyo-related startup companies

# 577

As of March 31, 2024

## Total ordinary revenue (FY2023)

# 268.0 billion JPY

(1.7 billion USD)

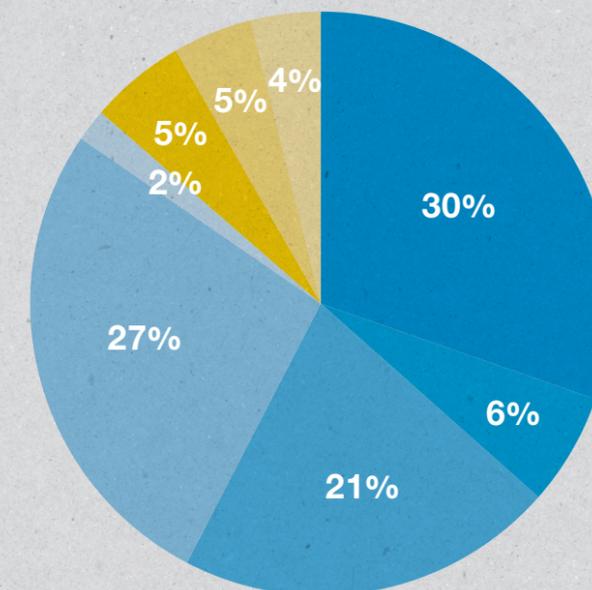
Conversion rate 1 USD = 154.43 JPY, TTM rate on January 31, 2025

## Total ordinary expenses (FY2023)

# 267.4 billion JPY

(1.7 billion USD)

Conversion rate 1 USD = 154.43 JPY, TTM rate on January 31, 2025



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

## Total assets (FY2023)

# 1,471 billion JPY

(9.5 billion USD)

Conversion rate 1 USD = 154.43 JPY, TTM rate on January 31, 2025

## UTokyo Foundation Amount of funds invested (FY2023)

# 29.9 billion JPY

(193.6 million USD)

Market value basis; conversion rate 1 USD = 154.43 JPY, TTM rate on January 31, 2025



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