Works for applications around the world!

Innovative admissions platform helps admit applicants globally from 205 countries

PATENTED No.6899572／No.7105461／No.7145470／No.7149671



THE AO The Admissions Office

Offering the choice of colleges from the world map

The Admissions Office Overview

Offering the choice of colleges from the world map

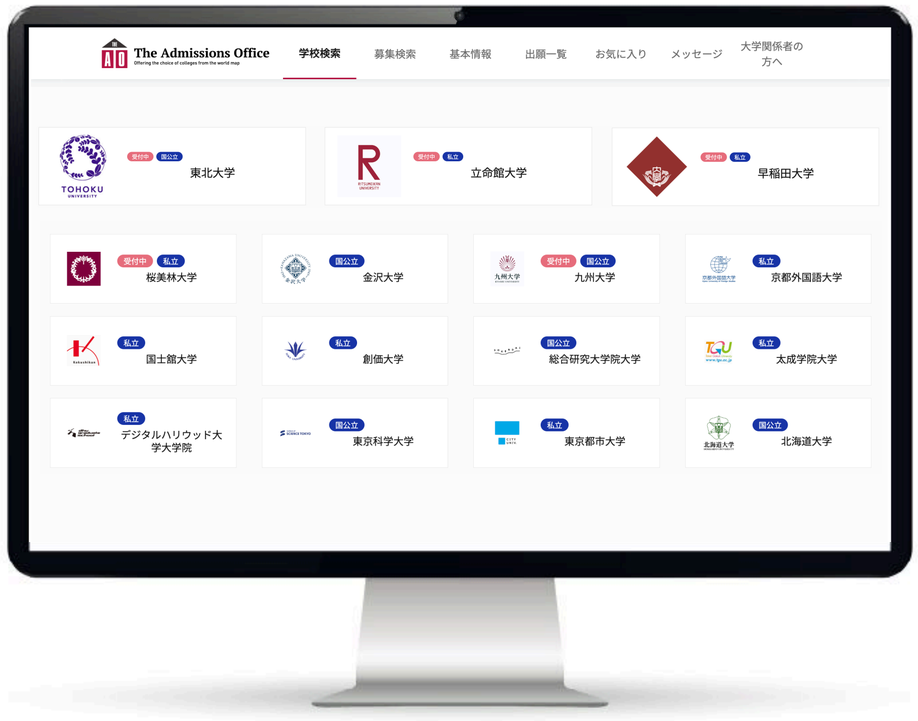
The Admissions Office is a **shared admissions platform for a consortium of universities**.

Manage admissions **in one place** to **reduce administrative work**, **expand students' university choices**, and **make applying easier**.

Manage applications, supporting documents, **review, decisions**, and **enrollment in one system**. Custom forms and CSV import/export **support the operational needs of Japanese universities**.

Japanese and English support enables undergraduate holistic and school-recommendation admissions, graduate admissions, and **international recruitment**.

TAO will continue working with universities to standardize application forms and build an **admissions consortium for universities across Asia**.



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Why a Shared Admissions Consortium?

Shared admissions platforms allow students to apply to multiple universities in one place.
Universities gain opportunities to connect with applicants around the world.



Common App in North America and UCAS in the UK are admissions consortia.
TAO serves Japanese universities as **a platform for universities across Asia**.

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Clients

As of October 1, 2026

東北大学 TOHOKU UNIVERSITY

RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY

WASEDA University 早稲田大学

UNIVERSITAS INDONESIA Veritas, Probitas, Iustitia

九州大学 KYUSHU UNIVERSITY

Institute of SCIENCE TOKYO

慶應義塾 Keio University

関西学院大学 KWANSEI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY

金沢大学 KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY

Center for Global Education The University of Tokyo

北海道大学 HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY

公立大学法人 山形県立保健医療大学 Yamagata Prefectural University of Health Sciences

SOKENDAI

桜美林大学 J. F. Oberlin University

京都外国語大学 Kyoto University of Foreign Studies

RYUKOKU UNIVERSITY

法政大学 HOSEI University

国士舘大学 Kokushikan

芝浦工業大學 SHIBAURA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

創価大学 SOKA UNIVERSITY

デジタルハリウッド大学 DIGITAL HOLLYWOOD UNIVERSITY

TGU Taisei Gakuin University www.tgu.ac.jp

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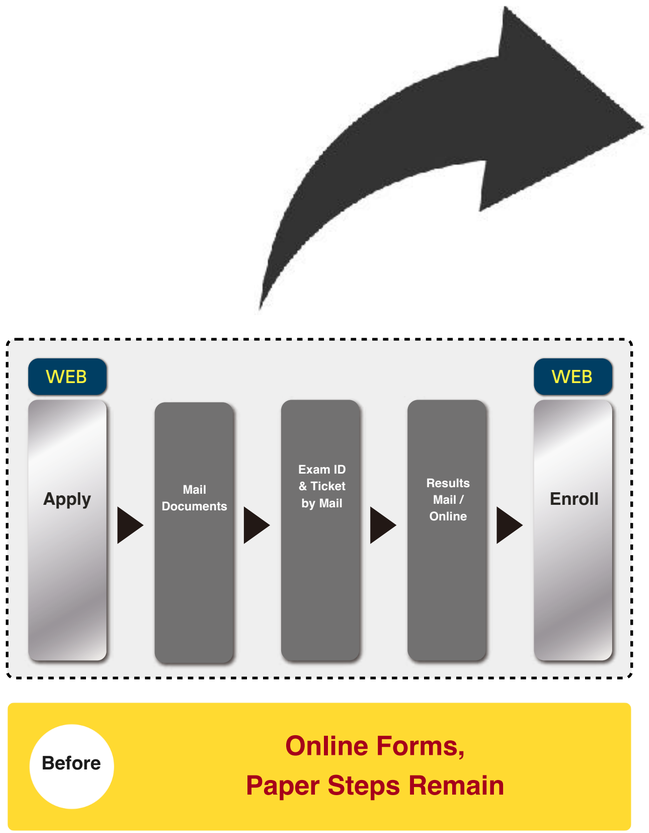
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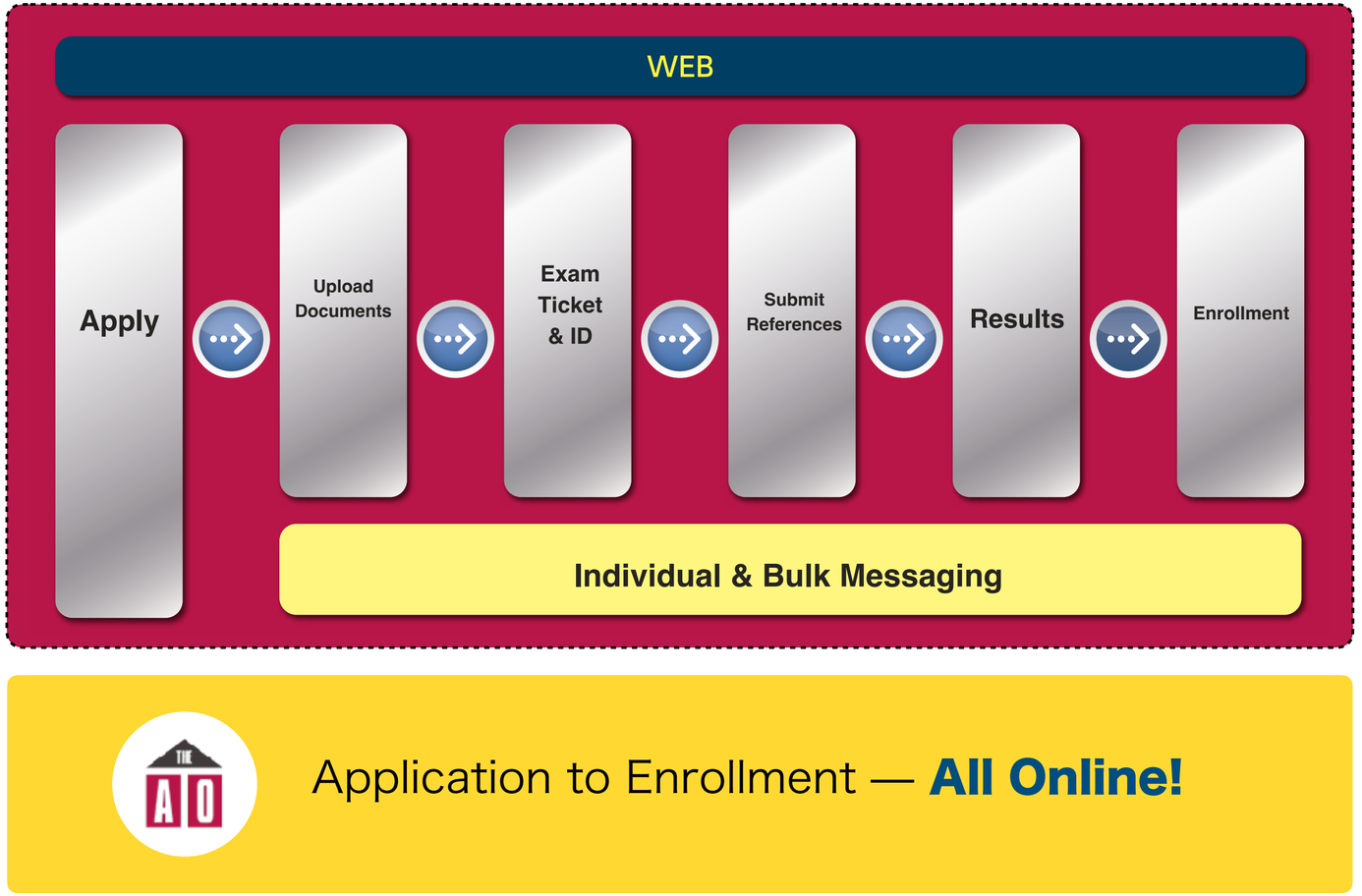
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A Connected Digital Admissions Process

Some admissions processes still require **mailed documents and separate communications**, creating extra work -**especially for international applicants**. TAO brings **registration, document submission, and messaging** online for a more **consistent digital experience**.





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Point 1

Custom Forms

Build application forms using **text fields, choices, and file uploads**.
(Japanese Patent No. 6899572)
Show or hide forms and questions based on answers, and use **validation rules** to prevent incomplete submissions.
Universities can create and update forms whenever needed, reducing reliance on external vendors and **lowering administrative work and costs**.

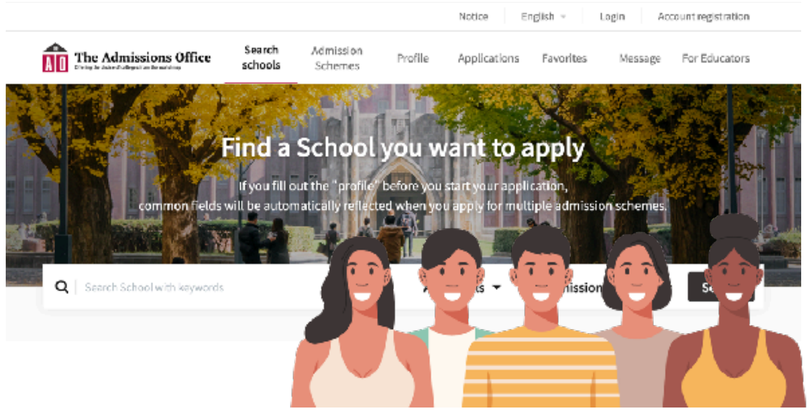


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Point 2

Mulch Languages

TAO supports Japanese and English. Applicants can switch languages to complete applications and procedures. The support desk also serves users in both languages.
Publish application guidelines and pages in Japanese, English, or both, to match your target audience. UTF-8 supports text entry in simplified and traditional Chinese, Korean, and other scripts.





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Point 3

Security Certifications

TAO maintains an **information security framework based on international standards** to protect personal information and support reliable admissions.
Our **certifications include ISO/IEC 27701, ISO/IEC 27017, and ISO/IEC 27001**.
Granular access permissions restrict functions by role and responsibility.
Administrators can **view and download activity logs** to monitor operations and maintain appropriate access controls.





Certification scope: Education Consulting & Cloud Services

ISMS-CS Category	Service
Cloud Service Provider	The Admissions Office
Cloud Service Customer	Amazon Web Services

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International Certifications & Personal Data Protection

Certified management practices and operations aligned with our personal information protection policy.





Certifications

ISO/IEC 27001	Information security management
ISO/IEC 27017	Cloud service security management
ISO/IEC 27701	Privacy information management

Ongoing Improvement

Staff training, internal audits, and regular reviews of management policies

Personal Information Protection

We use personal information for disclosed purposes and carefully select and oversee service providers.

Data is deleted when its purpose or retention period ends. We handle access, correction, and cessation-of-use requests. The October 2026 policy update addresses GDPR.

Reference (Japanese): admissions-office.net/ja/handling_of_personal_information

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TAO Infrastructure & Security Measures

Built on AWS to protect application data and support reliable operations.

Cloud Infrastructure

Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Tokyo and Singapore regions

Backups stored in both regions

Daily data backups

Key Security Measures

Encryption	SSL/TLS encryption in transit Encryption at rest
Access Control	Email-based two-step verification Configurable information visibility
Monitoring	Continuous log and server monitoring Vulnerability assessments by specialists

Web Protection:

A cloud-based WAF detects and blocks SQL injection, XSS, and other malicious traffic.

Additional protection includes DDoS defense and website tampering detection.

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Documents & Videos
for **Undergraduate**
Holistic Admissions

Program-Specific
Documents & Selection
for **Graduate Admissions**

2

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Flexible Support for Diverse Admissions Routes

3

International
Admissions & **COE**
Applications

Exchange Applications
from **Home &**
Partner Institutions

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Flexible Deployment for Different Admissions Routes

Start where needed and expand in stages

to match your admissions routes and operating policies.

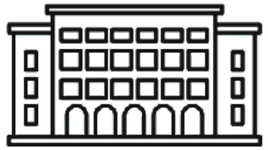
Public Univ. A



University-Wide Rollout

- General Admissions (First Round)
- Holistic / School-Recommendation
- Graduate Admissions
- International Admissions
- Third-Year Transfer

Private Univ. B



Selected Admissions Routes

- Holistic Admissions
- Graduate Admissions
- Pre-Arrival Admissions
- Internal Progression
- General admissions under consideration

Private Univ. C



Phased Rollout

- English-Taught Degree Programs
- Graduate Admissions
- Holistic Admissions

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From Review to Enrollment

1 Enrollment



Jan 2026 Released

Collect **enrollment fees, tuition**, and documents. Manage **fee-waiver and COE applications in one place** to streamline administration.

2 Two-Stage Selection



Mar 2026 Released

Manage **preliminary consultations and both selection stages** in one system. Support **application fees paid in separate stages**.

3 Review & Selection



Jul 2026 Released

Review documents and **record interview results** online. Customize evaluation criteria and export **materials for admissions committee meetings**.

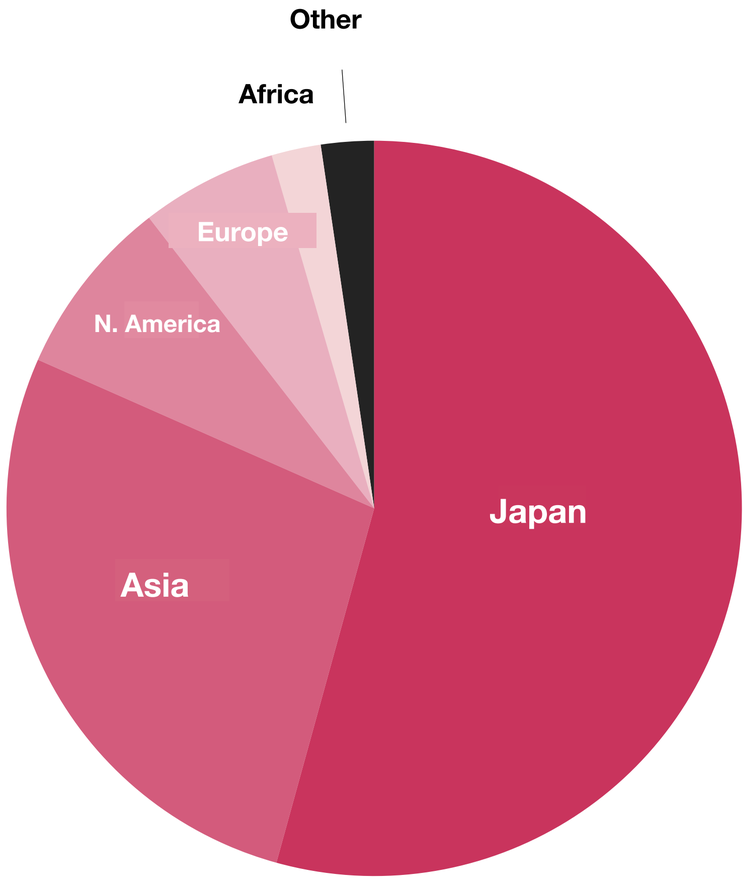
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Access from 205 Countries & Regions

Top 30 Countries / Regions

1	Japan	16	Canada
2	China	17	France
3	United States	18	Egypt
4	South Korea	19	Australia
5	India	20	Germany
6	Indonesia	21	Uzbekistan
7	Singapore	22	Ireland
8	Taiwan	23	Mongolia
9	Hong Kong	24	Malaysia
10	Thailand	25	Nepal
11	Bangladesh	26	Philippines
12	United Kingdom	27	Nigeria
13	Vietnam	28	Kazakhstan
14	Pakistan	29	Myanmar
15	Netherlands	30	Ghana

Users by Region



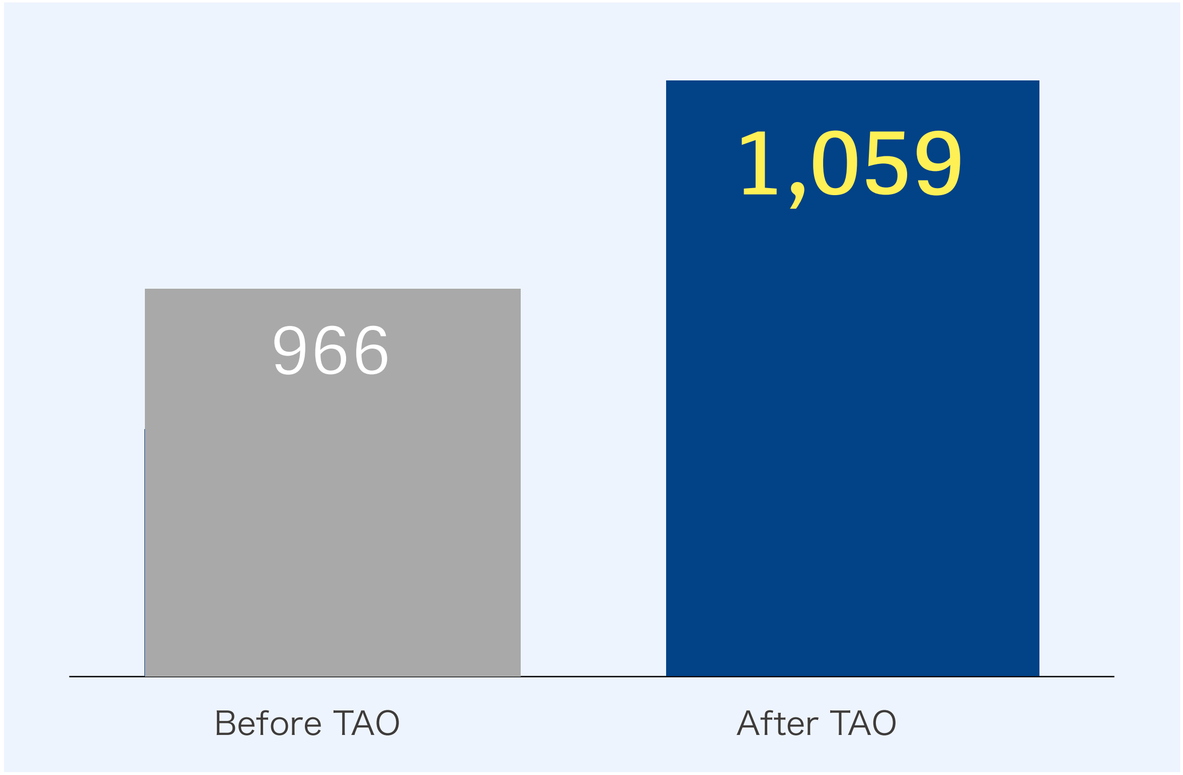
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Applicant Growth Following TAO Adoption

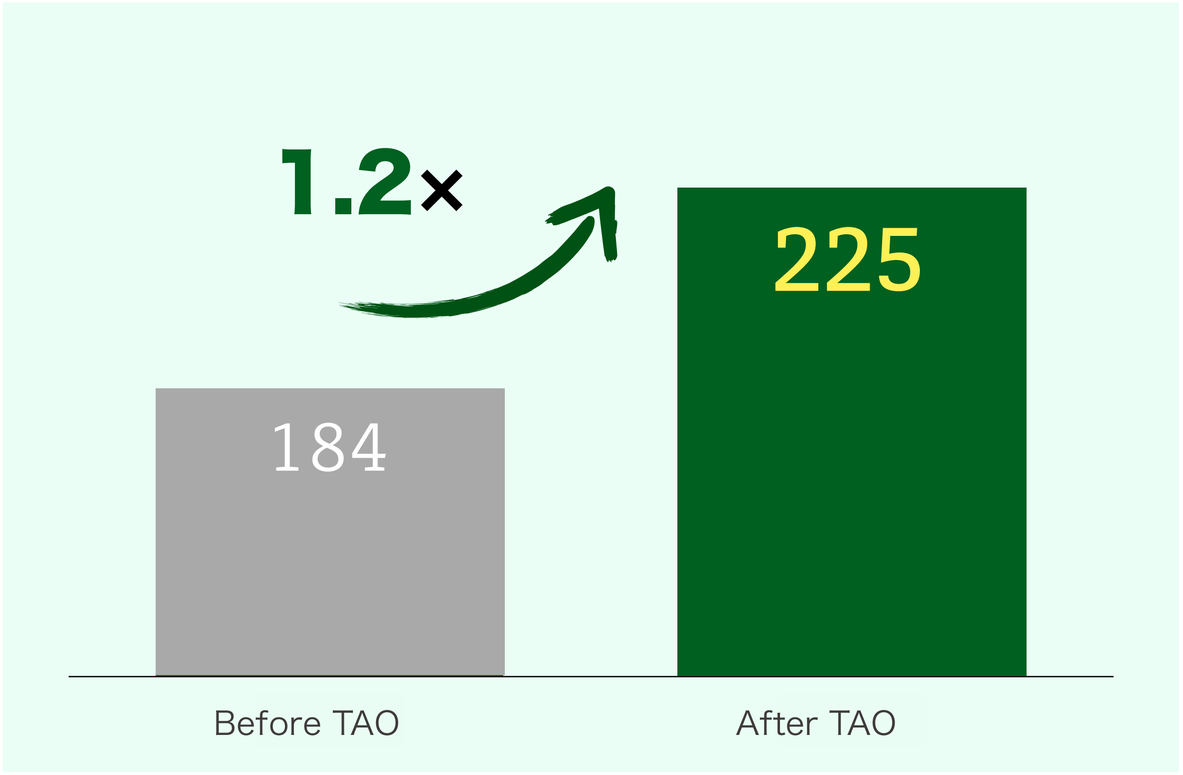
Case 1

TAO adopted by **11 graduate schools**.
Applicants **exceeded 1,000 two years after adoption**.



Case 2

Applicants reached 1.2× the previous level
even after **scholarship amounts were reduced**.



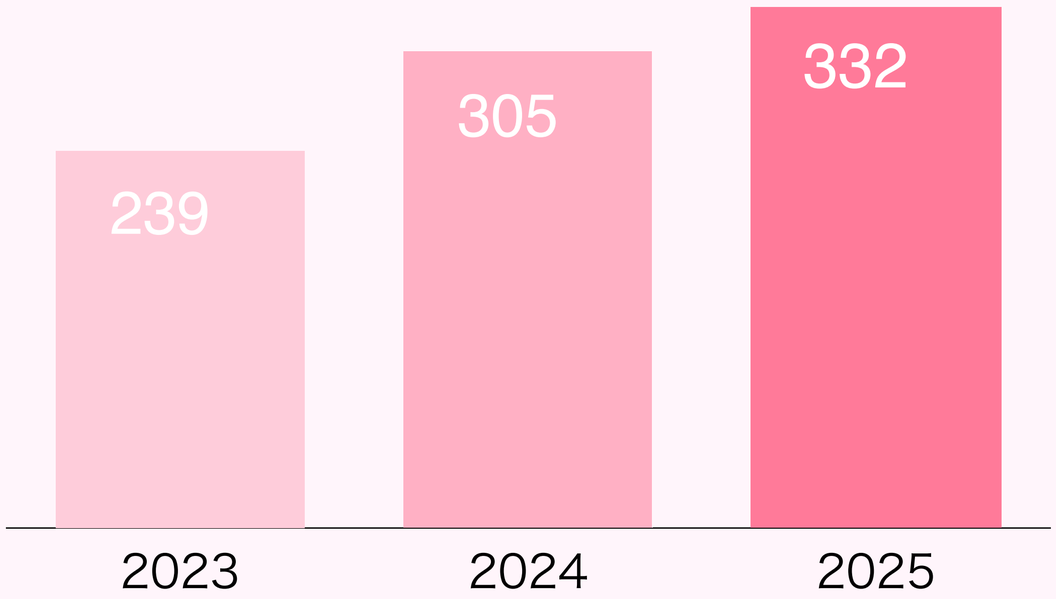
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Graduate Applicant Growth After TAO Adoption

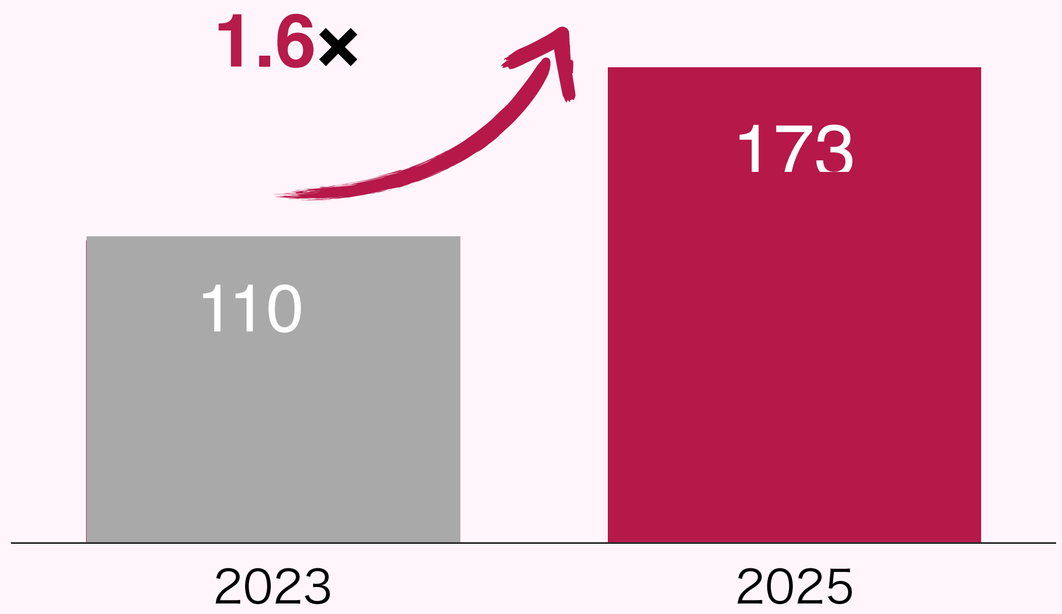
Case 3

A management graduate school adopted TAO in 2023 and saw **applicant growth** for **two consecutive years**.
Its accounting program attracted **approximately 1.6× as many applicants** after adoption.

Graduate School of Management



Accounting Program

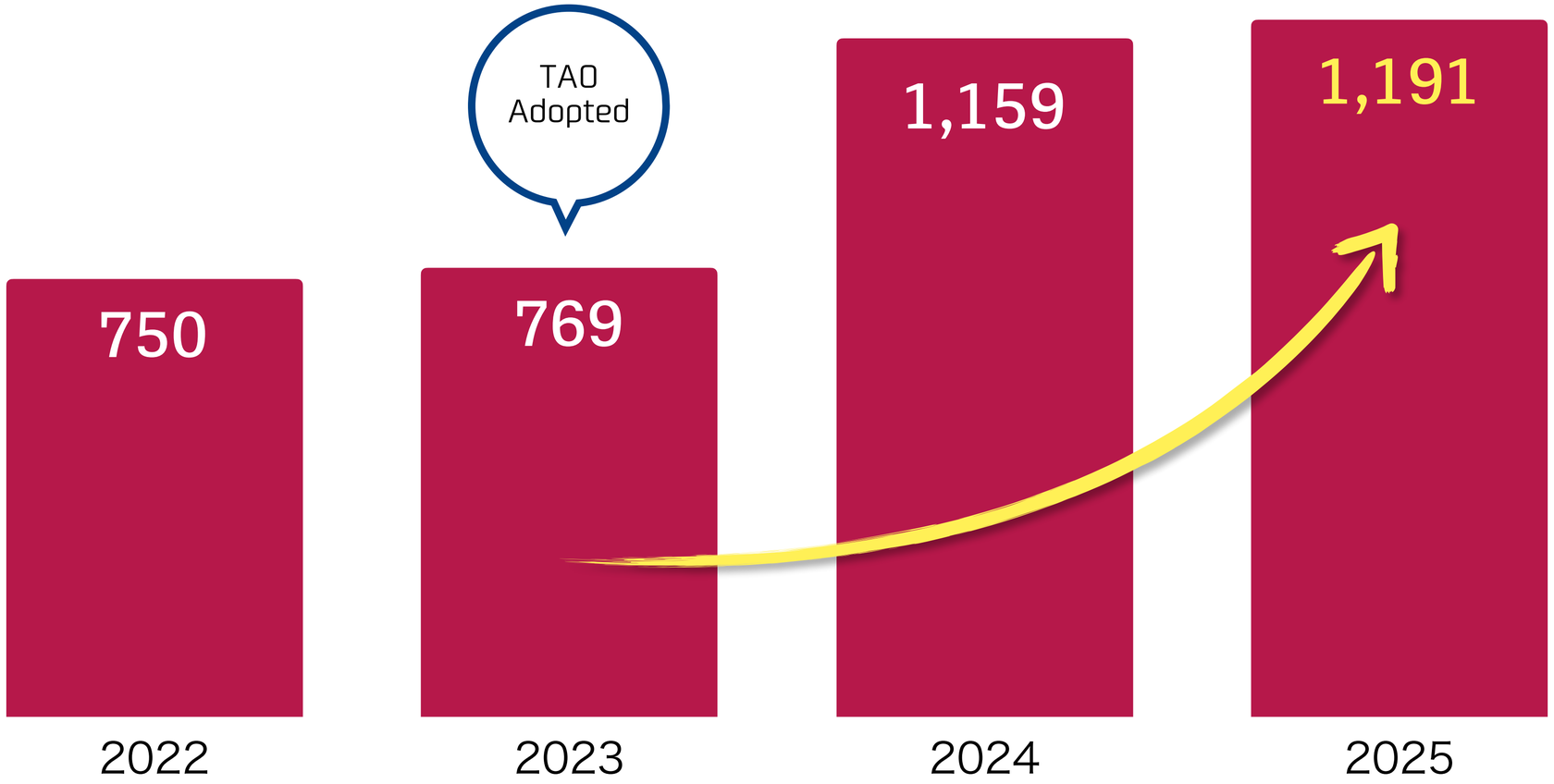


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Applicant Growth Following TAO Adoption

Case 4

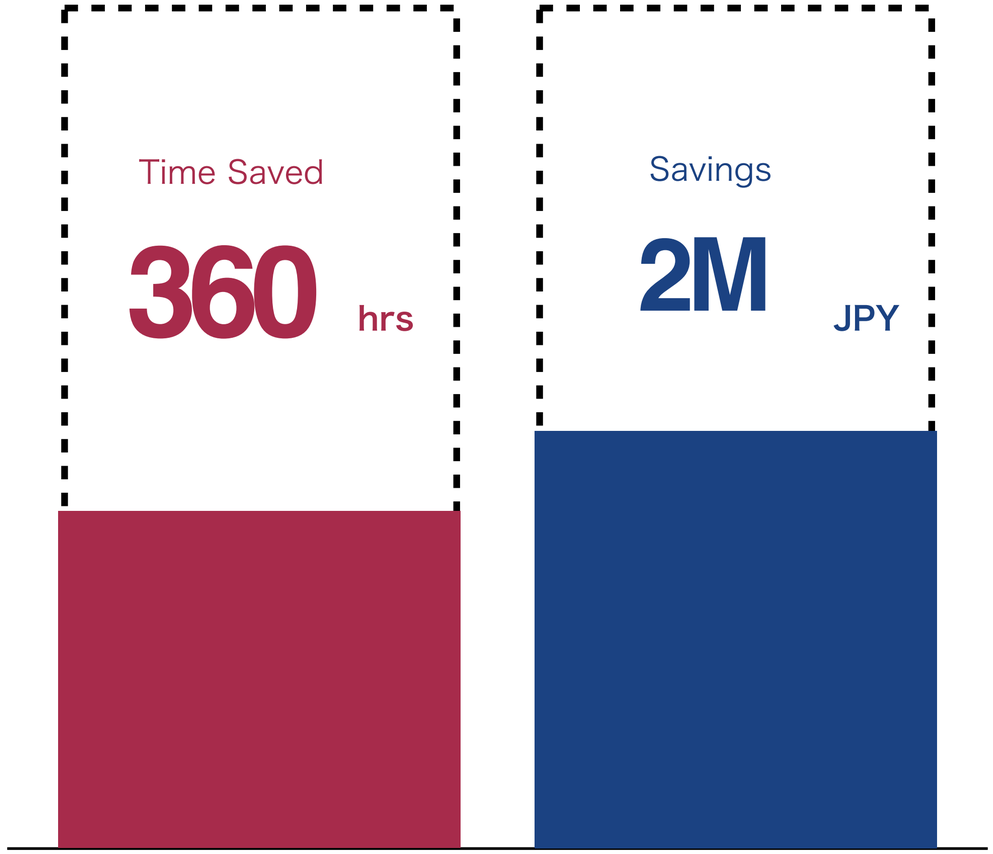
TAO adopted for **international admissions** in 2023.
Applicants **increased by 441 compared with the pre-adoption level**.



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Operational Benefits of TAO

- **Eliminate misdirected** documents and mailings
- Reduce **incomplete-document follow-up** by over 50%
- Cut **printing costs** for interview materials
- Prevent **international mailing and remittance problems**
- Streamline **support for international applicants**



Example: 5 cycles / 200 applications per year

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Graduate School 大学院 INSIGHT Overview

Graduate School INSIGHT helps students **find graduate research labs and faculty**. Search by **academic field or research topic** to discover relevant **researchers and labs**.

By combining information from multiple universities, INSIGHT helps students **choose programs that match their research interests**. **Japanese and English support** makes it accessible worldwide.

Integration with TAO (The Admissions Office) connects program discovery with a seamless application process.

Alongside admissions digitalization, TAO helps consortium members **promote their research and attract prospective students**.

Free for institutions using TAO. No separate data submission is required for listings.



Explore Graduate School INSIGHT →

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Comprehensive Support

Reliable support for applicants and universities
to build **efficient admissions operations**

	Support Hours	Languages	Response Time	Scope
Applicants	**Weekdays 9:00–19:00 JST**	**Japanese & English**	**Within 1–2 business days**	**Help using the system Admissions questions are referred to the university.**
University Admins	**Weekdays 9:00–19:00 JST**	**Japanese & English**	**Within 1–2 business days**	**System setup Applicant-related matters**

FAQs and quick guides are available within both the applicant and administrator interfaces.

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Supported Payment Services

As of Oct 1, 2026

	Flywire *2	SB Payment	SMBC GMO Payment
Application Fee	○	○	○
Enrollment Fee *1	○	×	○
Tuition *1	○	×	○

*1 Available through the Enrollment feature.

*2 Multiple accounts can be opened.

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FAQ



How long does it take to get started?

Timing depends on your admissions process, form setup, and review requirements. Contact us to plan a schedule from implementation to opening applications.

Is it easy to create application forms?

Combine text fields, choices, and file uploads. Duplicate and edit existing forms for other faculties or graduate schools.

Can applicants submit statements and references?

Applicants can enter text or upload PDFs and other files. Referees can submit information and documents confidentially, without applicants seeing the contents.

How can we exchange data with other systems?

CSV downloads are included as standard. Use the exported data in a format compatible with your institution’s systems.

More FAQs Are Available Online

Scan the QR code for implementation guidance and FAQs on custom forms and other features (Japanese). Please contact us if your question is not covered.

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Appendix: Related Videos

Video 1



TAO Case Study
Tohoku University
6 min 55 sec

Video 2



Overseas Counselors on Japanese Admissions
2 min 52 sec

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