



ESP GAKUEN Educational Foundation – Creating the True Sound

ESP GAKUEN originated from the desire to create guitars that produce *authentic sound*. With its roots in guitar manufacturing and media-related businesses, ESP GAKUEN has developed into a global network that extends beyond Japan to countries such as the United States and China.

Its education division offers top-level training in music, performance, acting, sound engineering, and instrument craftsmanship in both Japan and the U.S., nurturing artists and staff who can thrive on the global stage.

Academic Qualifications upon Graduation

ESP GAKUEN is an officially accredited educational corporation by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government. Each campus (Tokyo, Osaka, and Fukuoka) is approved by its respective local government.

Graduates are awarded the title of "Senmonshi" (専門士).

This qualification allows:

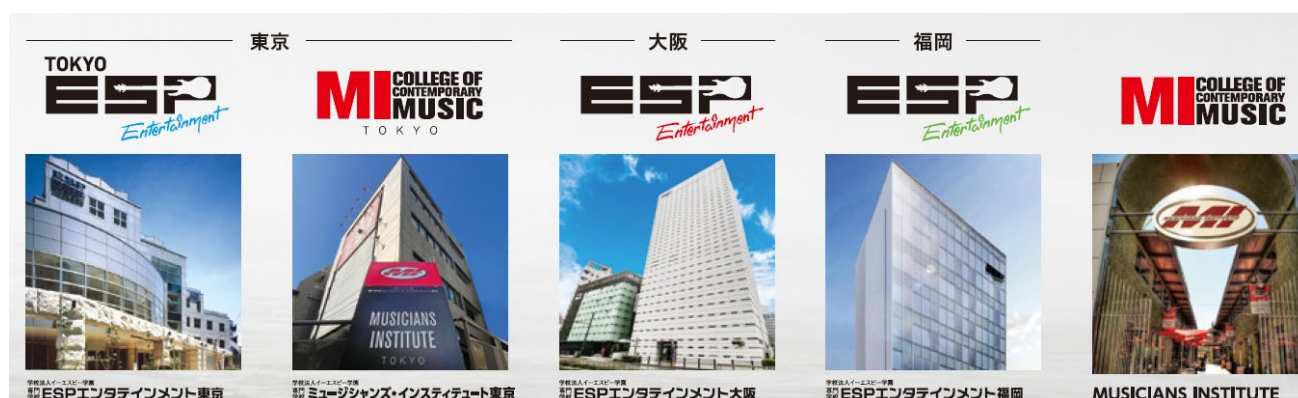
- Application for a visa change to *Engineer / Specialist in Humanities / International Services*, when receiving a job offer.
- Eligibility to transfer to university programs.

Programs Offered

Major / Department	ESP Tokyo	ESP Osaka	ESP Fukuoka	MI Tokyo
 Music & Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vocal ✓ Dance Vocal ✓ Singer-Songwriter ✓ Guitar Vocal ✓ Sound Creator ✓ Guitar ✓ Bass ✓ Drums 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vocal ✓ Singer-Songwriter ✓ Guitar Vocal ✓ Net Singer ✓ Guitar ✓ Bass ✓ Drums ✓ Net Musician ✓ DJ / Club Music ✓ Dance Vocal ✓ Artist & Creator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vocal ✓ Guitar ✓ Bass ✓ Drums ✓ Singer-Songwriter ✓ Sound Creator ✓ Dance Vocal ✓ Dance Performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vocal ✓ Guitar ✓ Bass ✓ Drums ✓ Sound Creator



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Voice Acting / Acting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Voice Actor Training ✓ Actor Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Voice Actor Artist ✓ Voice Actor & Musician ✓ Voice Actor & Staff ✓ Talent (Acting) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Actor Artist ✓ Voice Actor Artist 	-
Music & Entertainment Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Event Planning & Production ✓ PA (Live Sound) ✓ Recording ✓ Lighting ✓ Stage Crew ✓ Artist Staff (Manager, Fan Club, Merch Design) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Event Production ✓ PA ✓ Lighting ✓ Roadie ✓ Recording & MA ✓ All-Round Staff ✓ Artist Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PA ✓ Sound Design ✓ Lighting ✓ Stage Production ✓ Music Staff ✓ Artist Staff 	-
Craft & Instrument Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Piano Tuning ✓ Wind Instrument Repair ✓ Guitar Craft (2- & 3-year programs: Production, Repair, Design, Amps & FX) 	-	-	-





Enrollment Information

- Admission Date: April 6, 2026
 - Application Period: September 1 – March 14
 - For overseas applicants requiring a new student visa (COE): Deadline is December 3
 - Applications close once capacity is reached
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International Student Admission Requirements

1. Must be 18 years or older
 2. Must have completed 12 years of education or equivalent
 3. Must meet one of the following Japanese language requirements:
 - JLPT N2 or N1
 - EJU Japanese subject score of 200+ (excluding writing)
 - BJT score of 400+
 - 1+ years at a Japanese language school accredited by the Ministry of Justice (or scheduled to complete by March 2026)
 - 1+ years at a school under Article 1 of Japan's School Education Law
 4. Must have sufficient financial resources for tuition and living expenses
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Entrance Examination for International Students

1. Japanese Language Test
 2. Essay
 3. Interview
- For overseas applicants, all exams can be conducted online.
 - Once admission is confirmed, the school will apply for your student visa (COE) on your behalf.
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💰 Tuition Fees (as of 2026)

- Year 1: ¥1,530,000 – ¥1,560,000
- Year 2 & 3: ¥1,330,000 – ¥1,360,000

(Tuition varies by course. Please refer to the 2026 International Student Application Guidelines for details.)

🎓 ESP Scholarship

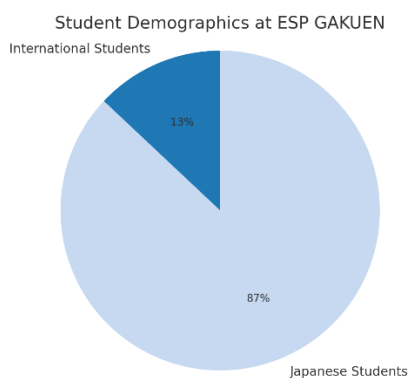
Up to ¥500,000 in internal scholarships available. Students with over 90% attendance are eligible to receive ¥100,000 per year until graduation.

In addition to scholarships offered by the ESP GAKUEN Educational Foundation, there are many other scholarship programs available with school recommendation, such as the JASSO International Student Support Program (In-school Selection) and the Kyoritsu International Foundation Scholarship, among other



🌐 International Student Community

Currently, 13% of students are international. All classes are conducted regardless of nationality.





💡 Support for International Students

1. International Community Center (ICC)

- Provides guidance on admission, daily life, visa applications, extensions, and job visa changes.

2. Career Support Section (CSS)

- Offers job listings from companies with over 40 years of ESP alumni employment.
- Full support for visa change paperwork; 100% visa approval rate for international graduates.
- Career + Artistic Path: Students can work while continuing their artist activities.

3. Debut Support Section (DSS)

- Access to audition and debut opportunities using the ESP network.

🎓 Career Paths of ESP GAKUEN International Graduates

- Return home and work/start business: 24%
- Transfer to a university in Japan: 32%
- Employment or entrepreneurship in Japan: 44%
 - (12% found employment after graduation using the "Designated Activities" visa)

There have been cases where international students who were working as composers under a company changed their status of residence to “Artist.”

To obtain the *Artist* visa, one must be able to prove a high income earned through artistic activities. Currently, there are fewer than 100 foreign nationals in all of Japan who hold this status.

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About

Genres: Dance/Electronic, Vocaloid Utaite, J-Pop

Record labels: Emoism Records, Attack The Music, EmoCosine, 株式会社Yostar

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☀ Graduate Highlights



- LIM FANG CEN (Penang, Malaysia)
 - Graduated March 2024, Singer-Songwriter Course
 - Joined Kesion Co., Ltd., working in music production for advertising



- EZANEE EZRAN BIN ZIAD (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
 - Graduated March 2024, Guitar Course
 - Employed at YAMAHA Guitar Group, Inc.

🎬 Before Applying

- Attend our Online School Info Sessions or book a virtual or in-person tour (Interpretation in English or Chinese available)
- Join our Open Campus events for a hands-on experience of each major and our facilities

✉ Contact Us

Feel free to reach out via LINE or email directly with our ICC International Admissions Team:

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