



**NIAD-QE**

National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education

— Providing Support for Learning Today and Tomorrow —

# About NIAD-QE

The National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE) supports universities and colleges in enhancing the quality of their education and research. NIAD-QE also strives to achieve recognition and appreciation of academic degrees as the result of learning at the higher education level, working with universities and colleges to ensure that higher education meets the expectations of society. In addition, NIAD-QE aims to contribute to social development by encouraging the advancement of education and research activities in fields where support is deemed particularly necessary in order to cultivate personnel in the medium to long term. To achieve these objectives, NIAD-QE undertakes programs in six key areas.

## Awarding of Academic Degrees

Awards academic degrees to around **3,500** people each year

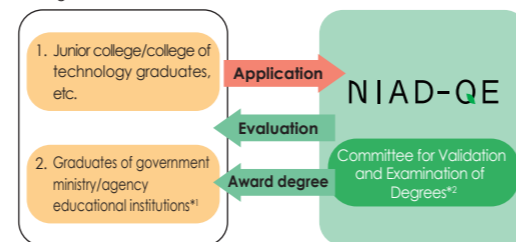
### Recognizing non-university learning with academic degrees.

NIAD-QE is Japan's only non-university body that awards academic degrees. Individuals who have studied at a professional training college, junior college, college of technology, educational institution operated by a government ministry or agency, or similar institution may be awarded a degree by NIAD-QE if their amassed learning is recognized to be of a level equivalent to those who have graduated from a university undergraduate program or graduate school. The academic degrees awarded help to expand the recipients' options for the future, whether in pursuing further study or in finding employment.

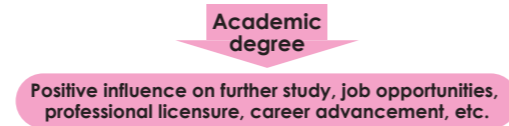
- Awarding Degrees to Learners who have Completed Study at a Junior College, College of Technology or Professional Training College (Bachelor's Degree)
- Degrees Awarded upon Completion of Study at a NIAD-QE-Approved Program (Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral Degrees)

#### Degree Awarding Process

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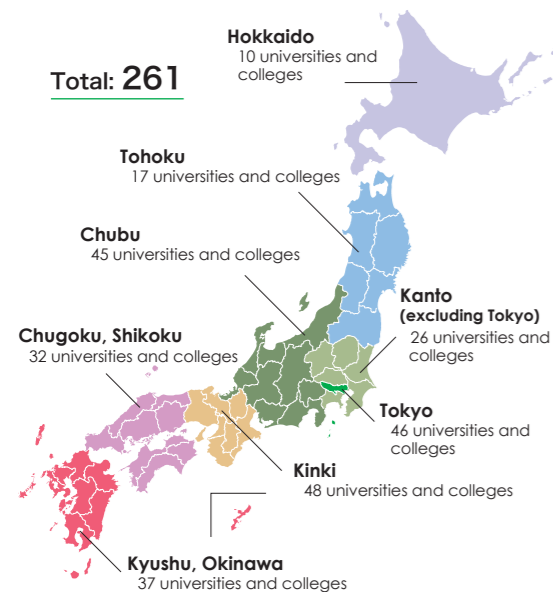


\*1 National Defense Academy, National Defense Medical College, National Fisheries University, National College of Nursing, Japan, etc.  
\*2 Composed of external experts



#### Number of Subsidized Universities and Colleges of Technology by Region

(cumulative total for FY2023–FY2025)



## Subsidization for Personnel Cultivation

Increased enrollment capacity in scientific fields by around **22,000** over **3** years of recruitment

### Supporting universities and colleges of technology in transitioning their focus area to scientific fields.

NIAD-QE provides subsidies for initiatives by universities and colleges of technology aimed at increasing enrollment capacity in scientific fields, in order to cultivate professionals to work in growing fields that cross the boundaries between the arts and sciences, such as digital and green business.

- Transition to Specified Growing Fields via Faculty Restructuring, etc.
- Functional Enhancements to Secure Advanced ICT Specialists

## Evaluation and Accreditation

Conducts institutional certified evaluation and accreditation of **97%** of national universities and **100%** of colleges of technology (also conducts certified evaluation and accreditation of law schools)

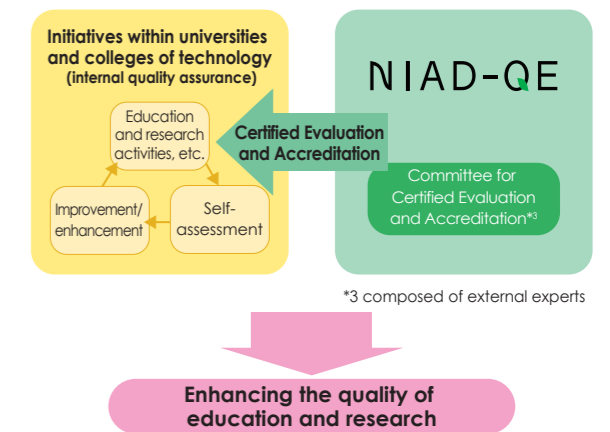
### Supporting universities and colleges of technology, etc. in enhancing the quality of their education and research.

External experts check that Japanese universities and colleges of technology provide education and research to an appropriate standard, and publish the results. By doing so, NIAD-QE supports universities and colleges of technology in the following:

1. Solidly maintaining the quality of education and research
2. Enhancing the standard of education and research, and increasing individuality, while valuing each institution's aims and characteristics

- Certified Evaluation and Accreditation
- Evaluation of Education and Research Activities at National University Corporations and Inter-University Research Institute Corporations

#### Effects of Certified Evaluation and Accreditation



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## Loans and Grants for Facilities

NIAD-QE provides financial support for efforts to develop a better environment, including the rebuilding of hospitals by national universities and other institutions.

- Support for Upgrading Facilities at National Universities, etc.

## Cooperation in Quality Assurance

NIAD-QE supports efforts to improve the quality of education through domestic and international collaboration and the dissemination of information, including the following:

- Japanese College and University Portraits (JPCUP)
- National Information Center for Academic Recognition Japan (NIC-Japan)
- Support for Strengthening the Management Base at National University Corporations
- Professional Development in Quality Assurance

## Studies and Research

Experts in a variety of fields undertake research that examines the current state of higher education in Japan and overseas and seeks to map out a better future. This includes:

- Studies and Research on the Latest International Trends in Academic Degrees
- Development of Methods for Correctly Evaluating the Current State of Higher Education Institutions
- Development of Information Systems that Correctly Inform Society of the State of Higher Education

# Learn more about NIAD-QE



NIAD-QE Website



NIAD-QE Brochure



NIAD-QE TOPICS  
(in Japanese)



NIC-Japan



JPCUP



Basic information on universities  
(in Japanese)

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## Our History

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| July  | 1991 | National Institution for Academic Degrees founded   |
| July  | 1992 | Center for National University Finance (CNUF) founded   |
| April | 2000 | National Institution for Academic Degrees reorganized to form the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE) |
| April | 2004 | NIAD-UE and Center for National University Finance and Management (CUFM) established as incorporated administrative agencies                    |
| April | 2016 | National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE) established by merger of NIAD-UE and CUFM       |