

Reservation Program for Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship Guidelines for Applicants to October 2026 enrollment

Graduate School of Frontier Sciences

The University of Tokyo

Summary

The Graduate School of Frontier Sciences (GSFS) provides its international students with the Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship, which is supported by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). Those who would like to apply must submit the required application documents at the same time of the Admission Application. The result will be notified to all successful candidates of the respective entrance examination, which should be after enrollment. Then they will be officially nominated to JASSO from the University of Tokyo.

Who can apply:

Those who take the **Schedule B** entrance examination, aiming for gaining admission to a master or doctoral course at GSFS for enrollment in **October 2026** are eligible to apply. Recipients must newly enter Japan with a status of eligibility as a “college student (留学 ryuugaku)” by the time they enroll in GSFS.

Applicants from outside Japan are eligible to apply only if the department/program they are applying to conducts an entrance examination through online or document review.

Eligibility: Applicants, who have excellent academic performance, are in need of financial support, and must meet all the following conditions:

1. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.30 or more in the last academic year (or last one year), and will be able to maintain the same GPA during the scholarship period.
2. Applicants must have proficiency in Japanese or English at the following levels:
Japanese: JPLT level N2 or higher
English: CEFR level B2 or higher (e.g. TOEFL iBT 72, IELTS 5.5, TOEIC L&R 785)
3. Applicants must agree to cooperate in the career path survey conducted by JASSO after the scholarship is granted.
4. Allowances (excluding enrollment fee, tuition fee, etc.) received by applicants' financial supporters such as parents must not exceed an average of 90,000 yen per month.
5. Applicants must not receive scholarships from the Japanese or their own country's government after enrollment.
6. Applicants must not be receiving support under JASSO's international students support program.
7. Those who need to visit Japan in order to sit for an exam, and who live in Japan holding a certain status of eligibility are ineligible to apply.
8. If the applicant will have a financial supporter in Japan, their annual income must be less than 5 million yen.

Number of slots for recommendation from GSFS: TBD

Monthly stipend: 48,000Yen

Scholarship Duration: October 2026 - March 2027 (for 6 months)

Application Documents

1. Designated application form
2. Academic transcript covering the whole academic year of your university course. (Include the explanation of the grading system.)
3. Copy of either Japanese or English Proficiency Test score

Application Period: November 11(Tue) to 17 (Mon), 2025, at 23:00 (Japan Standard Time)

Submission Method

1. Combine the required documents 1-3 into one PDF file. The file's title should be "JASSO_applicant's name_department name you apply for." (File size: up to 7MB).
2. Upload the file to the following URL.
https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/:f/t/Teams.ilo-gsfs.k/Eliv4JzoPBlCjA5haCrIxpABYqp_FZm0F1HtTpoFXeXrxg

* We do not send a notification when your application is completed.

Methods of Selection

Applications will be assessed based on submitted documents and the result of examinations for admission.

Announcement of Result:

Notification of scholarship results will be sent by e-mail in the middle of September 2026 only to those who have passed the entrance examination.

Further procedure:

Successful candidates must submit additional documents by the designated date. The University will then officially nominate them to JASSO in early October 2026. The final result is expected to be released in November 2026. The scholarship will be paid retrospectively from the enrollment month.

Note:

1. Submitted documents will not be returned for any reason.
2. Those who have decided not to enroll in GSFS must decline his/her candidacy.
3. GSFS will cancel the recommendation if the nominees have not entered Japan by enrollment.
4. If GSFS recognizes any false information in submitted application documents, discovers recipients do not fulfill the requirements, it will rescind this Honors scholarship and shall order all stipends provided until then to be returned.
5. If a recipient takes a leave of absence, studies abroad, completes the program early, or withdraws from the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, or if a recipient's academic performance is deemed inappropriate, the GSFS will, at its discretion, suspend or discontinue the scholarship, even during the period of the scholarship. In that case, it might be necessary to refund all or part of stipend already paid to UTokyo
6. Number of recipients and amount of stipend may be changed without notice.

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