

ACY 2024 MEXT scholarship program – University recommendation
(Under Project to Strengthen Overseas Network to Promote Study in Japan)
Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, the University of Tokyo

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1. Eligibility

Those who are applying for “Research Student” status, and enter Japan as new students in order to enroll in the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, in October 1, 2024

Please note that those who live in Japan are not eligible.

2. Nationality

Those who are from any of the following countries are eligible to apply.

India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, or Maldives

3. Age

Those who was born on or after April 2, 1989

4. Language proficiency

Applicants must satisfy any one of the following conditions to prove that they have sufficient Japanese or English language ability.

Japanese

① Applicants must pass with N2 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at the time of application.

② Applicants must complete curriculums that meet the conditions for admission to master’s or doctoral courses at Japanese graduate schools using Japanese as the main language.

③ Applicants are regarded by the accepting universities as having Japanese language ability equivalent to or better than ①.

English

① Applicants must pass or achieve scores in English language proficiency tests that correspond to B2 or higher level in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) at the time of application.

② Applicants must complete school curriculums that meet the conditions for admission

in masters' or doctoral courses at a Japanese graduate school by using English as the main language.

③ Applicants are regarded by the accepting universities as having English language ability equivalent to or better than ①.

5. Visa

An applicant shall, in principle, newly obtain a "Student" visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission located in the applicant's country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student." Please also note that if a grantee arrives in Japan without newly obtaining a "Student" visa, scholarship payments will be cancelled.

6. Non-eligibility

Those who meet any one of the following conditions are ineligible. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, he/she must withdraw from the scholarship.

① Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees;

② Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the date specified by MEXT or the accepting university;

③ Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after acquisition of student status). However, this does not apply to those who wish to apply for Research Students program and meet any one of the following conditions. In addition, since the Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students does not apply to the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs, the previous grantees can apply.

i. those who have at least three years of educational or work experience following the end of the payment of the previous scholarship and the start of this scholarship;

ii. the past grantees of Japanese Studies Students program who have graduated or are going to graduate from universities in their home countries, Japan-Korea Joint Government Scholarship Program for the Students in Science and Engineering Departments and Young Leaders' Program;

④ Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system. This includes the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2024;

⑤ Those who live in Japan with appropriate status of residence at the time of application, which is May 2024.

- ⑥ Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant's country) on top of the scholarship money provided by MEXT after the start of the scholarship payment (the acquisition of student status);
- ⑦ Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given;
- ⑧ Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan (the acquisition of student status);
- ⑨ Those who plan to, from the time of application for the MEXT scholarship program, engage in long-term research (such as fieldwork or internship) outside Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from the university;
- ⑩ Those who have no intention to proceed to a regular graduate school program
- ⑪ Those who have no intention to obtain a degree

7. Scholarship period

For Research Students coming to Japan in October 2024, the maximum period of stay is one year and six months from October 2024 to March 2026.

- ① In the case of enrollment in a master's program, doctoral program, or professional degree program after coming to Japan, the period required to complete the respective regular program (standard length of study).
- ② Those who wish to enter a regular graduate school program from a research student (non-regular student) or a doctoral program from a master's or professional degree program, and who meet certain criteria and have particularly excellent grades, may apply for an extension of the scholarship payment period for further study (hereinafter referred to as "extension application"), and upon examination by MEXT, the scholarship will be extended. However, not all applicants will be approved, and the following points should be kept in mind.
 - i. In order to be approved for an extension of the scholarship period, you must be accepted for the extension application, pass the examination for the regular course of the graduate school you wish to enter, and advance to the next stage of study.
 - ii. The scholarship period as a research student (non-regular student) cannot be extended.
 - iii. Those who advance to a higher level of study without receiving approval for

the extension will have their scholarship payments withdrawn (however, they may continue their studies or enroll as a privately-financed international student).

- iv. In the case of entering a regular graduate school course from a research student, etc. (non-regular student) or entering a doctoral course from a master's course or professional degree course of a graduate school, the student is not allowed to enter a graduate school of another university (however, it is possible to enter another university as a privately-financed international student).

8. Scholarship

① Monthly stipend

The amounts listed below shall be paid depending on the course enrolled in. A supplemental regional allowance of 2,000 yen or 3,000 yen per month will be added to the monthly scholarship amount for the grantees studying or conducting research in specially designated regions. Due to the situation of the Japanese Government's budget, the amount of payment may be subject to change each fiscal year. If a grantee is absent from the university for an extended period, the scholarship shall be suspended for that period.

- i. Research student: 143,000 yen per month
- ii. Regular students enrolled in master courses: 144,000 yen per month
- iii. Regular students enrolled in doctoral courses: 145,000 yen per month

② Travel fee

MEXT will stipulate the travel schedule and route, and provide an airline ticket. However, MEXT will not provide an airline ticket for cases of domestic recommenders. The airline ticket will be an economy-class ticket for the flight from the international airport closest to the grantee's residence (in principle, the country of nationality) to an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to the accepting university.

③ University fees

Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition at universities must be paid by the accepting university.

9. Suspension of payment of scholarship

Payment of the scholarship will be cancelled for the reasons given below. Should any of

the following reasons apply, the grantee may be ordered to return a part of, or all of, the scholarship paid up to that time. Payment of the scholarship may also be stopped during the period up to the decision on the disposition of the matter.

- ① A grantee is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application;
- ② A grantee violates any article of his/her pledge to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- ③ A grantee violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced and imprisoned for an indefinite period or for a period exceeding 1 year;
- ④ A grantee is suspended from his/her university or receives other punishment, or is removed from enrollment; as a disciplinary action in accordance with school regulations of the accepting institution;
- ⑤ It has been determined that it will be impossible for a grantee to complete the course within the standard period of study because of poor academic grades or suspension or absence from the university;
- ⑥ A grantee came to Japan without newly acquiring the “Student” residence status, or changed his/her residence status to one other than “Student.” In case of domestic recommenders, they begin studies as Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship students with a status of residence other than “Student” or changed his/her residence status to one other than “Student.”
- ⑦ A grantee has received another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenditures);
- ⑧ A grantee proceeds to a more advanced level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship;
- ⑨ A grantee withdraws from his/her university or transfers to another university;

1 0 . Application documents

If you wish to apply for this MEXT scholarship program, please submit the following two application documents.

- ① Application form (Form 4)
Be sure to attach your photo data on the application form. The photo must be taken within the last six months, including upper body, full face and no hat.
- ② Field of Study and Research Plan (Form 5)
- ③ Copy of your passport
- ④ Copy of academic transcript from the last university you attended

- ⑤ Copy of graduation certificate from the last university you attended
Applicants who are currently enrolled in a university must submit a certificate stating when you expect to graduate.
- ⑥ Abstract of your thesis of your previous course
- ⑦ Copy of a recommendation letter
Must be prepared by the Dean (Head of School or Faculty) of the last university you attended. And it must be addressed to the President of the University of Tokyo.
- ⑧ Certificate of your language proficiency of Japanese or English
Proof that you meet the language requirements described in the above, 4. Language proficiency.

1 1. Submission method

Please upload all the 8 items to the following link.

https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/:f:/t/Teams.k-kyomu.k/EgOVvrjj5gVNjMnAmCvEvk0Bd0Don5AiaELhUclCWq_jhg

The submission deadline is April 24, 2024.

1 2. Note

Regardless of scholarship, those who wish to enroll as a research student in October 2024 must follow the procedures on this website.

(Graduate International Research Student)

https://www.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/exam/apr_sch/foreign_research_students/

If you only complete this scholarship application process and are not selected as a MEXT scholarship recipient, you will not be admitted as a research student.

If you apply for both the MEXT Scholarship and the Graduate International Research Student, and are accepted as a MEXT scholar, the examination fee (JPY 9,800) paid when applying for the Graduate International Research Student will be refunded after you enroll in GSFS.

1 3. Inquiries

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