

# Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation) Application Summary

## General Information

- Please refer to the following website for complete application guidelines about MEXT University Recommendation.  
[https://www.mext.go.jp/a\\_menu/koutou/ryugaku/1423055\\_00004.htm](https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/1423055_00004.htm) (Japanese only)
- Applicants who receive official recommendation from Juntendo University's partner institutions may apply to Juntendo University to receive the Japanese Government Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT, 文部科学省, Monbukagakusho) University Recommendation Scholarship.
- Applicants must submit the Application Documents to JUIC to apply.
- Juntendo University will screen and interview applicants.
- Juntendo University will submit selected applications to MEXT.
- Accepted applicants will enroll in Juntendo University as international research students (non-degree) from October 2021. Accepted applicants will need to complete the graduate school application procedures during the scholarship period as well as completing the MEXT scholarship extension application to proceed to a graduate school program.
- Please refer to the following websites for more information about our graduate programs.
  - <http://www.juntendo.ac.jp/english/study.html>
  - <http://www.juntendo.ac.jp/english/students.html>

## 1. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS

### (1) Eligibility

This scholarship is for international students who are newly coming to Japan for graduate level research. Applicants must be outstanding students who have a GPA 2.3 or above, based on MEXT's 3.0 scale\* and competent enough to be expected to maintain the equivalent level throughout the period of scholarship. In addition, applicants must meet either of the conditions stated in (6) Language Proficiency.

- (a) Applicants who have already graduated from a university's undergraduate program: a GPA of the undergraduate program;
- (b) Applicants who have already completed a degree program at a graduate school: a GPA of the graduate program;
- (c) Applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree: a GPA of the undergraduate program;
- (d) Applicants who are pursuing a graduate school degree: a GPA of the degree program at the graduate school.

### \*MEXT GPA Conversion Chart

Scales	Scale Levels				
4 Level Scale		優	良	可	不可
4 Level Scale		A	B	C	F
4 Level Scale		100 ~ 80	79 ~ 70	69 ~ 60	59 ~ 0
5 Level Scale	S	A	B	C	F
5 Level Scale	A	B	C	D	F
5 Level Scale	100 ~ 90	89 ~ 80	79 ~ 70	69 ~ 60	59 ~ 0
MEXT's Scale	3	3	2	1	0

### MEXT GPA Conversion Formula

$$\frac{((\text{Total Number of Credits with Scale Level 3}) \times 3) + ((\text{Total Number of Credits with Scale Level 2}) \times 2) + ((\text{Total Number of Credits with Scale Level 1}) \times 1) + ((\text{Total Number of Credits with Scale Level 0}) \times 0)}{\text{Total Number of Credits}}$$

If the credit system is not applied, use the number of subjects instead of the number of credits to calculate

the GPA.

If transferred, only the subjects after the transfer are counted.

Exclude the subjects that are not applicable to the GPA conversion chart such as “Certified”, “Pass”, or “Approved”.

Round down to the second decimal place.

(2) Nationality

Applicants must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible. However, persons with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and whose place of residence at the time of application is outside of Japan are eligible to apply as long as they choose the nationality of the other country and renounce their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan.

Applicants must be from the designated countries listed on the following link (Japanese only).

[https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/tantoshastudy\\_j/scholarship/shoureihi/\\_icsFiles/afiedfile/2020/10/23/kuni\\_chiiki.pdf](https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/tantoshastudy_j/scholarship/shoureihi/_icsFiles/afiedfile/2020/10/23/kuni_chiiki.pdf)

(3) Age

Applicants, in principle, must have been born on or after April 2, 1986. Exceptions are limited to cases in which MEXT deems that the applicant could not apply within the eligible age limit due to the situation or circumstances of the applicant's country (military service obligation, loss of educational opportunities due to disturbances of war, etc.) Personal circumstances (financial situation, family circumstances, state of health, circumstances related to applicant's university or place of employment, etc.) will not be considered for exceptions.

(4) Academic Background

Applicants must satisfy the conditions for admission to either a master's or doctoral course at a Japanese graduate school. (Applicants who will certainly satisfy the conditions by the time of enrollment are eligible.)

(5) Field of Study

Applicants should apply for the field of study they majored in at university or its related field. Moreover, the fields of study must be subjects which applicants will be able to study and research in graduate courses at Juntendo University.

(6) Language Proficiency

Applicants must have either following Japanese or English language ability.

Japanese: Must have passed JLPT N2 or above.

English: Must have obtained [CEFR B2 level or above](#) English language proficiency exam scores. The individual scores for each section of the test are also equal to or greater than CEFR B2 level.

The test must have been taken within two years of the application deadline.

Applicants who have completed or will complete the degree program that satisfies the conditions for admission to either a master's or doctoral course at a Japanese graduate school in Japanese or English are also qualified.

(7) Health

Applicants must be in good physical and mental conditions for study in Japan.

(8) Arrival in Japan

Applicants must be able to arrive in Japan within two weeks before or after October 1, 2021. Excluding cases in which MEXT deems as unavoidable circumstances, the applicant must withdraw from this scholarship program if the applicant cannot arrive in Japan by the end of the specified period above. Personal circumstances will not be considered for exceptions.

(9) Visa Requirement

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.” Accordingly, even if the applicant already has other residence status (“Permanent resident,” “Long-term resident,” etc.), the applicant must change it to the “Student” status and re-enter Japan. Moreover, the applicant should be aware that after expiration of the status as a MEXT Scholarship student and even if the student again

applies for their original resident status of “Permanent resident” or “Long-term resident,” such resident statuses might not be necessarily granted. The applicant should also be aware that the scholarship will be cancelled if he/she arrived in Japan without a newly obtained “Student” visa.

#### (10) 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 at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of the scholarship;
- ② Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT or Juntendo university;
- ③ Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship programs (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after the arrival in Japan). This does not apply to: those who have educational or work experience exceeding more than three years from the following month of the period of the previous scholarship to the estimated first month of the payment of this scholarship; and 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. The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students is not included in the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Programs;
- ④ Those who are currently also applying to another program for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2021 under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system;
- ⑤ Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a residence status of “Student,” or who are going to be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution as a privately-financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant’s country until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship. However, this stipulation does not apply to privately-financed international students who, even though they are enrolled, or are planning to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution, verifiably complete their studies before the start of the scholarship payment period, return to their home country at the time of the scholarship application, and newly acquire the “Student” residence status and come to Japan;
- 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 period;
- 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;
- 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 master’s or doctoral program. Those who have completed a doctoral course and have no intention to obtain a degree.

#### (11) Others

MEXT Scholarship will be granted those who are willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at schools and communities during their study in Japan while contributing to the internationalization of Japan. They shall also make efforts to promote relations between the home country and Japan by maintaining close relations with the university attended after graduation, cooperating with the conducting of surveys and questionnaires, and cooperating with relevant projects and events conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission after they return to their home countries.

## 2. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

- (1) The scholarship period will last from September or October 2021 until the end of March 2023.
- (2) Non-regular students wishing to advance to a regular degree course in a graduate school as a regular student, or regular students in a master's or professional graduate course wishing to proceed to a doctoral course, with outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria may apply for extension of the scholarship period for advanced study and may have the scholarship period extended upon a successful examination by MEXT. Followings are some points to note:
  - ① The extension of the scholarship period will be permitted only if the successful student has passed an entrance examination for a regular degree course at a graduate school in which they wish to enroll and expresses his/her intention to enroll in the course.
  - ② Non-regular students cannot extend the scholarship period as they stay in non-regular courses.
  - ③ Students who are admitted to advanced courses without receiving approval for the extension of the scholarship period for advanced study cannot be granted the extension of the scholarship period. (In such cases, it is possible for the students to be enrolled in advanced courses as a privately-financed student.)
  - ④ Proceeding to advanced courses at other universities will not be approved. (In such cases, it is possible for the students to be enrolled in advanced courses at other universities as a privately-financed student.)

## 3. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

- (1) Allowance: 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.
  - ① Research students (non-regular students): 143,000 JPY per month
  - ② Regular students enrolled in master's courses: 144,000 JPY per month
  - ③ Regular students enrolled in doctoral courses: 145,000 JPY per month
- (2) Travelling Expenses:
  - ① Transportation to Japan: MEXT will stipulate the travel schedule and route, and provides an airline ticket to grantees who will arrive in Japan. 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. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to domestic travel from the grantee's residence to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. The grantee shall also bear at his/her own expense travel and lodging costs incurred in a third country if the grantee must travel to a third country before coming to Japan for visa purposes because there are no Japanese diplomatic missions in his/her country, or if there are no direct flights from the grantee's country of residence to Japan. MEXT will provide an economy-class airline ticket from the grantee's country of residence to the said third country, and from the third country to an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to the accepting university. In principle, the address given in the space for "Your address before departure for Japan" on the application form shall be recognized as the "residence," and the airline ticket will be arranged for a flight from the international airport nearest to that address. Except for cases when the grantee must travel to a third country to obtain a visa, MEXT will not provide an airline ticket for cases of travel to Japan from a country other than the grantee's country of residence due to the grantee's personal circumstances.
  - ② Transportation from Japan: Based on the application by the grantee, MEXT will provide an airline ticket to grantees who shall graduate the accepting university and return to the home country by the end of the final month of the period of scholarship (See "2. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP") designated by MEXT.

MEXT shall provide an economy-class airline ticket from the international airport in Japan used for the normal route to and from the accepting university to the international airport (in principle, in the country of nationality) nearest to the returning grantee's residence. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to travel from the grantee's residence in Japan to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within the country of nationality (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. If a grantee returns to the home country before the end of period of scholarship due to personal circumstances, or reasons stated in "4. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP", MEXT will not pay for the returning travel expenses. If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended (ex. proceeding to further education or being employed in Japan, continuing to register at the university), travel expenses for a temporary return will also not be paid.

(3) Education Fees

Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition at Juntendo University will be waived.

#### 4. 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";
- 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 Juntendo University or transfers to another university.

#### 5. THE PROCESS OF APPLICATION AND SELECTION

December: MEXT will release the application forms

December – January: JUIC will notify partner universities of the university recommended scholarship application process

January: JUIC will accept applications

January - February: JUIC will forward applications to departments for review. Juntendo University will select the candidates.

February - March: JUIC will contact applicants with the results.

March: JUIC will submit selected applications to MEXT

June: MEXT will notify JUIC of the results. JUIC will notify applicants of the results.

June - July: JUIC will help applicants approved by MEXT complete the international research student application procedures.

October: Arrival in Japan

Note: The above-mentioned times are estimates. The application process is dependent on MEXT and is subject to change.

## 6. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

The documents must be written in Japanese or English, or translation in either of these languages should be attached.

The documents must be typed on A4 size paper.

The selected applicants must submit the original documents or certified copies of the documents during the designated submission period.

The submitted documents will not be returned.

Applications cannot be accepted unless all the application documents are fully and accurately completed.

① 2021 Application Form for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (Research Students)

② Field of Study and Research Plan

The sheet of Field of Study and Research Plan should describe the applicant's past and present field of study and research theme and plan in Japan as it will serve as an important reference for the selection.

③ Personal Photo

The applicant's photograph to be attached to the Application Form should be of clear quality, taken within six months of submission, and printed on paper specially for photographs. The photograph should be 4.5 x 3.5 cm. upper-body, full-faced, no hats. Please write applicant's name and nationality on the back of the photograph. The photograph data can be pasted to the Application Form and printed out.

④ Passport

Applicants must submit a copy of the page(s) in their passport that includes their name, their photo, their passport number, their passport expiration date, and the place the passport was issued.

⑤ Graduation Certificate(s) (Original or Certified Copies)

Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:

(a) Applicants who have already graduated from a university's undergraduate program: a certificate of graduation from the undergraduate program;

(b) Applicants who have already completed a graduate school degree: certificates of graduation from both the undergraduate and graduate programs;

(c) Applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree: a certificate of prospective graduation from the undergraduate program;

(d) Applicants who are pursuing a graduate degree: a certificate of graduation from the undergraduate program and a certificate of prospective graduation from the degree program at the graduate school.

A copy of the graduation certificate or the degree certificate is acceptable if the copy is attested by an authorized official of the university. (Do not submit the originals as the submitted documents will not be returned.) Those who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree must also submit a certificate of graduation when he/she graduates from that program by the time selection results are finalized.

⑥ Academic Transcript(s) (Original or Certified Copies)

Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:

(a) Applicants who have already graduated from a university's undergraduate program: an academic transcript of the program;

(b) Applicants who have already completed a degree program at a graduate school: academic transcripts of both the undergraduate and the graduate programs;

(c) Applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree: an academic transcript that covers from the year of enrollment to the term for which grades have been determined at the time of application for the scholarship;

(d) Applicants who are pursuing a graduate school degree: an academic transcript of the undergraduate program and an academic transcript of the degree program at the graduate school that covers from the year of enrollment to the term for which grades have been determined at the time of application for the scholarship.

The academic transcripts should show the grade scale applied and the grades earned by the applicant in all the subjects studied for each year of study at the course attended. A degree certificate or a

certificate simply showing the ranking of the applicant at the time of graduation will not substitute for academic transcripts. Those who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree must also submit a transcript when he/she graduates from that program by the time selection results are finalized.

⑦ Letter of Recommendation

The Letter of Recommendation must be from the dean or a person of a higher position of the applicant's university and written in either English or Japanese.

The Letter of Recommendation must be addressed to the President of Juntendo University.

The Letter of Recommendation must be on letterhead and have an official stamp.

⑧ Abstracts of Thesis and Main Research Papers, if applicable

For abstracts of the theses, abstracts of the graduation thesis and any presented papers will be acceptable. These abstracts will be used as basic data for evaluation of the applicant's academic ability. Make sure the applicant's name is on the first page of the abstracts.

⑨ Language Certificates (JLPT, TOEFL, or IELTS)

The test must have been taken within two years of the application deadline.

If the applicant has completed or will complete the degree program that satisfies the conditions for admission to either a master's or doctoral course at a Japanese graduate school in Japanese or English, a certificate stating the main language of the program is also acceptable.

⑩ Doctor's License, Nurse's License, etc., if applicable

## 7. APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 22, 2021 (Fri)

Late applications will not be accepted.

## 8. NOTES

- (1) The grantees are advised to learn, before departing for Japan, the Japanese language and to acquire information about Japanese weather, climate, customs, university education, and conditions of the university to attend in Japan, as well as about the difference between the Japanese legal system and that of his/her home country.
- (2) As the first installment of the scholarship payment will be made from one month to one and a half months after the grantee's arrival in Japan, the grantee is recommended to bring at least approximately US\$2,000 with him/her to Japan to cover immediate living expenses and other necessary expenses.
- (3) The scholarship payments will be transferred to the bank account of Japan Post Bank (JP Bank) opened by each grantee after the arrival in Japan. MEXT will not transfer the scholarship payments to other account.
- (4) Grantees must enroll in National Health Insurance (Kokumin Kenko Hoken) upon arrival in Japan.
- (5) It is suggested that grantees acquire a "My Number Card" upon arrival in Japan.
- (6) The grantees enrolled at Juntendo University may reside at Juntendo University dormitories under certain conditions. However, due to the limited number of rooms, some of the dormitories may be unavailable. Almost all the rooms are singles. There are a limited number of family rooms. The grantees with dependents (spouse and children) may need to find appropriate housing. The grantee is requested to arrive in Japan alone first to secure housing before having his/her dependents come to Japan. Expenses relating to accommodations will be borne by the grantee.
- (7) Information regarding the MEXT Scholarship Students (name, gender, date of birth, nationality, accepting university/graduate school/undergraduate school, field of specialty, period of enrollment, career path after completion of scholarship, contact information [address, telephone number, e-mail address]) may be shared with other relevant government organizations for the purpose of utilization for international students programs implemented by the Japanese Government (support during period of study in Japan, follow-up survey, improvement of the international student system). Information regarding MEXT Scholarship Students (excluding date of birth and contact information) may be included in publicity materials prepared by the Japanese Government for promoting the acceptance of international students in Japan, particularly in order to introduce former MEXT Scholarship Students who are playing active roles in countries around the world. These matters are included in the Pledge stipulating rules and regulations which MEXT

Scholarship Students must comply with and submit when they have been granted the Scholarship.

- (8) In addition to the regulations stipulated in the [Application Guidelines](#), those that are necessary to implement the Japanese Government Scholarship programs shall be determined by the Japanese Government.
- (9) The English translation of the [Application Guidelines](#) and the Application Form are for complementary use only. English expressions do not change the Japanese content.

## **9. CONTACT**

Applicants should contact Juntendo University International Center (email: [juic@juntendo.ac.jp](mailto:juic@juntendo.ac.jp)) if they have any questions or concerns about the application process.

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Please note that the university office is closed between December 29, 2020 and January 3, 2021 for New Year holidays.