

## Japanese Government Scholarship for 2020 (Japanese Studies Students)

\* This document is a brief overview of application guideline for MEXT scholarship. Please refer to the official guideline issued by MEXT for more detail.

The Japanese Government's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) offers scholarships to foreign students who study in Japanese universities in order to deepen their understanding of the Japanese language, Japanese affairs and culture. Regulations and requirements for the 2020 MEXT scholarship program are as follows:

### 1. Qualification

#### (1) Eligibility

Applicants must enter Japan with the aim to study the Japanese language, Japanese affairs and Japanese culture. Applicants must have official recommendation from their home institution.

#### (2) Nationality

Applicants must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.

#### (3) Age

Applicants must have been born between April 2, 1990 and April 1, 2002.

#### (4) Academic Background

Applicants must be undergraduate students at universities oversea majoring in the Japanese language or Japanese culture. Applicants must have learned the Japanese language for at least one year at the timing of September 2020.

#### (5) Japanese Language Ability

Applicants must have JLPT N2 or above at the timing of enrollment. If they do not have JLPT result, it is required to be recognized to have Japanese language ability equivalent to JLPT N2.

#### (6) Health

Applicants must be in good health to pursue their study at Japanese universities.

#### (7) Others

Recipients of the MEXT scholarship shall immediately return to their home country and resume their studies at their home university after the end of the scholarship period. After returning to their home countries, former scholarship recipients shall maintain close contact with the host university and cooperate with post-return questionnaires.

#### (8) Applicants who meet any or all of the following conditions are NOT eligible.

If identified after the start of scholarship period, he/she is required to withdraw from the scholarship.

1. Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan and during their study abroad
2. Those who are not able to arrive in Japan before the designated date by host university
3. Those who have received a Japanese Government Scholarship in the past
4. Recipients of other scholarship from MEXT for 2020-2021 academic year and applicants who apply for the

MEXT scholarship (Undergraduate program through Embassy recommendation) for 2020.

5. Those who are currently enrolled at a Japanese university as a privately financed foreign students during the period between the scholarship application and the start of the provision of the scholarship.
6. Recipients of scholarships from institutions other than MEXT (including government institutions in their home countries) that overlap with the Japanese Government Scholarship (prospective beneficiaries are included).
7. Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up or have given up Japanese nationality by the time of their arrival in Japan.

## **2. Term of Scholarship**

The term is the period necessary to complete the accepting university's study course, which should be approximately one year from the starting month of the course. Extension of the term is not allowed.

## **3. Scholarship Benefits**

(1) Allowance: 117,000 JPY per month

(2) Travel Expenses

a. Transportation to Japan

The recipient will be provided, according to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT, with an economy-class airplane ticket from the international airport nearest to his/her home address to the international airport that the appointed university usually uses. Expenses such as inland transportation from his/her home address to the international airport, airport tax, airport usage fees, special taxes on travel, or inland transportation within Japan will NOT be covered.

b. Transportation from Japan

The recipient who returns to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of his/her scholarship will be provided, upon application, with an economy-class airplane ticket for travel from the international airport that the appointed university usually uses to the international airport nearest to his/her home address.

(3) Tuition and other fees

Tuition and other fees will be covered by the host university.

## **4. Documents to be submitted**

(1) Application Form (prescribed form, **print on both sides**)

\* Photograph must be attached (4.5 X 3.5cm, upper body, full-faced, no hat) taken within the past 6 months (please write name and nationality on the back), digital phot data is acceptable.

(2) Copy of passport

(3) Certificate of university enrollment

(4) Official academic transcript for each academic year of the home university

- (5) Letter of recommendation addressed to Aichi Shukutoku University President Shuzo Shimada issued by the home university
- (6) Document to show the applicant's language proficiency (e.g. a copy of JLPT test score)
- (6) Document to verify that the applicant has studied the Japanese language for at least one year (applicable only if the applicant cannot prove the period with the official transcripts)

## **5. Selection**

Aichi Shukutoku University will select ONE student from all applicants and recommend him/her to MEXT. The final result from MEXT will be informed in June 2020.