

**JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2018**  
**DEGREE STUDENTS**  
**(UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATION)**

**- Trans-border Program for Advanced Medical Care Specialists -**

MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) offers scholarships to international students who wish to study as degree students at the Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Sciences (Master's Program in Medical Sciences and Doctoral Program in Biomedical Sciences/ Clinical Sciences) of the University of Tsukuba.

Application Guideline for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2018 - Degree Students (University Recommendation) is as follows:

1. Qualifications and Conditions

(1) Eligibility

Applicant must be an excellent student (※1) from abroad to study as a new graduate-level foreign student.

(※1) A Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.30 or higher (on 3.00 scale) is required in the two academic years preceding the scholarship application and the same evaluation is to be expected during the scholarship period.

(2) Nationality

Applicant must have the nationality of a country which has diplomatic relations with Japan. An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application will not be 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 foreign country and give up their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan.

(3) Age

Applicant must be born on or after April 2, 1983. However, this shall not apply if the Young Leaders Program graduates being admitted to the doctoral

program.

#### (4) Academic Background

Applicant must be a graduate from a Japanese university or have academic ability equal or superior to that of a Japanese university graduate. A person will be deemed to have academic ability equal or superior to that of a university graduate, if he/she

[1] has completed or will complete a 16-year school curriculum in a foreign country (or an 18-year school curriculum if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course in the field of medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty); or

[2] is or will be aged 22 or older and has taken an individual entrance qualification examination and has been judged by a graduate school as being equal or superior in academic ability to a university graduate (or 24 or older if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course in the field of medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty).

Note: Eligible applicants include those who otherwise satisfy or will satisfy qualification requirements for admission to a Japanese graduate school. As a general rule, a person who has completed a doctoral course may not apply unless he/she seeks to obtain a degree.

#### (5) Field of Study and Number of Students to be enrolled

Master's Program in Medical Sciences	4
Doctoral Program in Biomedical Sciences/ Clinical Sciences	4

#### (6) Language Proficiency

Japanese language proficiency is not required but sufficient English ability is required to carry out research and attend classes.

#### (7) Health

Applicant must be physically and mentally healthy enough to pursue study at university.

#### (8) Enrollment - Arrival in Japan

The day of enrollment will be scheduled sometime in October 2018 and the applicant must be able to arrive in Japan within two weeks before or after the starting date of the relevant academic term for that year set by the accepting university. If you are not able to arrive in Japan in the set period, you will be required to withdraw from the scholarship and travel expenses will not be provided if the applicant chooses to travel to Japan before this set period.

#### (9) Visa Requirement

Selected Applicants must obtain a College Student (ryuugaku 留学) visa on the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of their nationality, in principle, prior to his arrival in Japan. The visa is to be issued by the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of applicant's nationality (except where two or more countries are attended by the same Japanese diplomatic mission). Applicants who are already in Japan under a visa other than College Student are required to change it to College Student by the end of the month preceding the start of the scholarship. Applicants who change their resident status to any status other than “College Student” after their arrival in Japan will immediately lose their status as a Japanese government scholarship student.

#### (10) Note

Any applicant who meets any or all of the following conditions is not eligible. If identified after the start of the scholarship period, the applicant will be required to withdraw from the scholarship:

- 1: The Applicant is an active member of the military or a civilian employed by the military at the time the scholarship period is due to begin.
- 2: The Applicant is unable to travel to Japan within the dates set by the receiving university.
- 3: If the Applicant was a grantee of a Japanese Government Scholarship in the past. Unless he/she has had at least three years of research or teaching experience between the completion of the first scholarship and the start of the second scholarship period. This exclusion will not apply to a research-student applicant, who (i) as an international student in Japan received training in Japanese studies at a university but graduated or are going to graduate from

his/her home university, who (ii) was an international student in Japan under the Japan-Korea Joint Government Scholarship Program for the Students in Science and Engineering Departments or who (iii) was an international student in Japan under the Young Leaders Program.

4: The applicant is already enrolled in a Japanese university with a residence status of “Student,” or who are enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university 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 those who, even though they are currently studying as a privately-financed student in Japan, verifiably complete their studies within the end of the fiscal year and return to their home country.

5: The Applicant is already the recipient of a scholarship from an organization (including a governmental organization in his/her country of origin) other than the Japanese government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology - MEXT).

6: Applicants who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the qualifications and the conditions related to academic background by the deadline given.

7: 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.

8: Those who change their residence status to that of other than “Student” after their arrival in Japan.

9: Those wishing to engage in fieldwork or an internship in a country other than Japan after submission of Application.

## 2. Term of Scholarship

If the grantee enrolls in Master's Program in Medical Sciences or Doctoral Program in Biomedical Sciences/ Clinical Sciences, the scholarship will be payable for a period necessary for the grantee to complete his/her regular course starting from October, 2018. (Two years for master's, four years for doctoral program)

### 3. Scholarship Benefits

#### (1) Allowance

Under the fiscal 2017 budget, each grantee will be provided monthly with 146,000 yen (students enrolled in a Master's program), or 147,000 yen (students enrolled in a doctoral program) However, these amounts are subject to change depending on the annual budget of each year. The scholarship will not be paid to a grantee who takes a leave of absence or is long absent from his/her university.

Scholarship will be cancelled for a grantee in the following cases. Furthermore, if scholarship payments were made during the period the following cases applied, the grantee may be ordered to return scholarship payments received during that period.

- [1] When a false statement is detected in the information provided on the application or other documents.
- [2] When a grantee has violated his or her pledge to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- [3] The recipient violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced to imprisonment with or without work for life or for a period of exceeding 1 year.
- [4] The recipient is expelled from his/her university or preparatory educational institution or receives other punishment, or is removed from enrollment; (The scholarship payment may be stopped during the period up until punishment is decided by the university, etc.)
- [5] When a grantee is deemed not able to complete his or her study during the standard duration program due to deficiencies in academic performance or suspension.
- [6] When a grantee has dropped out of the host university or transferred to a different graduate school.
- [7] When a grantee has changed his or her status of residence from “college student,” defined in the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, to another category.
- [8] When a grantee has been awarded a different scholarship (excluding grants designated for research expenses).

[9] When, following selection, a grantee has advanced to a higher program of study without obtaining permission for an extension of the scholarship award period.

## (2) Traveling Costs

### [1] Transportation to Japan

In principle, MEXT stipulates the travel schedule and route, and provides an economy-class airline ticket for the flight from the international airport closest to the recipient's residence (in principle, the country of nationality) to Narita International Airport or to any other international airport 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, 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. In principle, MEXT will not provide the airline ticket in cases when the grantee arrives in Japan from a country other than the country of nationality because the grantee had moved to the country before the arrival in Japan.

### [2] Transportation from Japan

Grantees shall graduate the accepting university and return to the home country by the end of the final month of the period of scholarship designated by MEXT. Based on the Application by the grantee, MEXT, in principle, shall provide an economy-class airline ticket from Narita International Airport or the international airport 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 recipient's residence. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to travel from the grantee's residence 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, etc.

[3] Tuition and Other Fees

Grantee gets full tuition fee and admission fee coverage from the university.

4. Selection and Notification

(1) Selection

1. Application Period

Deadline: Thursday, January 11, 2018

(Note) The deadline is strictly observed. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

2. Screening

Based on both application documents and oral examination (comprehensive evaluation).

Selection will be based on (a) academic records (b) oral examination and (c) English proficiency during the interview.

Prospective applicant will be contacted by e-mail after the preliminary screening based on the submitted documents.

Date and location of an interview will be arranged.

3. Date of Examination

Will be announced individually after submission of application documents.

4. Notification of Result

Will be announced individually after the examination.

## **【Application Time Schedule】**

### **Application period**

January 11, 2018



### **Examinations**

February 5, 2018 — February 8, 2018

(Note) Prospective applicant will be contacted via e-mail after the preliminary screening based on the submitted documents.



### **Unofficial announcement of acceptance**

Early-March, 2018

Will be announced individually after the examination via e-mail.



### **Official announcement of acceptance**

Mid-July, 2018 — Late-July, 2018

Will be announced individually after notification of MEXT via e-mail.



### **Transportation to Japan**

Late-September, 2018

Note) Date and time designated by University of Tsukuba.



### **Entrance**

October 1, 2018

## (2) Required Documents

You are required to submit the following documents.

### 1. Application Checklist

### 2. Application Form (for the University of Tsukuba)

※ As regards to "3. PROPOSED STUDIES", please refer to the information below and fill in the blank. If your supervisor is from Cooperative Graduate School System or a specific supervisor (※), you are required to have a sub-supervisor. If this is your case, please write on your application form the name of the sub-supervisor that is listed on "List of teacher research fields" with parenthesis.

#### <Master's Program in Medical Sciences>

List of Research Supervisor Groups (Medical Sciences) .pdf

#### <Doctoral Program in Biomedical Sciences>

List of Research Supervisor Groups (Biomedical Sciences) .pdf

#### <Doctoral Program in Clinical Sciences>

List of Research Supervisor Groups (Clinical Sciences) .pdf

### 3. Application Form (for the MEXT scholarship)

※ **Printed on both sides**

※ Paste a passport sized photograph(4.5cm×3.5cm) or digital image taken within the past 6 months. Write your name and nationality in block letters on the back of the photo.

### 4. Field of Study and Study Program (for the MEXT scholarship)

※ **Printed on both sides**

### 5. Letter of Recommendation written by the **dean** or **president** of your school

※ Must be addressed to the attention of President of the **University of Tsukuba** and describe Recommender's **Title / Position** and **Date**.

### 6. Photocopy of your passport

※ If you do not have a passport yet, you are required to submit Family

Register or Certificate of Citizenship issued by your home country.

7. Academic transcript of each academic year of the last university (**undergraduate and graduate**) attended
8. Graduation certificate or degree certificate of the last university (**undergraduate and graduate**) attended (or an attested document certifying that the applicant will graduate from the school, where applicable)
9. Any certificate indicating the applicant's academic excellence at the most recent academic institution, such as GPA, class rank.
  - ※ Issued by the most recent academic institution
10. Thesis Abstract
  - ※ **Printed on both sides**
  - ※ A brief outline of thesis
11. Documents to certify your language proficiency or your specialty
  - ※ Score of TOEFL, TOEIC, Japanese course of EJU, Japanese Language Aptitude Test and so on.

**\* All the documents except for specified official documents must be submitted in A4 size paper (same size as the application form) either in Japanese or English, preferably in typed and printed format. (If documents are in a written language other than Japanese or English, please attach Japanese translation.)**

**\* All the documents should be original copies except No.6 and No.11.**

#### **Note**

1. Submitted documents will not be returned.
2. An outline that briefly summarizes the contents of your previous graduate thesis is required.
3. Your application will not be evaluated if the above documents are incomplete or not accurately completed. Applications that arrive after the deadline will not be accepted.

4. Applicants must contact their prospective supervisor about the specialized research field in advance. (Applicants for the Cooperative Graduate School System must contact the sub-supervisor at the University of Tsukuba as well.)

**Please verify all the documents carefully and submit the documents to:**

Postal Code: 305-8575

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