

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2013
RESEARCH STUDENTS
(UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS)

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

Application Guideline for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2013 - Research Students (University Recommendations) is as follows:

1. Qualifications and Conditions

(1) Eligibility

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

(2) Nationality

Applicant must have the nationality of a country which has diplomatic relations with Japan. This applies at such times to stateless persons, too. An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application will not be eligible.

(3) Age

Applicant must have been born on or after April 2, 1978. 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	7
Doctoral Program in Biomedical Sciences	7

(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 2013 and the applicant must be able to leave for or arrive in Japan within two weeks of the date. If you are not be 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 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 currently enrolled in a Japanese university under the resident status of “College Student,” or if he/she plans to enroll at a Japanese university as a privately-financed international student between the time of application for this scholarship and the time the scholarship period is due to begin.

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: The Applicant, considered a “future graduate” and selected as such, is unable to graduate within the pre-set date or unable to fulfill graduation requirements.

2. Term of Scholarship

If the grantee enrolls in Master’ s Program in Medical Sciences or Doctoral Program in Biomedical Sciences, the scholarship will be payable for a period necessary for the grantee to complete his/her regular course starting from October, 2013. (Two years for master’ s, four years for doctoral program)

If the grantee desires to proceed to Doctoral Program in Biomedical Sciences from Master’ s Program in Medical Sciences, he/she may have the term of his/her scholarship extended upon approval by MEXT.

3. Scholarship Benefits

(1) Allowance

Under the fiscal 2012 budget, each grantee will be provided monthly with 143,000 yen (Research Student course), 144,000 yen (students enrolled in a Master's program or a professional degree program), or 145,000 yen (students enrolled in a doctoral program) (an additional monthly stipend of 2,000 or 3,000 yen may be provided to those undertaking study or research in specially designated regions). 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] If any of his/her application documents is found to be falsely stated;

[2] If he/she is in breach of his/her pledge made to the Minister of MONBUKAGAKUSHO (MEXT);

[3] If he/she is subjected to disciplinary action, such as expulsion or removal from register, taken by his/her university or the preparatory Japanese-teaching institution;

[4] If it becomes definitive that the grantee will not be able to complete his/her course within the standard course term because of his/her poor academic achievement or suspension;

[5] If his/her resident status of "College Student" as provided for in Paragraph 1-4 of Appendix to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act changes to any other status;

[6] If he/she is provided with another scholarship (except for a scholarship designated for research expenses); or

[7] If he/she proceeds to a higher level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the term of the scholarship.

(2) Traveling Costs

[1] Transportation to Japan

Each grantee will be provided, according to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT, with an economy class air ticket from the international airport closest to his/her place of residence to Narita International Airport (or following the itinerary normally used by the university where the grantee is placed). Expenses such as inland transportation from his/her place of residence to the nearest international airport, airport tax, airport usage charges, special taxes on overseas travel and travel expenses within Japan will be borne by the grantee (the place of residence of the grantee shall in principle be the address stated in the application form). Air travel from a country other than the grantee's nationality will not be covered, nor travel to Japan before April 1, 2013. If the grantee comes to Japan to obtain admission to a university, he/she will not be provided with traveling cost to Japan.

[2] Transportation from Japan

The grantee who returns to his/her home country within the last-payment month of his/her scholarship will be provided, upon application, with an economy class air ticket for a flight from Narita International Airport (or following the itinerary normally used by the university where the grantee is placed) to the international airport closest to his/her place of return.

[3] School Fees

Grantee gets full tuition coverage from the university.

4. Selection and Notification

(1) Selection

1. Application Period (Deadline Extended)

Deadline: Thursday, February 14, 2013

2. Screening

Based on both application documents and oral examination.

3. Date of Examination

Will be announced individually after submission of application documents.

4. Notification of Result

Will be announced individually after the examination.

(2) Required Documents

You are required to submit the following documents in addition to the application form for the University of Tsukuba.

1. Application Checklist

2. Application Form (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. Write 'Year' and 'Month' in the column of "Year and Month of Entrance and Completion" under "7. Educational background".

3. Field of Study and Study Program (printed on both sides)

4. 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.

5. Academic transcript of each academic year of the last university (undergraduate and graduate) attended

6. Graduation certificate and 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)

7. 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
8. Thesis Abstract (printed on both sides)
 - ※ A brief outline of thesis
9. Documents to certify your language proficiency or your specialty
 - ※ Score of TOEFL, TOEIC
10. Family Register or Certificate of Citizenship issued by your home country
11. Photocopy of your passport
 - ※ If you do not have a passport yet, you do not need to submit a photocopy of the passport.

*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.11.

Note

1. These documents should be made in English with word-processing software and printed double-sided on size A4 paper.
2. Submitted documents will not be returned.
3. An outline that briefly summarizes the contents of your previous graduate thesis is required.
4. 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.

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

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