

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship

Research Students Program through University Recommendation

★ Below is the brief summary in English of the requirements & conditions of the scholarship. The English texts attached to the Application Guidelines and the Application Form are for complementary use only. English expressions do not change the Japanese content.

Enrollment Date	October 2026
Scholarship Benefits	(1) Monthly scholarship amount: ✓ JPY 146,000 (as of November 2025) *The amount is subject to change. (2) Exemption of entrance fee and tuition (3) Travel expense to/from Japan (upon entering and graduating from TUFS) * If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended (ex. proceeding to further education as a privately financed student or being employed in Japan), travel expenses for a temporary return will also not be paid.
Duration of the Scholarship	18 months as a non-regular research student October 2026-March 2028

<Additional Qualifications for an Applicant for the MEXT Scholarship>

Eligibility and Requirements

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan offers scholarships to international students under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program (University Recommendation) as follows. The purpose of this scholarship program is to develop human resources through their research in Japan, who will serve as a bridge between Japan and their home countries and contribute to the development of both countries and the world.

文部科学省は、日本において研究を行うことを通じ、日本と自国との架け橋となり、両国ひいては世界の発展に貢献するような人材を育成することを目的とし、以下の資格・条件を満たす外国人留学生を募集する。

- (1) Must arrive in Japan as an international student to newly enroll in a graduate school in Japan and have an excellent academic record. Must have average grade points*1 of 2.30 or higher for the most recently attended degree program (for those who have already graduated) or the university (or higher) program the applicant is currently attending (for those who are currently a student), and you are expected to maintain the same level during the duration of the scholarship.

*1 This “average grade points” is different from GPA. If you don’t know how to calculate, contact PIC immediately.

大学院レベルの外国人留学生として、新たに海外から留学する優秀な者（※）。

（※）現在、社会人の者は最終学歴の学業成績係数、在學生は現在在籍する課程の学業成績係数が
2.30 以上であり、奨学金支給期間中の在籍課程においてもこれを維持する見込みがある者をいう。

- (2) Those who are nationals of countries 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 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.

日本政府と国交のある国の国籍を有すること。申請時に日本国籍を有する者は、原則として募集の対象とはならない。ただし、申請時に日本以外に生活拠点を持つ日本国籍を有する二重国籍者に限り、渡日時までに外国の国籍を選択し、日本国籍を離脱する予定の者は対象とする。

- (3) Must have been born on or after April 2, 1991.

原則として1991 年4月2日以降に出生した者。

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

日本の大学院修士課程・博士課程（前期）又は博士課程（後期）の入学資格を有する者（入学時点でこの条件を満たす見込みの確実な者を含む。）。

- (5) Must be 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 Japanese universities.

大学において専攻した分野又は関連した分野とし、受入大学で研究が可能な分野であること。

- (6) Must meet one of the following in regards to language proficiency.

日本語又は英語のいずれかの能力を有する者として、以下のいずれかの条件を満たす者。

○ Japanese

- a. Must pass with N2 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at the time of application.
- b. 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.
- a. 日本語能力試験（JLPT）のレベル N2 以上に合格している者。
- b. 日本の大学院修士課程・博士課程（前期）又は博士課程（後期）への入学資格を満たす教育課程を、日本語を主要言語として修了した者。

○ English

- a. 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.
- b. 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.

*Must hold the official score of English Proficiency test covering all “four English skills” (Listening, speaking, reading and writing). Overall/total score as well as scores of each skill shall correspond to CEFR B2 level or above.

a. 英語におけるヨーロッパ言語共通参照枠（CEFR）の B2 相当以上の資格・検定試験のスコアを有している者。

b. 日本の大学院修士課程・博士課程（前期）又は博士課程（後期）への入学資格を満たす教育課程を、英語を主要言語として修了した者。

※リスニング・リーディング・スピーキング・ライティングの4技能全ての技能のスコアがCEFRB2相当以上であること。

(7) Must be physically and mentally healthy enough to pursue study at university.

日本留学について心身ともに支障がないと大学が判断した者。

(8) In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan during the period specified by the accepting university within two weeks before and after the starting date of the university’s relevant academic term (September or October) for that year. 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. If an applicant will arrive in Japan before or after the specified period due to personal circumstances, travel expenses will not be paid.

原則として受入大学が定める同年の各学期の始まる最初の日（9月もしくは10月）から数えて前後2週間のうち、受入大学が指定する期間に渡日可能な者。やむを得ない事情があると文科省が判断した場合を除き、指定された期日最終日までに渡日できない場合は採用を辞退すること。また、自己都合により、上記の所定の期間外に渡日する場合は、渡日旅費を支給しない。

(9) In principle, applicants must acquire a “Student” visa if accepted and enter Japan under the status of “student.” Even if the applicant already has other residence status, the applicant must change it to the “Student” status by the start of the scholarship period. Moreover, the applicant should be aware that after expiration of the status as a MEXT Scholarship student and even if the applicant again applies for their original resident status of “Permanent resident” or “Long-term resident”, such resident status might not be necessarily granted. In addition, as the Japanese government requires pre-arrival tuberculosis screening for some countries, applicants obtaining a visa shall follow guidance at the overseas establishment of Japan located in the applicant’s country of nationality.

渡日前に原則として国籍国所在の在外公館で「留学」の査証を新規取得し、新規に取得した「留学」の在留資格で入国すること。なお、採用された者が、例外的に、採用時に「留学」以外の在留資格で日本に在留していた場合は、奨学金支給開始予定月の前月末日までに在留資格を「留学」に変更する必要があるので留意すること。また、国費外国人留学生の身分終了時に改めて「永住者」又は「定住者」等の在留資格を申請しても当然には認定されない可能性があることを理解すること。

なお、日本政府として入国前結核スクリーニングを実施する国があるため、査証取得にあたっては必ず国籍国所在の在外公館の指示に従うこと。

(10) Applicants who fall into any or all of the following categories are ineligible to apply for the scholarship. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, he/she must withdraw from the scholarship:

次に掲げる事項に一つでも該当する者については対象外とする。採用以降に判明した場合には辞退すること。

a. 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;

a. 渡日時及び奨学金支給期間において、現役軍人又は軍属の資格の者。

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

b. 文部科学省又は受入大学の指定する期日までに渡日できない者。

c. 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 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.

- 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;

- 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;

- those who have obtained or are expected to obtain a degree as undergraduate students of the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs (university recommendation/special selection).

c. 過去に日本政府（文部科学省）奨学金留学生であった者（学籍発生後辞退者を含む）。ただし以下のいずれかに該当する場合はこの限りではない。なお、文部科学省学習奨励費（MEXT Honors Scholarship）は日本政府（文部科学省）奨学金留学生にあたらないため、過去に受給歴があっても応募可能。

- ・奨学金支給最終月の翌月から奨学金支給開始月までに3年以上の学業又は職務経歴がある者。

- ・最後に受給した日本政府（文部科学省）奨学金が日本語・日本文化研修留学生（帰国後に在籍大学を卒業した又は卒業見込みの者に限る。）、日韓共同理工系学部留学生、ヤング・リーダーズ・プログラム留学生のいずれかであった者。

- ・日本政府（文部科学省）奨学金（大学推薦・特別枠）の学部生として学士の学位を取得（又は取得見込みの者）した者。

d. 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 FY2026.

d. 日本政府（文部科学省）奨学金制度による他の2026年度奨学金支給開始のプログラムと

の重複申請をしている者。

e. Those who stay in Japan at the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program;

e. 申請時に日本に滞在している者。

f. Those who are planning to receive scholarship or fellowships from Japanese government, a Japanese government-related organization and others after the start of the scholarship payment period;

f. 奨学金支給開始後（受入大学における学籍等発生後）に日本政府及び日本政府関係機関抛出の奨学金・フェローシップ等の受給を予定している者。

g. Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given;

g. 「卒業見込みの者」であって、所定の期日までに学歴の資格及び条件が満たされない者。

h. 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);

h. 申請時に二重国籍者で、渡日時（受入大学における学籍発生時）までに日本国籍を離脱したことを証明できない者。

i. 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;

i. 申請時から日本以外での研究活動（インターンシップ、フィールドワーク等）や休学等を長期間予定している者。

j. Those who have no intention to enter Master/ Doctoral program as a regular student;

j. 正規課程への進学を目的としない者。

k. Those who have no intention to obtain a degree;

k. 学位取得を目的としない者。

- (11) Must contribute to the mutual understanding of his/her country and Japan by participating in activities held at the school and in the community. After returning to their home country, former scholarship recipients shall maintain close contact with the university where they studied, cooperate in conducting post-return survey questionnaires, participate in events conducted by Japanese diplomatic missions in their home country, and work toward improving relations between their home country and Japan.

日本留学中、日本の国際化に資する人材として、広く地域の学校や地域の活動に参加することで、自国と日本との相互理解に貢献するとともに、卒業後も留学した大学と緊密な連携を保ち、卒業後のアンケート調査等にも協力する他、帰国後は在外公館等が実施する各事業に協力するこ

とで、自国と日本との関係の促進に努める者を採用する。

【NOTE】

* If the university term begins (the acquisition of student status) in the middle of the month, the scholarship will not be paid for the month.

(ex.) The scholarship payments will begin in October 2025 if the university's autumn term start date falls on September 2, 2025.

※月の途中で学期が開始（学籍が発生）する場合には、当該月の奨学金は支給しない。

（例）学期開始日が 2026 年 9 月 2 日の場合、奨学金支給期間開始月は 2026 年 10 月とする。