

Admissions for Japanese Government Scholarship (Monbukagakusho [MEXT*] Scholarship)

As of May 1st, 2019, 579 of Kyoto University's 2,617 international students have been awarded the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship. This section provides general information on the MEXT Scholarship. For further details, please refer to the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) website and the "Study in Japan Comprehensive Guide" website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan mentioned below.

* MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

<http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/index.html>

"Study in Japan Comprehensive Guide" by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan Application availability

<http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/index.html>

Scholarship Benefits (As of April, 2020)

- Fees of Entrance examination, Admission and tuition are exempted.
- One round-trip ticket is provided.
- Amount of scholarships vary by the student status.

Category	Monthly Stipend*1	Available MEXT scholarship		Arrival in Japan	
		University Recommendation	Embassy Recommendation	April	October
Undergraduate Students*2	117,000 JPY	see *3	○	○	—
Japanese Studies Students		○	○	—	○
Research (Non-Degree Seeking) Students	143,000 JPY	○	○	see *4	○
Master's Degree Students & Professional Degree Students	144,000 JPY	○	○	see *4	○
Doctoral Degree Students	145,000 JPY	○	○	see *4	○

*1 Students who study in certain designated areas will be provided an additional monthly stipend of 2,000 JPY or 3,000 JPY. The amount is subject to change depending on the annual budget.

*2 Undergraduate MEXT scholarship students are not admitted by the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences (6-year program) or the Faculty of Medicine.

*3 Undergraduate International Course Program of Civil Engineering offered by the Undergraduate School of Global Engineering, the Faculty of Engineering is the only undergraduate program that accepts applications for University Recommendation. Students who apply through this program arrive in April.

*4 Graduate students who apply through Japanese universities arrive in October; embassy recommended students have the choice of arriving in either April or October.

Application

Pre-arrival applications should be made through a Japanese embassy or consulate (embassy recommendations) or through a university in Japan (university recommendations). Most MEXT Scholarship students at Kyoto University are awarded the scholarship through Embassy Recommendations.

1) University Recommendation

In case of university recommendations, Kyoto University screens the applications of research students, and selects candidates to recommend to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) as research students, master's degree students, professional degree students, or doctoral degree students. To apply through a university recommendation, please contact a Kyoto University faculty member whom you would like to have as an academic advisor, and consult him/her to apply.

Before coming to Japan	Dec. – Feb.	Application	
		Screening by Graduate School	
	Mar.	Screening by Kyoto University	
	Apr. – May	Screening by MEXT	
	Jun.	Notification of Results	
	Jul. – Sep.	Immigration Procedures	
In Japan	early Oct.	Arrival in Japan	
		Research (Non-Degree Seeking) Students	Master's, doctoral, or profession degree programs begin * Students must pass the entrance exams prior to enrollment.
		• Preparing for entrance exams	
		• Conducting research	
	Entrance Examination		
		Master's, doctoral, or profession degree programs begin	
		Return to home country	

2) Embassy Recommendation

Applications received through the Japanese embassy (or consulate) in the applicants' home countries are termed "embassy recommendations." Once such an application has been accepted, the first screening is conducted by the Japanese embassy or consulate. To apply through an embassy recommendation, please contact the appropriate Japanese diplomatic mission in your country. For applicants from China, the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China accepts applications and conducts the first screening. The admission requirements, schedule and process differ from embassy recommendations. Successful Chinese Ministry recommended applicants generally come to Japan in October. For details, please contact your home university or China Scholarship Council (CSC) in China.

Embassies & Consulates by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/over/index.html

Before coming to Japan	Mar.	Application	
	May – Aug.	Screening by Japanese Embassy/Consulate	
		Approaching Prospective Universities for Letter of Acceptance* ¹	
	Oct.	Screening by MEXT	
	Feb. (-Jul.) * ²	Notification of Results	
Mar. (Sep.) * ²	Immigration Procedures		
In Japan	early Apr. (late Sep.) * ²	Arrival in Japan	
		Research (Non-Degree Seeking) Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese language training • Preparation for entrance exams • Conducting research 	Undergraduate, master's, doctoral, or professional degree programs begin * Students must pass the entrance exams prior to enrollment.
		Entrance Examination	
		Undergraduate, master's, doctoral, or professional degree programs begin	
Returning to home country			

*¹ Those who passed the preliminary screening by the Japanese embassy/consulate in your country and require an acceptance letter from a member of our academic staff, please select a prospective advisor by searching our official websites, then contact to the relevant administrative office which the prospective advisor belongs (You should give the name of prospective advisor and "Certification of Preliminary Selection" issued by the relevant Japanese diplomatic mission (PDF) when you make the contact). To follow the instruction which given by the administrative office. (ref. P.27-28 for contact information)

Following documents must be submitted for receiving an acceptance letter (non-returnable):

- Certification of preliminary selection issued by the relevant Japanese diplomatic mission (Original)
- An official Letter of Acceptance (in the prescribed form)
- Copies of the documents you have submitted to the Japanese diplomatic mission in your country
- Any additional documents required by the prospective advisor or administration

*² Dates in parenthesis are for graduate students and research students coming to Japan in late September.

Kyoto University Faculties, Graduate Schools, Research Institutes, and Other Centers

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/profile/faculty>

Kyoto University Activity Database on Education and Research

http://kyouindb.iimc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/view/index_e.html

Kyoto University Research Information Repository

<https://repository.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/dspace/?locale=en>