

Scholarships for Privately-financed International Students

Some scholarships accept applications from students themselves directly, while others require submission through Kyoto University. Most of scholarships are for regular students and applications are generally accepted following matriculation. Please note that many of these scholarships expect applicants to have a certain level of Japanese language proficiency and are highly competitive. The information of the following table is made as of March 2021, and it is subject to change. Applicants are advised to check the up-dated information given by the relevant faculty/graduate school. The deadline for display is to apply to scholarship organizations. The deadline on the university is at least one month earlier than the deadline for scholarship organizations. For other information on scholarships, please refer to P.21 "Scholarships for Private Organizations".

University-nominated scholarships: <https://u.kyoto-u.jp/2v81n>

MYR ... Minimum Year Required
 JEES ... Japan Educational Exchanges and Services
 JASSO ... Japan Student Services Organization
 JLPT ... Japanese Language Proficiency Test
 JLTCT ... Japanese Language Teaching Competency Test
 Direct ... Scholarships applied for directly to the institutions providing scholarships.

¹ Student Category
 US: Undergraduate student
 MS: Master's Degree student
 DS: Doctoral Degree student
 RS: Research student
 PMS: Prospective master's student
 PDS: Prospective doctoral student
 PRS: Prospective research student

² Japanese Language Ability
 ▲: Unspecified
 ○: Ability to communicate in basic Japanese required. Interview may be conducted in Japanese.
 ●: Sufficient proficiency in Japanese required.
 E: May be applied for in English

As of March 2021

Scholarships	Eligibility Guidelines				Number of Recipients	Monthly Allowance (Yen)	Duration	Japanese Language Ability ²	Application Deadline
	Designated Countries, Fields of Study, etc.	Student Category ¹ (Age Limit)							
AEON Scholarship	Student from China (including Hong Kong), Malaysia, Thai, Taiwan, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Bangladesh in any field of study other than Religion, and Politics	US (30 or younger) MS (35 or younger)		6	Monthly stipends (100,000) and tuition	US: max. 4 yrs MS: max. 2 yrs	○	mid Apr.	
SGH Scholarship Foundation	Southeast Asian nationality	3rd yr. US, 5th yr. Medical US (25 or younger), 1st yr. MS, 2nd yr. DS, 3rd yr. Medical DS (34 or younger)		US: 1 MS/DS: 1	120,000	2 yrs	○	mid Apr.	
Yamaoka Scholarship Foundation	Engineering or Agriculture student from East or Southeast Asia	1st yr. MS, 2nd yr. DS (34 or younger)		2 - 3	100,000	2 yrs	○	mid Apr.	
Tokio Marine Kagami Memorial Foundation Scholarship for ASEAN Students	Students from ASEAN countries	MS (29 or younger) DS (34 or younger)		1 - 2	180,000	MYR	○	mid Apr.	
Hashimoto Jun Memorial Scholarship	Humanities student from East Asia	US, MS, DS		Small number	100,000	MYR	○	late Apr.	
Hashiya Scholarship Foundation	Indonesian nationality	US, MS, DS, RS		2	100,000	MYR	○	late Apr.	
Kashiyama Scholarship Foundation	Student from the Asia-Pacific region	1st yr. MS (29 or younger) 1st - 2nd yr. DS (34 or younger)		1	120,000	max. 2 yrs	○	late Apr.	
Sumitomo Electric Industries Group CSR Foundation	Student majoring in Science or Engineering (electrical, mechanical, materials, chemical or physical)	1st yr. MS		1	100,000	2 yrs	○	late Apr.	
Nishimura Scholarship Foundation	Southwest, Southeast or East Asian student who lives in Osaka Prefecture	2nd - 3rd yr. US, 1st yr. MS, 1st yr. DS		43,467	120,000	US, MS: 2 yrs DS: max. 3 yrs	○	late Apr./late Oct.	
Fuji Seal Packaging Foundation	Student majoring in Engineering	3rd yr. US		1	100,000	2 yrs	▲	late Apr.	
JEES Mitsui Fudosan Scholarship	Student from China, Taiwan, Singapore, Thai, Malaysia, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, India, Nepal			2	150,000	2 yrs	○	late Apr.	
Otsuka Toshimi Scholarship Foundation	Student majoring in Medicine, Pharm. Sci., Engineering (related to Medicine or Pharm. Sci.) or Management	3rd yr. or upper grade of US, MS, DS (37 or younger)		Direct	2,000,000/yr., or 1,500,000/yr 1,000,000/yr	1 yr (Renewal acceptable)	E	late Apr.	
International Research Exchange Foundation for Japanese Studies	Humanities student whose research topic is related to Japan	DS or those who are preparing a doctoral thesis		1	120,000	max. 3 yrs	●	early May	
Korean Scholarship Foundation	Student from Republic of Korea or Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2nd - 4th yr. US (29 or younger) MS, DS (39 or younger)		US: 1 MS/DS: 3	US: 25,000 MS: 40,000 DS: 70,000	US, MS: 1 yr DS: max. 2 yrs	○	early May	
Ushio Scholarship Foundation	Students from China	MS, DS		Direct	120,000	MYR	○	early May	
JEES MHI/MHPS Mirai Scholarship	Female students majoring in Chemistry, Electrical and Electronic Engineering or Nuclear Power Engineering	1st yr. MS		1	120,000	max. 2 yrs	○	early May	
Sojitz Foundation	Candidates are selected from different countries	3rd or upper grade of US (30 or younger) MS, DS (35 or younger)		2 - 3	US: 70,000 MS, DS: 100,000	2 yrs	○	early May	
Mizuho International Foundation	Students majoring in Humanities, Social Science who requires two years or more to complete the program	US, MS, DS (35 or younger)		3	100,000	max. 2 yrs	E	mid May	
Ajinomoto Scholarship	Asian, African, or South American student whose research topic is related to food, nutrition or health	MS, DS (29 or younger)		No settings	150,000	max. 2 yrs	E	mid May	
JEES Docomo International Student Scholarship	Student from South, East or Southeast Asia studying in the area of communication and/or information technology	1st yr. MS		6	120,000	2 yrs	○	mid May	
Kyoto City International Foundation 張鳳樓 Scholarship	Asian nationality	2nd yr. or upper grade of US, MS, DS		1	50,000	1 yr	○	mid May	
JEES Scholarship for the Promotion of International Understanding (Priority Countries)	Student from designated countries	US, MS, DS, or exchange student		1	50,000	max. 2 yrs	○	mid May	
JEES Scholarship for the Promotion of Japanese Language Learning (JLPT)	Student who passed the N1 level of JLPT, studying in the area of Japanese language teacher education (including Japanese Studies and Japanese literature major)	US, MS, DS		No settings	50,000	max. 2 yrs	●	mid May	
JEES Scholarship for the Japanese Language Teaching Competency Test (JLTCT)	Student who passed JLTCT	US, MS, DS		No settings	50,000	max. 2 yrs	●	mid May	
JEES Scholarship	Student who obtained GPA 2.60 or higher grade point	2nd yr. or upper grade of US, MS, DS		1	30,000	2 yrs	○	mid May	
Doumei-Ikuseikai Furuno scholarship	Student majoring in the area of Journalism or Mass Media	1st yr. MS		2	50,000	max. 2 yrs	○	mid May	
Shimizu Foundation Scholarship	Student majoring in Engineering	2nd yr. or upper grade of US, MS		1	50,000	MYR	○	mid May	
Mitsubishi UFJ Trust Scholarship Foundation	Southeast Asian student within the Faculty/Graduate School of Law, Econ., Sci. Eng., Agri., Energy Sci., Info., Biostudies, Global Environ. Studies, Law School, Gov. or Management.	US (31 or younger) MS, DS (38 or younger)		US: 1 MS/DS: 1	US: 70,000 MS, DS: 100,000	MYR	○	late May	
Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship	US, MS, DS, RS			-	US, MS, DS: 48,000	1 yr	E	late May	
Kokudo Scholarship Foundation	US, MS, DS			1	100,000	MYR	E	late May	
Murata Overseas Scholarship Foundation	Student majoring in Law, Economics, or Engineering	2nd yr. or upper grade of US, MS, DS		5	150,000/yr	1 yr	○	early July	
KDDI Foundation	Student whose study area is Telecommunications in the field of Law, Politics, Economics, Society, Culture or Technology	MS, DS (35 or younger)		6	100,000	6 months or 1 yr	E	early Aug.	

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The Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation(KMMF) Scholarship	Students doing research on "mutual understanding between Japan and foreign countries" or "symbiosis with nature and humans". Student from West, Central, Southeast and East Asia. Africa, Latin America.	MS those who is starting in October	4	Monthly stipends (120,000), entrance fee, tuition fee and travel expense.	max. 2 yrs	E	early Aug.	
Sato Yo International Scholarship Foundation	Asian nationality (China, Republic of Korea and Taiwan are excluded)	US, MS, DS	No settings	US: 150,000 MS, DS: 180,000	MYR	○	late Aug./early Jan.	
Uehara Memorial Foundation Scholarship	Students majoring in Life Science, Medicine, or Pharm. Sci.	MS, DS (39 or younger)	1	150,000	max. 2 yrs	▲	early Sep.	
Nomura Foundation Foreign Student Scholarships	Students majoring in Humanities or Social Science	MS, DS (34 or younger)	Direct	200,000	2 yrs	○	late Sep.	
Tokyu Foundation for Foreign Students	Korea, China, Mongolia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, Philippine, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Myanmar, Bhutan, Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Russia, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Pacific Islands/countries (Fiji, Tonga etc.)	MS, DS	Direct	180,000	max 2yrs	○	late Sep.	
Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Inc.	Candidates are selected from different countries	3rd yr. or upper grade of US, MS, 2nd yr. or upper grade of DS (44 or younger)	5	US: 100,000 MS, DS: 140,000	max. 2 yrs	○	mid Oct.	
Fujii International Scholarship Foundation	Asian nationality	US (25 or younger) MS (30 or younger) DS (35 or younger)	3	50,000	MYR	○	late Oct.	
Heiwa Nakajima Foundation	US, MS, DS		US: 1 MS/DS: 1	100,000	1 yr	○	late Oct.	
ITO Scholarship Awards for Foreign Students	1st yr. MS, PMS		Direct	180,000	max 2yrs	○	late Oct.	
Honjo International Scholarship Foundation	Student does not have Japanese citizenship	MS, DS	Direct	150,000 ~ 200,000	Selectable	○	late Oct.	
Watanuki International Scholarship Foundation	Student from the Asia-Pacific region. Candidates are selected from different countries with a balanced male-female ratio.	MS, DS	3	150,000	1 yr (Renewal and reapplications acceptable)	○	early Nov.	
JEES JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration Corporation Indonesian Students Scholarship	Students from Indonesia majoring in Science or Engineering	MS those who is starting in October	No settings	Monthly stipends (60,000) & lump-sum payment (200,000yen/yr)	max 2yrs	E	early Nov.	
JGC-S (Nikki-Saneyoshi) Scholarship Foundation (Type II)	Student majoring in Science or Engineering (including Agriculture, but excluding Medicine and Pharm. Sci.)	US, MS, DS, RS	3	300,000/yr	1 yr	○	mid Nov.	
Nitori International Scholarship Foundation	The student does not possess Japanese citizenship.	US, MS	Direct	110,000	1 yr	○	mid Nov.	
NIWA UICHIROU Scholarship	Students from China majoring in Social Science (Law, Politics, Commercial Science, or Economics)	MS, DS	Direct	70,000	1 yr	○	mid Nov.	
Horita Scholarship Foundation	US, MS, DS		2	80,000	max. 2 yrs	○	late Nov.	
JEES Toyota Tsusho Corporation Scholarship	Student majoring in Social Science (Law, Econ.), Humanities, Science or Engineering. Candidates are selected from different countries.	3rd yr. US, MS, DS	4	100,000	2 yrs	○	late Nov.	
JEES T. Banaji Indian Students Scholarship	Indian nationality. Student who passed the N3 or upper level of JLPT.	US, MS, DS	1	100,000	MYR	○	late Nov.	
JEES Taisei Corporation Scholarship	Vietnamese or Indonesian nationality. Student majoring in Engineering (Architecture, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, or Electrical Engineering).	US, MS	1	150,000	MYR	○	late Nov.	
Otsuka Toshimi Scholarship Foundation	Candidates are selected from different countries. Student majoring in Medicine, Pharm. Sci., Engineering (fields related to Medicine or Pharm. Sci.) or Business Management	Medicine, Pharm. Sci & Eng.: DS Business Management: MS, DS (38 or younger)	Medicine and Pharm. Sci.: 1 Business Management and Eng.: 2	1,000,000, 1,500,000, or 2,000,000 (lump-sum payment)	1 yr	E	early Dec.	
Epson International Scholarship Foundation	Students majoring in Engineering	MS, DS (34 or younger)	1	100,000	max. 2 yrs	○	mid Dec.	
Kawashima Shoji Memorial Scholarship	Student majoring in Humanities, Social Science, or Natural Science	3rd - 4th yr. US, MS, DS	1	100,000	max. 2 yrs	○	mid Dec.	
JEES Seiho Scholarship	Asian nationality. Candidates are selected from different countries.	3rd yr. US, 1st yr. MS	2	100,000	2 yrs	○	mid Dec.	
The Iwatani Naoji Foundation	Students from East Asia or Southeast Asia majoring in Natural Science	MS, DS exceeding their MYR are eligible to apply.	Direct	150,000	1 yr	○	mid Dec.	
Seiwa International Scholarship Foundation	Students from Oceania or Asia. Candidates are selected from different countries.	US (29 or younger) MS, DS (34 or younger)	US: 1 MS/DS: 1	US: 80,000 MS, DS: 100,000	2 yrs	○	late Dec.	
Japan Material International Scholarship Foundation	Vietnamese nationality	3rd yr. or upper grade of US, MS, DS (30 or younger)	2	100,000	1 yr	○	late Dec.	
JEES/Softbank AI Scholarship	Student majoring in AI (Computer Science, Information Science, Statistics etc.)	1st yr. MS	10 (including Japanese students)	80,000	1 yr	○	early Jan.	
Lotte International Scholarship Foundation	Asian nationality	US, MS, DS (35 or younger)	3	180,000	2 yrs	●	early Jan.	
Asian Foundation for International Scholarship Interchange	Asian nationality	US (29 or younger) MS, DS (34 or younger)	No settings	US, MS: 60,000 DS: 70,000	1 yr	○	mid Jan.	
Ichikawa International Scholarship Foundation	Asian nationality (including South Asia). Priority for student who requires two years or more to complete the program.	US, MS, DS (34 or younger)	US: 2 MS/DS: 4	100,000	US: 1 yr MS/DS: 2 yrs	○	late Aug./mid. Jan.	
Yasuda Scholarship Foundation	Students majoring in Law, Economics, Management, or Commercial Science.	2nd yr. US	2	100,000	max. 3 yrs	○	mid Jan.	
Kyoritsu International Foundation	Asian nationality who requires two years or more to complete the program	US, MS, DS	US: 1 MS/DS: 1	US: 60,000, or 100,000 MS/DS: 100,000	2 yrs	○	late Jan.	
JEES Mitsubishi Corporation Scholarship	Candidates are selected from different countries	3rd yr. or upper grade of US, MS, DS	5	US: 100,000 MS, DS: 150,000	MYR	E	late Jan.	
Kamenori Foundation Asian Graduate Scholarship	Student from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thai, or Vietnam majoring in Humanities or Social Science	1st yr. MS, 1st yr. DS	1	200,000	MYR	○	early Feb.	
Tatsunoko Foundation	Asian nationality	2nd yr. or upper grade of US, MS, DS (35 or younger)	US: 1 MS/DS: 1	100,000	2 yrs	●	early Feb.	
Hattori Scholarship Foundation	Asian nationality (priority for Southeast Asian nationality) who passed the N2 or N1 level of JLJP	US (29 or younger) MS (34 or younger) DS (39 or younger)	1	100,000	2 yrs	●	mid Feb.	
Kato Asao International Scholarship Foundation	Asian nationality	MS (29 or younger) 2nd - 3rd yr. DS (34 or younger)	2	MS: 130,000 DS: 150,000	max. 2 yrs	●	early Mar.	
Bai Xian Asia Institute Asian Future Leaders Scholarship Program (AFLSP)	Asian nationality with a bachelor's degree at a designated institution in Asia	PMS (34 or younger)	10	25,000 USD/yr	2 yrs	E	mid Mar.	
Teijin Scholarship Foundation	Student majoring in Medicine, Pharm. Sci., Bioscience, Science, Engineering, or Informatics	1st yr. MS, 1st yr. DS	MS/DS: 1	MS: 50,000 DS: 60,000	MYR	▲	MS: mid Mar./ DS: late Sep.	
JEES Ishibashi Foundation Scholarship	Student majoring in history of art	PMS, PDS, PRS	No settings	150,000	2 yrs	▲	mid Mar./ mid Jun.	
Kobayashi International Scholarship Foundation (General Scholarship)	Asian nationality	3rd or upper grade of US, MS, DS (35 or younger)	US: 2 MS/DS:1	US: 150,000 MS, DS: 180,000	US, MS: 2 yrs DS: 3 yrs	○	late Mar.	
Kobayashi International Scholarship Foundation (Special Study Grant)	Asian nationality Student majoring in Pharm. Sci.	3rd or upper grade of US, MS, DS (35 or younger)	2	200,000	max. 5 yrs	○	late Mar.	
Asahi Glass Scholarship	Thai, Indonesian, Chinese or (Republic of) Korean nationality	1st yr. MS 1st - 2nd yr. DS	One each from designated countries	100,000	MYR	○	late Mar.	
Asian Development Bank - Japan Scholarship Program	A national of an ADB borrowing member with at least 2 years of full-time professional working experience. Student studying a designated program in Engineering, Agriculture, Global Environ. Studies, Management or Economics	PMS (34 or younger)	Small number	Monthly stipends (147,000), travel expense, tuition, etc.	2 yrs	E	Varies depending on the program	