

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2016 STUDENTS (UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS)

(Modified for Graduate Programs in Medical Science, University of Tsukuba)

MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) offers scholarships to international students who wish to study as regular 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 2016 – Regular Students (University Recommendations) is as follows:

1. Eligibility, Requirements and Conditions:

(1) Qualification

Qualified applicant are those who reside outside of Japan and have an outstanding academic record (※1) to initiate a graduate-level education in Japan.

(※1) A Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.30/3.0 or higher is required for two consecutive academic years preceding the date of this application. The applicant is expected to maintain an equivalent performance during the scholarship period.

(2) Nationality

Applicants must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government. Applicants who have Japanese nationality at the time of application are not eligible. However, applicants of dual nationality who reside outside of Japan are eligible only if they forfeit the Japanese nationality before they arrive Japan to accept this scholarship.

(3) Age

Applicant must be born on or after April 2, 1981. However, this requirement does not apply if the applicant obtained a Master's degree from MEXT Young Leaders Program and is entering the doctoral program.

(4) Education Background

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

[1] He/she has completed or will complete 16 years of academic curriculum in a foreign country, or 18 years if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course that requires 6 years to complete the undergraduate degree.

[2] He/she will reach an age of 22 or older and has taken an entrance qualification examination and judged by a graduate school to have equivalent or superior in academic performance to pursue graduate studies, or 24 or older if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course that requires 6 years to complete the undergraduate degree.

Note: Those who satisfy or will satisfy qualification requirements for admission to a Japanese graduate school based on other standards are also eligible. As a general rule, doctoral applicant must seek to obtain a degree to be considered for the scholarship.

(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 is not required but English proficiency is required to conduct research and understand the course contents.

(7) Health

Applicant must be physically and mentally healthy enough to pursue graduate studies at the host university.

(8) Enrollment

The date of enrollment will be October 1, 2016. The applicant must depart their country or arrive in Japan within two weeks of the scheduled date. If applicant is unable to arrive in Japan during this period, you will be withdrawn from the scholarship. Travel expenses will not be provided if the applicant arrives in Japan before this period.

(9) Visa Requirement

In principle, selected applicants need to obtain a College Student visa (留学: ryugaku) on the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of their nationality prior to his/her arrival in Japan. The visa should be issued at the Japanese legation, located in the country of applicants' nationality. Applicants who change their resident status other than College Student visa after their arrival in Japan will immediately lose their status as Japanese government scholarship student.

(10) Note

Applicants who meet any or all of the following conditions are not eligible. If identified after acceptance of the scholarship, the applicants will be required to withdraw from the scholarship:

1: If an applicant is a service member or a civilian employee registered on the active military list at the time of his/her arrival in Japan;

2: Those who cannot arrive in Japan during the period designated by the accepting University;

3: If an applicant is a previous recipient of a Japanese government scholarship, and does not have research or teaching experience between the completion of the first scholarship and the start of the second scholarship period. This does not apply to applicant who (i) graduate their university in their country and was an international student in Japan receiving training in Japanese studies at a university; (ii) was a past recipient of Japan-Korea Joint Government Scholarship Program for the Students in Science and Engineering Department (日研&日韓共同理工) or (iii) was a past student under the Young Leaders Program.

4: Those who are currently enrolled in a Japanese university with a College Student (ryugaku) residence status; those enrolled, or scheduled to be enrolled, in a Japanese university as a privately financed international student between the period when the scholarship application was filed in the home country and the start of the the scholarship period; This does not apply to current self-financed international students in Japanese universities who will complete their courses of study and return to their countries before the end of the current fiscal year.

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 of academic background by the deadline given;

7: Applicant who plan to or have been living in Japan prior to the enrollment in October 2016. For example, applicant who intend to attend Japanese university elsewhere and then transfer to University of Tsukuba to start the scholarship period on October 2016 and onward;

8: Applicants of dual nationality who cannot prove their expatriation of the Japanese nationality by the time of arrival.

or

9. Applicants who wish, from the time of application, to conduct fieldwork or participate in an internship outside of Japan, since this scholarship program is intended for overseas students who wish to enroll in a Japanese university and do graduate research in Japan.

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 paid for a period necessary for him/her to complete his/her regular course work starting October, 2016. (Standard course term is 2 years for Master's, 4 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 successful examination by MEXT provided that he/she has outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria.

3. Scholarship Benefits

(1) Allowance

Under the fiscal 2015 budget, each grantee will be provided monthly with 146,000 yen (students enrolled in a Master's program or a professional degree program), or 147,000 yen (students enrolled in a doctoral program). However, the amount of allowance is subject to change each fiscal year depending on the annual budget. The scholarship will not be paid who takes a leave of absence or prolong leave from the host university.

Scholarship will be cancelled if any of the following applies to the grantee. If identified after payment, the grantee may be ordered to return the scholarship payments received during that period.

- [1] If any of the information provided in the application documents is found to be falsely stated;
- [2] When a grantee has violated his or her pledge made to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- [3] The recipient violates any Japanese laws;
- [4] When a host university has taken a disciplinary action against a grantee such as dismissal of the program or removal from register;
- [5] When a grantee is deemed not able to graduate or complete his/her course within the standard course term because of his/her poor academic achievement or suspension;
- [6] If the grantee has dropped out of the host university or transferred to another graduate school.
- [7] 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;
- [8] If he/she is provided with another scholarship (except for a scholarship designated for research expenses); or
- [9] If he/she proceeds to a higher level of education without receiving an approval for an extension of the term of the scholarship.

(2) Traveling Costs

[1] Transportation to Japan

Each grantee will be provided with an economy-class airplane ticket from the international airport nearest to his/her home address to the New Tokyo International Airport or other international airport that the host university uses as a normal route, in accordance to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT. The place of residence

of the grantee shall in principle be the address stated in the application form. Expenses such as local/domestic transportation from his/her home address to the international airport, airport tax, airport usage fees, special taxes on travel, or inland transportation within Japan will NOT be supplied. Air travel from a country other than the grantee's nationality will not be covered.

[2] Transportation from Japan

The grantee who return to his/her home country within the last-payment month of his/her scholarship will be provided, upon request by application, with the economy class air ticket for a flight from the New Tokyo International Airport or other international airport that the host university uses as a normal route to the international airport nearest to his/her home address.

[3] University Fees

Grantee receive full tuition coverage from the host university.

4. Selection and Notification

(1) Selection

1. Application Deadline:

Deadline: Application form and supporting documents must be received by Wednesday, November 4, 2015

2. Screening

Prospective applicant will be contacted by e-mail after the preliminary screening results based on the submitted documents. Final selection will be based on (a) academic records (b) oral examination and (c) English proficiency during the interview. Date and location of an oral examination will be arranged.

3. Date of Examination

Prospective applicant will be notified for the date and location of an oral examination.

4. Notification of Result

Final result will be announced individually after the oral examination.

(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 download the list of Research Supervisor Groups and indicate your supervisor. If your supervisor belongs to Cooperative Graduate School System, you are required to have a sub-supervisor. If so, please indicate on your application form with the name of the sub-supervisor that is listed on "List of Research Supervisor Groups" in parenthesis.

<Master's Program in Medical Sciences>

List of Research Supervisor Groups (Master's program) .pdf

<Doctoral Program in Biomedical Sciences>

List of Research Supervisor Groups (Doctoral program) .pdf

3. Application Form (for the MEXT scholarship)

※ **Print on both sides**

※ Paste a passport sized photograph (4.5 cm × 3.5 cm) taken within the past 6 month to reflect your current appearance. The photo should be taken in full-face view directly facing the camera. Do not wear a hat or head covering that obscures the hair or hairline, unless worn daily for a religious purpose. Photo taken digitally is acceptable. 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" indicated under "7. Educational background" of the application form.

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

※ **Print on both sides**

5. Letter of Recommendation written by the **Dean** or the **President** of your University. The letter must be addressed to the **President of the University of Tsukuba, Dated**, and indicate **Title / Position** of the Recommender.

6. Academic transcripts from each academic year of the last university (**undergraduate and graduate**) attended.

7. Graduation certificate and degree certificate of the last university (**undergraduate and graduate**) attended (or a certified document stating that the applicant is expected to graduate from the academic institute or the University)

8. Any certificate indicating the applicant's academic record from the most recent academic institution, certifying the GPA, class rank etc...

9. Thesis Abstract

※ **Print on both sides**

※ Provide a brief outline of thesis

10. Documents to certify your language proficiency and your specialized skills.

※ Score of TOEFL, TOEIC, Japanese course of EJU, Japanese Language Aptitude Test or other documents that demonstrates your skills that you find it beneficial for the application.

11. Photocopy of your passport

※ If you do not possess a passport on date of your application, you are required to submit Family Register or Certificate of Citizenship issued by your home country.

*** 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. Submitted documents will not be returned.

2. A brief statement that summarizes the contents of your thesis from your previous school is required.

3. Your application will not be evaluated if the above documents are incomplete or not accurately filled out. Application that arrived 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:

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