

**2023 JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO(MEXT)) SCHOLARSHIP
(RESEARCH STUDENT)**

This scholarship is mainly for the person who studies to seek for a degree at Kanazawa University.

1. Qualifications

1) Nationality:

Applicants must have the nationality of a country which has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government and should come to Japan directly from abroad. Applicants who have Japanese nationality at the time of application are not eligible in principal. However, applicants of dual nationality who reside outside of Japan are eligible only if they will expatriate from Japan by the time of arrival in Japan.

2) Age: Applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1988.

3) Academic Background:

3-1) Applicants must satisfy qualification requirements for admission to either a master's or doctoral course at a Japanese graduate school. (Applicants who will certainly satisfy the requirements by the time of enrollment are eligible.)

3-2) Please note that applicants must have university grade points of 2.30 (out of 3.00) or above in their current course of study (in case applicants are currently employed, their final academic background) and be expected to maintain the same academic standards during the course of the scholarship program. Also, applicants are required to satisfy English or Japanese skills which is mentioned in the 5) Language line. If it doesn't meet the requirements, the applicant will be disqualified for application.

4) Study Area:

The study area must be in the same field as the applicant has studied or is now studying, or in a related one.

5) Language:

Applicants must have enough Japanese or English skills to conduct academic research and education. Applicants are required to satisfy any of the following conditions.

[Japanese]

- ① Those who has passed Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1/N2 level.
- ② Those who completed the curriculum which meets the qualification to enter Japanese master's/doctoral course of graduate school in an institution where main instruction was in Japanese.
- ③ Those who can be concluded that he/she has Japanese ability equivalent to or higher than ①.

[English]

- ① Those who has CEFR B2 or equivalent/higher level of English ability.
- ② Those who completed the curriculum which meets the qualification to enter Japanese master's/doctoral course of graduate school in an institution where main instruction was in English.
- ③ Those who can be concluded that he/she has English ability equal to or more higher than ①.

6) Health:

Applicants must be physically and mentally healthy enough to pursue study at a university.

7) Arrival in Japan:

In principle, applicants must arrive in Japan within two weeks of the date; October 1st, 2023 set by Kanazawa University for the beginning of the semester.

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 which decided by MEXT or the accepting university.

8) Visa:

Applicants must acquire the Student visa before arriving in Japan. Applicants who have the Permanent visa or the Long-term Resident visa must change the visa status and come to Japan again. If applicants change their status during stay in Japan, they will be disqualified from the scholarship.

9) Academic Supervisor:

Applicants have to find a prospective academic supervisor who will accept them among a professor or an associate professor from Kanazawa University, before applying for the scholarship. We advise applicants to contact and consult with an academic supervisor about the applicant's study program in Kanazawa University and get an acceptance letter written by the academic supervisor. If he/she cannot find anyone, we cannot recommend the applicant to Monbukagakusho (MEXT). The following webpage is useful for looking for a prospective academic supervisor at Kanazawa University.

http://ridb.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/public/index_en.php

10) Applicants who meet any or all of the following conditions are ineligible. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, he/she must withdraw from the scholarship.

[1] 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;

[2] Those who cannot arrive in Japan during the period specified by MEXT or Kanazawa University;

[3] Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship programs (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after the arrival in Japan). This does not apply to: those who have educational or work experience exceeding more than three years from the following month of the period of the previous scholarship to the estimated first month of the payment of this scholarship; and 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. The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students is not included in the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Programs;

- [4] Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system which scholarship payments will begin in FY2023;
- [5] Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a residence status of “Student,” or who are going to be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution as a privately-financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant’s country until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship.
- [6] Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant’s country) on top of the scholarship money provided by MEXT after the start of the scholarship payment period;
- [7] Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given;
- [8] 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;
- [9] 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;
- [10] Those who have no intention to go on to a regular course (Non-degree student). And those who have completed a doctoral course and have no intention to obtain a degree;
- 11) MEXT Scholarship will be granted those who are willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at schools and communities during their study in Japan while contributing to the internationalization of Japan. They shall also make efforts to promote relations between the home country and Japan by maintaining close relations with the university attended after graduation, cooperating with the conducting of surveys and questionnaires, and cooperating with relevant projects and events conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission after they return to their home countries.
- 12) The information (name, gender, date of birth, nationality, accepting university/graduate school/undergraduate school, field of specialty, period of enrolment, career path after completion of scholarship, contact information [address, telephone number, e-mail address]) regarding the MEXT Scholarship recipient may be shared with other relevant government organizations for the purpose of utilization for overseas students programs implemented by the Japanese Government (support during period of overseas study, follow-up support, improvement of the overseas student system).
- In addition, the information in regards to the recipient other than date of birth and contact information may be made public in materials produced by the Japanese Government as publicity information for promoting the acceptance of overseas students in order to introduce the activities of recipients in countries around the world after their study in Japan.

2. Scholarship Benefits

The term of scholarship will differ as follows depending on the types of students as accepted in Japanese universities.

1) Allowance per month:

Research Students; 143,000 yen

Master's Program Students; 144,000 yen

Doctoral Program Students; 145,000 yen

[1] In a case where a grantee will enroll as a research student, part-time non-degree student, or auditor, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "Research Student (no-regular student)" after coming to Japan, his/her scholarship will be payable from October 2023 to March 2025;

[2] If a grantee enrolls as regular student in a master's course or doctoral course for a degree after coming to Japan, his/her scholarship will be payable for a period necessary for him/her to complete his/her regular course (standard course term).

[3] The extension of scholarship period: If a grantee desires to proceed to a regular graduate course for a degree from a Research Student (non-degree) course, or to a doctoral course from a master's course and he/she is selected by the Kanazawa University as a candidate, he/she may have the term of his/her scholarship extended upon successful examination by MONBUKAGAKUSHO (MEXT) provided that he/she has outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria.

Note1: A grantee cannot have the term of his/her scholarship extended as Research Student.

Note2: If a grantee proceeds to a higher level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the term of the scholarship, the scholarship will be cancelled. He/she may, however, proceed to a higher level of education or continue with his/her study as a privately-financed student.

Note3: A Research Student is not able to apply for extension of scholarship period if he/she cannot proceed to master's or doctoral course by the end of the term of Research Student's scholarship.

Note4: If a grantee desires to proceed to a regular graduate course for a degree from a Research Student (non-degree) course, or to a doctoral course from a master's course, it is not allowed to go to another university except for Kanazawa University.

2) Transportation:

a) Transportation to Japan: The grantee will be supplied with an economy class air ticket from the international airport nearest to his/her home address to an international airport in Japan, such as Kansai International Airport. Domestic flight fee, airport usage fee, airport tax, etc. will NOT be covered. (The address in the country of the grantee's nationality stated in the application is in principle considered as the "home address"). Air travel from a country other than the grantee's nationality will not be covered.

b) 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 from an international airport in Japan to the international airport nearest to his/her

home address.

Note1: The international airport from and to Japan must be one in the country of the grantee's nationality.

Note2: The cost of any aviation and accident insurance for travel to and from Japan shall be borne by the grantee.

Note4: If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended, he/she will not be paid travel expenses to return home as the temporary return.

3) Tuition, Entrance examination fee and Entrance fee: waived.

3. Application Procedures

Applicants must submit the following documents. All documents must be written in either English or Japanese. If it is impossible, you must attach Japanese translations of them. English translations are not acceptable.

Deadline for application: Mid or late January

※ Deadline is different in each graduate school. So please first contact the Student Affairs Division of each graduate school as soon as possible, but no later than January 16, 2023.

- [1] Application cover sheet **Please use the prescribed form*
- [2] Completed application form (in both side printing) **Please use the prescribed form*
- [3] Field of Study and Study Plan (in both side printing) **Please use the prescribed form*
- [4] Photocopy of the university diploma or certificate of degree, or a certified letter from the university at which applicants are currently enrolled, stating the expected graduation date.
- [5] Official academic transcript of all applicable undergraduate and graduate course work from the institution including applicant's GPA and/or ranking in your institution.
- [6] Photocopy of applicant's passport or birth certificate or certificate of citizenship in the applicant's home country
- [7] A letter of recommendation written by the Dean or above of the institution addressed to the President of Kanazawa University. **Please use the prescribed form*
- [8] A Photograph (4.5 × 3.5cm; taken within the past six months, upper body, full-faced, uncapped)
Write applicant's name and nationality in block letters on the back of the photograph. It should be pasted on the specified place on the application form.
- [9] Summary of the latest thesis for a degree
- [10] Acceptance letter written by a prospective academic supervisor from Kanazawa University.
(An emailed one is also available.)

[11] Certificate of official language (English or Japanese) qualification such as TOEFL, IELTS or JLPT.

[12] For those who are currently employed, a letter of release/recognition from their supervisor, recognizing their right to apply and/or pursue further education in Kanazawa University. (If applicable)

[13] Certificate of Health

*Please use the prescribed form to be completed by the examining physician, and the certificate must be officially issued by the institution the physician belongs to

[14] Pledge to Kanazawa University *Please use the prescribed form

[15] Certificate of employment period

For those who satisfy the application requirement of educational background by adding his/her research history at a research institution (place of employment). (If applicable)

4. Notes

- 1) Applications will not be accepted if any of the above documents are incomplete, incorrect or not supported by evidence. They also will not be accepted if they arrive after the deadline.
- 2) All documents once submitted will not be returned.
- 3) After applicants have agreed to accept the scholarship, they must not change the host institution in Japan.
- 4) Payment of the scholarship will be cancelled for the reasons given below. Should any of the following reasons apply, the grantee may be ordered to return a part of, or all of, the scholarship paid up to that time. Payment of the scholarship may also be stopped during the period up to the decision on the disposition of the matter.

[1] A grantee is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application;

[2] A grantee violates any article of his/her pledge to MEXT;

[3] A grantee violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced and imprisoned for an indefinite period or for a period exceeding 1 year;

[4] A grantee is suspended from his/her university or receives other punishment, or is removed from enrollment; as a disciplinary action in accordance with school regulations of the accepting institution;

[5] It has been determined that it will be impossible for a grantee to complete the course within the standard period of study because of poor academic grades or suspension or absence from the

university;

[6] A grantee came to Japan without newly acquiring the “Student” residence status, or changed his/her residence status to one other than “Student”;

[7] A grantee has received another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenditures);

[8] A grantee proceeds to a more advanced level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship; or

[9] A grantee quits Kanazawa University or changes to other university.

5) The scholarship will be suspended during the period of a leave of absence or when the student remains off campus for a long time.

6) As the first installment of the scholarship payment will be made from one month to one and a half months after the grantee’s arrival in Japan, the grantee is highly recommended to bring at least approximately US\$2,000 with him/her to Japan to cover immediate living expenses and other necessary expenses.

*Living expenses in Kanazawa per month is estimated about 80,000 to 100,000 yen.

7) In 2022, 3 graduates who applied through Kanazawa University were selected as Monbukagakusho scholarship grantees. The number of the grantees is likely to be decided by the budgetary policies of Monbukagakusho and it’s subject to change.

8) If you need further information, please contact below:

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