

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS
~JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PROGRAM 2024-2025~
AND
~JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP~

1 Qualifications

1) Institution:

Applicants must be enrolled in an institution (a university, a faculty, or a school) having an exchange agreement with Kanazawa University.

2) Nationality:

Applicants must be a national of a country with which Japanese government has diplomatic relations. 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 of 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.

3) Age:

Applicants generally must have been born between April 2, 1994 and April 1, 2006.

4) Academic Background:

Applicants must be enrolled in an institution mentioned above 1) **as undergraduate students (junior or senior) majoring in Japanese language or Japanese culture at the time of arriving in and leaving Japan.**

Those majoring in fields of study other than Japanese language and Japanese culture and who wish to pursue complementary studies in Japanese language and culture should apply for Kanazawa University Exchange Program (KUEP) in the next term.

5) Language:

A level equal to that of Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level N2 is required.

6) Health:

Applicants must be healthy in both physically and mentally for studying at the university.

7) Arrival in Japan:

Scholarship recipients must arrive in Japan in late September, 2024.

8) Applicants are required to acquire a "College Student" visa when they come to Japan. Even if the applicant already has another status of residence (such as "permanent resident" or "long-term resident"), they must obtain a new "student" visa and enter Japan.

9) Others:

Scholarship recipients shall immediately return to their home country and resume their studies at their school after the end of the period for the provision of the scholarship. However, if it is possible to continue studying in Japan after the program by participating in a double degree program or joint degree program, it is not necessary to return to their home country. Also, after returning to their home country, former scholarship recipients shall maintain close contact with the university where they studied, cooperate with the conducting of post-return survey questionnaires, participate in events conducted by Japanese diplomatic missions in their country, and work to improve relations between the home country and Japan.

10) Any applicant who meets any or all of the following conditions is ineligible. If identified after the start of the scholarship period, the applicant will be required to withdraw from the scholarship.

- a) Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan and the start of scholarship payment ;
- b) Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the specified date determined by Kanazawa University;
- c) Those who have received a Japanese Government Scholarship (Monbukagakusho scholarship) in the past;
- d) Those who are currently enrolled at a Japanese university with a College Student (ryugaku) residence status; those enrolled, or scheduled to be enrolled, at a Japanese university as a privately financed international student during the period when the scholarship application was filed in the home country until prior to the start of the provision of the scholarship; However, even if the applicant is currently a privately financed international student studying in Japan, this restriction does not apply to an applicant who will certainly finish the current course before the start of the designated course at the Japanese university and will return to the home country;
- e) Recipients of scholarships from institutions other than MEXT (including government institutions in their home countries) that overlap with the Japanese Government Scholarship (Prospective beneficiaries are included);
- f) Recipients who make a double application for this scholarship to other universities, other embassy recommendations, and the Student Exchange Support Program provided by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO);
- g) Those who have studied the Japanese language at a university for a total period of less than one year as of September 2024. Those who have studied Japanese for a total of at least one year at another university should submit without fail documents (transcript of grades at other university, etc.) that can verify that the applicant studied Japanese for a period of at least one year at the said university;
- 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.

2 Scholarship Benefits

1) Monthly Allowance:

117,000 yen

The scholarship will be paid to each recipient from October 2024 to August 2025. The scholarship is cancelled in principle if the recipient is absent from the university for an extended period.

2) Travel allowance:

Round-trip air ticket to and from Japan

(Scholarship recipients must depart from and return to the country of their nationality. The return ticket will be given to only those who will leave Japan until the end of August, 2025.)

3) Tuition fees:

To be waived

3 Application Procedure (for JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PROGRAM and Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship)

Applicants must submit the following documents to Kanazawa University through their home institution. All the documents must be written in either Japanese or English, or accompanied by a translation in Japanese.

- 1) Application for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship
Please enter in Japanese as much as possible. Please type instead of handwriting.
- 2) Research plan: Written by the applicant in only Japanese (about 1000~1200 letters) with the theme “the outline of the research plan in Japan” “日本で研究してみたいテーマ.”

- 3) Applicant's ID Photo in JPEG or other digital format (4.5×3.5cm; upper front figure without a hat; taken within the past 6 months.) Please paste the data in the designated place on the application form.
- 4) Certificate of Enrollment issued by the applicant's home institution
- 5) Official transcript (academic record) issued by the applicant's home institution
 - In case the academic record is not in a 100 point scale, please indicate a record of evaluation in a 100 point scale.
 - Please mark (put a check(✓)) the subjects concerning Japanese or Japanese culture.
 - Please indicate the year and semester when each subject was taken, if not indicated on the transcript.
- 6) Recommendation [prescribed form] from the university president or dean of the applicant's home institution addressed to the President of Kanazawa University
- 7) Copy of the applicant's passport (If unavailable at the time of application, please submit a photocopy of the birth certificate or the certificate of citizenship in the applicant's home country along with a translation in Japanese or English.)
- 8) Pledge [prescribed form]
- 9) Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test and the result sheet
(For those who hold the certificate of the test Level 1, 2 or N1, N2 only.)
- 10) Nomination form [prescribed form] Please submit as an Excel file.

(Note)

If the applicant is accepted and will take part in the program as a privately financed student (without Japanese Government scholarship), "Agreement for Defraying Expenses" with Statement of Bank Account Balance which proves that the participant has funds equivalent to JPY 1,000,000 will be required to submit. The details will be informed later.

4 Notes

- 1) Applications will not be accepted if any of the above documents are incomplete, incorrect, or not supported by evidence. Also, the applications that do not meet the deadline will not be accepted.
- 2) If the recipient has been receiving the scholarship despite his/her falling under any of the following situations, the recipient will be ordered to return the amount of scholarship that he/she received during the period wherein he/she was involved with any of the following situations.
 - a) The recipient is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application;
 - b) The recipient violates any article of his/her pledge (above **3-8**);
 - c) The recipient violates Japanese law and is given life or more than one-year sentence of penal servitude or imprisonment. He/she who receives a suspended sentence is excluded;
 - d) The recipient is subjected to disciplinary action by the university, including expulsion;
 - e) It has been determined that it will be impossible for the recipient to complete the training course within the standard time period because of poor academic grades or suspension from the university;
 - f) The recipient's residence status has changed to one other than College Student;
 - g) The recipient has received a scholarship from another institution (excluding those specified for research expenditures) .
- 3) The scholarship will be stopped in case a recipient is absent from the university for a long period.
- 4) The purpose of this scholarship program is not to obtain a diploma. Therefore, a recipient cannot be enrolled in an undergraduate course at a university or a master's or a doctorate course at a graduate school right after its completion.
- 5) In 2023, 9 out of 19 students who applied for the program through Kanazawa University were accepted to the program with the scholarship.

5 Application documents submission deadline

March 15, 2024

6 Where to Apply

The required documents should be sent to the following email address.

Email: st-exch@adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp

For further information, please contact:

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