

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation) Application Summary

General Information

- Applicants from [Juntendo University's partner institutions](#) may apply to Juntendo University to receive the Japanese Government [Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology \(MEXT, 文部科学省, Monbukagakusho\)](#) University Recommendation Scholarship.
- Applicants must submit the University Recommendation Required Items to JUIC to apply.
- Juntendo University will screen and interview applicants.
- Juntendo University will submit selected applications to MEXT.
- Accepted applicants will enroll in Juntendo University as international research students from October 2018. Accepted applicants who wish to enter a graduate school program will need to complete the graduate school application procedures during their first half year as well as completing the MEXT scholarship extension application.
- Please refer to the following websites for more information about our graduate programs.
 - <http://www.juntendo.ac.jp/english/study.html>
 - <http://www.juntendo.ac.jp/english/students.html>
- Please refer to the following website for complete application guidelines about MEXT University Recommendation.
 - http://www.mext.go.jp/component/a_menu/education/detail/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2017/12/18/1399511_1_1.pdf (Japanese only)

Qualifications and Condition

- This scholarship is for international students who are newly coming to Japan for graduate level research.
- Applicants must be outstanding students. Applicants must have a GPA above 2.3, based on MEXT's 3.0 scale* in the previous 2 years. *
- Applicants must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.
- Applicants must have been born after April 2, 1983.
- Applicants must satisfy qualification requirements for admission to a Japanese graduate school.
- Applicants should apply for the field of study they majored in at university or its related field. Moreover, the fields of study must be subjects which applicants will be able to study and research in graduate courses at Juntendo University.
- Applicants must have either Japanese or English language ability necessary to complete Juntendo University graduate programs. Applicants are strongly encouraged to have official language test certificates such as TOEFL, IELTS and JLPT.
- Applicants must be in good physical and mental health.
- Applicants must arrive in Japan within two weeks before or after October 1, 2018.
- Applicants approved by MEXT must receive a "Student" visa and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student".
- Applicants must be willing to learn Japanese. Applicants must be interested in Japan and be willing to deepen their understanding of Japan after arriving in Japan. Applicants must also have the ability to do research and adapt to living in Japan.
- While the applicant is studying in Japan, he/she shall contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and the home country by participating in activities at schools and communities with the aim of contributing to the internationalization of Japan. The applicant shall 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 after the return home, and cooperating with all relevant projects and events conducted by Japanese diplomatic missions in the applicant's country.

Period of Scholarship

- The period of scholarship is from October 2018 to March 2020. If a grantee desires to proceed to a regular graduate course for a degree from a Research Student (non-degree) course, he/she may have the term of his/her scholarship extended upon a successful examination by MEXT and provided that he/she has made outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria.

Scholarship Benefits

- Monthly Stipends: Applicants approved by MEXT will receive the following monthly stipends that correspond with their academic status:
 - 143,000 JPY: Research students (non-regular students)
 - 144,000 JPY: Master's students
 - 145,000 JPY: Doctorate students
 - 2,000 JPY - 3,000 JPY: An additional payment will be given to students in a designated region.
 - The amount may be subject to change depending on the annual budget of MEXT.
- Tuition and Other Fees: Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition at Juntendo University will be waived.
- Traveling Costs to/from Japan: An economy-class airplane ticket will be provided by either MEXT or Juntendo University.

Application Process

- December: MEXT will release the application forms
- December: JUIC will notify partner universities of the university recommended scholarship application process
- January: JUIC will accept applications
- January - February: JUIC will forward applications to departments for review
- February - March: JUIC will contact applicants with the results of the review. Accepted applicants will receive more details about the process by email.
- March: JUIC will submit selected applications to MEXT
- June: MEXT will notify JUIC of the results. JUIC will notify applicants of the results.
- June - July: JUIC will help applicants approved by MEXT complete the international research student application procedures.
- October: Arrival in Japan
- Note: The above mentioned times are estimates. The application process is dependent on MEXT and is subject to change.

Required Items

- All required documents must be submitted in English or Japanese.
 - If you cannot prepare the documents in English or Japanese, a translation in either English or Japanese must be submitted along with the documents.
 - The submitted documents will not be returned under any circumstances.
1. Application for Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship (Attached)
 - The form must be printed both sides.
 2. Field of Study and Study Program (Attached)
 - The form must be printed both sides.
 3. Personal Photo
 - The photo must be taken within the last 6 months
 4. Passport (copy)
 - Applicants must submit a copy of the page(s) in their passport that includes their name, their photo, their passport number, their passport expiration date, and the place the passport was issued.

5. Doctor's License, Nurse's License, etc., if applicable
6. Graduation Certificate(s) (Original or Certified Copies)
 - The graduation certificate and the degree certificate obtained from the last university attended may be photocopies, provided that, the copies are attested by an authorized person of the university. Do not submit original as no submitted certificates will be returned.
7. Transcript(s) (Original or Certified Copies)
 - The transcripts must be from both undergraduate and graduate schools.
 - The academic transcripts of the last university attended should show the grade scale applied and the grades earned by the applicant in all the subjects studied for each year of study at a university department/faculty and graduate school. (A degree certificate or a graduation certificate simply showing the ranking of the applicant at graduation will not substitute for academic transcripts.)
8. Language Certificates (JLPT, TOEFL, and IELTS)
9. Letter of Recommendation
 - The Letter of Recommendation must be from the dean or a person of a higher position from the last institution that the applicant graduated from and written in either English or Japanese.
 - The Letter of Recommendation must be addressed to the President of Juntendo University.
10. Abstracts of the Graduation Thesis and Main Research Papers, if applicable
11. Certificate of Health (Attached)

***MEXT GPA Conversion Chart**

Scales	Scale Levels				
4 Level Scale		優	良	可	不可
4 Level Scale		A	B	C	F
4 Level Scale		100 ~ 80	79 ~ 70	69 ~ 60	59 ~ 0
5 Level Scale	S	A	B	C	F
5 Level Scale	A	B	C	D	F
5 Level Scale	100 ~ 90	89 ~ 80	79 ~ 70	69 ~ 60	59 ~ 0
MEXT's Scale	3	3	2	1	0

***MEXT GPA Conversion Formula**

$$\frac{((\text{Total Number of Credits with Scale Level 3}) \times 3) + ((\text{Total Number of Credits with Scale Level 2}) \times 2) + ((\text{Total Number of Credits with Scale Level 1}) \times 1) + ((\text{Total Number of Credits with Scale Level 0}) \times 0)}{\text{Total Number of Credits}}$$

Notes

- The recipient is advised to learn, before departing for Japan, the Japanese language and to acquire some information about Japanese weather, climate, customs, university education, and conditions in Japan, as well as about the difference between the Japanese legal system and that of his/her home country.
- Former recipients of MEXT Scholarships are asked to cooperate with any possible requests from the Japanese Government for the provision of relevant information after the recipient's graduation in Japan.

Applicants should contact Juntendo University International Center (email: juic@juntendo.ac.jp) if they have any questions or concerns about the application process.

Please note that the university office is closed between December 29, 2017 and January 3, 2018 for New Year holidays.