

Calculating the Costs of Studying in Japan

Calculating the expenses you'll have to pay both before and while studying in Japan and creating a solid funding plan (including self-financing) will help you enjoy a more stable life. Doing this calculation before you come to Japan will confirm whether your plan to study in Japan is feasible.

		Guideline amount (four-year national university)		Calculate the amount you will need
Costs required prior to applying	Examination fees EJU, JLPT, TOEFL®, etc.	¥28,080	Assuming that you will take the EJU (two or more subjects) twice in Japan	¥
	Entrance examination fee for desired school	¥17,000	Assuming that you will take the examination once for a national university	¥
	Physical examination fee (varies by school)	¥6,000	Varies depending on country	¥
	Application mailing costs (varies by school)	¥2,000	Varies depending on country	¥
Costs required to take entrance examinations	Airfare and lodging expenses	¥100,000	Varies depending on country and stay schedule	¥
	Passport application fee	¥12,000	Varies depending on country	¥
	Visa fee	¥5,000	Varies depending on country	¥
Costs required after being accepted into a school	Travel costs	¥70,000	Varies depending on country	¥
	Lodging expenses (hotel cost until finding a place to live)	¥30,000	Varies depending on stay schedule	¥
	Admission fee	¥282,000	National university	¥
	First-year tuition fees, etc.	¥535,800	National university	¥
	Commuting expenses	¥48,000	Amounts for one year, calculated based on the JASSO 2015 Lifestyle Survey of Privately Financed International Students	¥
	Food expenses	¥300,000		¥
	Housing costs	¥372,000		¥
	Utilities (electricity, gas, water)	¥84,000		¥
	Insurance/medical expenses	¥24,000		¥
	Hobbies/entertainment expenses	¥72,000		¥
Miscellaneous expenses	¥84,000	¥		
Total	¥2,071,880		¥	

Once you've calculated your total, check whether you will be able to cover this amount via savings, scholarships, a part-time job, etc.