

Scholarships

In Japan, only a few scholarships cover all the costs of study; most aim to cover just a portion of the student's living expenses and tuition fees. Make sure your plan to study in Japan does not rely solely on scholarships.

Types of financial assistance available

- 1) Scholarships
- 2) Tuition reduction/exemption systems (30% , 50% or 100% exemption, etc.)

How to apply

- 1) Before coming to Japan: Financial aid you can apply for prior to coming to Japan (very few options)
- 2) After coming to Japan: Financial aid you can apply for in Japan after coming to the country and enrolling in a school (many options)

Eligibility and the number of organizations offering relevant financial aid

There are many scholarships for regular undergraduate and graduate school programs.

	Eligibility	Apply before coming to Japan		Apply after coming to Japan
		Local government/ private	Japanese government	Local government/ private
1	College of technology students	2	○	22
2	Specialized training college postsecondary course students	5	○	20
3	University/junior college preparatory Japanese language program students	1	○	6
4	Students at Japanese language institutes other than those in 3 above	3		8
5	Junior college students	2		40
6	University undergraduate audit students	0		4
7	University undergraduate students	7	○ (Japanese studies students)	115
8	Graduate school-level research students	4	○ (Teacher training students)	29
9	Master's program	15	○ (Young Leaders' Program (YLP) students)	143
10	Doctoral program	14	○	137

Source: *Scholarships for International Students in Japan*, JASSO

Application requirements

Application requirements include 1) age, 2) country or region, 3) school enrolled in in Japan, 4) major or specialty field, etc.

Screening examinations

Screening for most financial aid is conducted using only the documents submitted, but some organizations require an interview or a written examination testing your general education, knowledge in your field and/or language abilities.

How to apply

The vast majority of financial aid requires you to apply through the school you are enrolled in. (Please confirm the relevant details at your school's International Student Office.)



Scholarships you can apply for before you arrive in Japan

Type	Eligible students/Number of organizations offering scholarships	Monthly stipend	Reference	Inquiries
Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship ¹	Young Leaders' Program (YLP) Students	JPY 242,000	US\$ 2,123	The Japanese embassy or consulate in your home country Current school in home country ²
	Research students (Non-degree students)	JPY 143,000	US\$ 1,254	
	Research students (Master's course)	JPY 144,000	US\$ 1,263	
	Research students (Doctoral course)	JPY 145,000	US\$ 1,272	
	Teacher training students	JPY 143,000	US\$ 1,254	
	Undergraduate students/college of technology students/specialized training college students/Japanese studies students	JPY 117,000	US\$ 1,206	
Reservation Program for Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students	Privately-financed international students who have achieved an excellent score on the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) and who will enroll as regular students in universities (undergraduate program), junior colleges, colleges of technology (third year or upper), or specialized training colleges (postsecondary course)	JPY 48,000	US\$ 421	JASSO ³
Local governments and private organization scholarships	17 organizations	JPY 60,000 to JPY 200,000	US\$ 526 to US\$ 1,754	Local governments, private organizations, etc.
Scholarships, tuition fee exemption or reduction offered by each school	-	-	-	School you will be enrolled in

- Students who study or do research in a designated region will receive an additional monthly stipend.
- In some countries, a governmental agency serves as a point of contact.
- https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/scholarships/scholarship/shoureih/yoyakuseido/index.html

Scholarships you can apply for before you arrive in Japan (scholarships for exchange students under inter-university exchange agreements, etc.)

Type	Eligible students	Monthly stipend	Reference	Inquiries
Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-term Study in Japan)	International students under the inter-university exchange program agreement, etc. on a short-term basis from eight days to one year	JPY 80,000	US\$ 702	Current school in home country

Scholarships you can apply for after you arrive

Type	Eligible students/Number of organizations offering scholarships	Monthly stipend	Reference	Inquiries
Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship [*]	Research students (master's course)	JPY 144,000	US\$ 1,263	Current school (in Japan)
	Research students (doctoral course)	JPY 145,000	US\$ 1,272	
Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students	Graduate school students (doctoral course, master's course) / research students (graduate school level) / undergraduate students / junior college students / college of technology students (3rd year or upper) / specialized training college (postsecondary course) students / students of preparatory Japanese language programs offered at private universities and junior colleges / students of advanced courses of university, junior college and college of technology / university preparatory course students	JPY 48,000	US\$ 421	Current school (in Japan)
	Japanese language institute students	JPY 30,000	US\$ 263	
Local governments and private organization scholarships	135 organizations	JPY 20,000 to JPY 310,000	US\$ 526 to US\$ 1,754	Each scholarship organization or current school (in Japan)
On-campus scholarships, tuition fee exemption or reduction system	-	-	-	Current school (in Japan)

* Students who study or do research in a designated region will receive an additional monthly stipend. Please note that some applications may not be accepted (i.e., scholarships may not be offered) depending on budget, etc.

Find a scholarship/tuition reduction/exemption system

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Note: Not all scholarships available in Japan are included in this brochure.

http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/scholarships/brochure.html

You can also look up scholarship information on the following websites:

Scholarship information lookup (Japan Study Support)

<http://www.jpss.jp/en/scholarship/>

Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship information (Study in Japan Comprehensive Guide)

<http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/index.html>

Search for on-campus scholarships and tuition fee reduction/exemption system (JASSO)

https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/search/daigakukensaku.html