

A Guide to Scholarships

(1) Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho:MEXT) Scholarships

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) of the Japanese government has been inviting international students to study in Japan at state expense since 1954. Applications should be made through Japanese embassies or consulate-generals abroad or Japanese universities.

Eligibility	No. of grantees
Research student(graduate school student & research student)	4,770
Young leaders program (YLP) student	70
Teacher training student	155
Undergraduate student	478
Japanese studies student	340
College of technology student	90
Professional training college student	110
Total	6,013

Types of students	Monthly stipend	Additional stipend for designated area
Undergraduate Students	125,000 yen	Students who study/research in a designated region will be provided an additional monthly stipend of 2,000 yen or 3,000 yen.
College of Technology Students		
Special Training College Students		
Japanese Language/ Japanese Study Students		
Research Students, Teacher Training Students	Research Students, Non-degree Students	152,000 yen
	Master's course	154,000 yen
	Doctoral course	155,000 yen
Young Leader's Program Students	258,000 yen	

(2) Scholarships by JASSO

"Honors Scholarship" for privately financed international students has been provided by JASSO. Applications should be made through Japanese universities.

Eligibility	Stipend	No. of grantees
Undergraduate student Junior college student College of technology student Professional training college student Preparatory Japanese language program student University preparatory course (designated by MEXT) student	¥48,000	8,300
Doctoral program student Master's program student Research student (kenkyu-sei)	¥65,000	3,470
Total		11,770

JASSO provides "Honors Scholarship" for pre-college students in Japanese language institutes in cooperation with the Association for the Promotion of Japanese Language Education. Applications should be made through Japanese language institutes.

Eligibility	Stipend	No. of grantees
Students in Japanese language institutes	¥48,000	700

JASSO offers Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-term Study in Japan) for those accepted by Japanese universities under student exchange agreements with their home universities.

Eligibility	Stipend	No. of grantees
Undergraduate student Master's program student Doctoral program student	¥80,000	1,800

(3) Scholarships by local governments and international associations

Local governments in Japan provide scholarships to people living in their district or to students who attend schools in their district.

Eligibility	Average monthly stipend (min. ~ max.)	No. of scholarships
High school student	¥12,300 (¥500 ~ ¥20,000)	6
College of technology student	¥18,100 (¥500 ~ ¥50,000)	20
University Japanese program student	¥19,400 (¥500 ~ ¥80,000)	9
Japanese language institute student	¥4,000 (¥500 ~ ¥6,500)	3
Professional training college student	¥14,100 (¥500 ~ ¥30,000)	8
Junior college student	¥20,300 (¥500 ~ ¥80,000)	38
Auditor	¥11,800 (¥500 ~ ¥30,000)	8
Undergraduate student	¥21,200 (¥500 ~ ¥80,000)	49
Research student	¥21,200 (¥500 ~ ¥100,000)	25
Master's program student	¥25,900 (¥500 ~ ¥120,000)	47
Doctoral program student	¥24,500 (¥500 ~ ¥120,000)	44
Average	¥21,500 (¥500 ~ ¥120,000)	

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(4) Scholarships by private foundations

Private foundation scholarships are provided by private companies or organizations. Reflecting the objective and character of the company or organization, scholarships are likely to be granted to students attending schools in a given district, or limited to special subjects related to the company, or to be provided to students from a certain country or region with which the enterprise has exchanges.

Eligibility	Average monthly stipend (min. ~ max.)	No. of scholarships
High school student	¥80,000 (¥10,000 ~ ¥300,000)	5
College of technology student	¥115,000 (¥8,300 ~ ¥300,000)	7
University Japanese program student	¥20,800 (¥4,200 ~ ¥50,000)	3
Japanese language institute student	¥46,300 (¥25,000 ~ ¥60,000)	4
Professional training college student	¥99,800 (¥18,300 ~ ¥300,000)	8
Junior college student	¥84,500 (¥4,200 ~ ¥300,000)	14
Auditor	¥4,200 (¥4,200)	1
Undergraduate student	¥69,700 (¥4,200 ~ ¥300,000)	87
Research student	¥90,300 (¥4,200 ~ ¥300,000)	21
Master's program student	¥88,500 (¥4,200 ~ ¥300,000)	114
Doctoral program student	¥90,500 (¥4,200 ~ ¥200,000)	117
Average	¥84,200 (¥4,200 ~ ¥300,000)	

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★ Scholarships available abroad

Although most of the scholarships are available after coming to Japan, (3)several local governments, international associations and (4)private foundations accept applications from overseas.

Eligibility	Average monthly stipend (min. ~ max.)	No. of scholarships
University Japanese program student	¥80,000 (¥80,000)	1
Japanese language institute student	¥60,000 (¥60,000)	1
Professional training college student	¥74,000 (¥48,000 ~ ¥100,000)	2
Junior college student	¥72,000 (¥48,000 ~ ¥100,000)	4
Undergraduate student	¥95,400 (¥48,000 ~ ¥150,000)	7
Research student	¥144,700 (¥80,000 ~ ¥180,000)	6
Master's program student	¥134,400 (¥80,000 ~ ¥180,000)	11
Doctoral program student	¥147,800 (¥80,000 ~ ¥310,000)	10
Average	¥120,700 (¥48,000 ~ ¥310,000)	

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