

The 2023 JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO:MEXT) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JAPANESE STUDIES STUDENTS APPLYING THROUGH JAPANESE HOST UNIVERSITIES

The MONBUKAGAKUSHO or the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) offers scholarships to incoming students (Japanese Studies students) based on the academic exchange agreements with Japanese universities, who are serious and eager to study in Japan under the conditions set below. Hosei University offers this scholarship application opportunity to incoming students coming from partner universities in all countries with which the Japanese government has official diplomatic relations.

1 QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS

Applicants for this scholarship must meet all the conditions given below.

(1) Eligible applicants

1. Applicants must be selected as study-abroad or exchange candidates to Hosei University under an academic exchange agreement by his/her home institution.
2. Applicants must be applying from abroad and be interested in receiving education at a Japanese university in order to increase understanding of Japanese language, issues, and culture.
3. Applicants must study for 1 full academic year as exchange students at Hosei University from September 2023.

(2) Nationality

Applicants must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. An applicant who has Japanese nationality or is a Taiwan national at the time of application is not eligible.

(3) Age

Born on or after April 2, 1993 and before April 1, 2005

(4) Academic Background

- ① Applicants must be at the **undergraduate level** (graduate students are not eligible to apply) at foreign (non-Japanese) Universities **majoring in fields related to Japanese language or Japanese studies/culture both at the time of arrival in and departure from Japan.**
- ② **Applicants must have taken courses related to the Japanese language or Japanese culture totaling over one year at your current university or at another university as of 2023 April 1.**

(5) Japanese Language Ability

Applicants must satisfy one of below condition.

1. **An applicants who passed JLPT N1 or N2**
2. An applicants who had recognized by Hosei University that he/she has the same level of Japanese proficiency as JLPT N1 or N2.

(6) Health

Applicants must be in good physical and mental health with the ability to undertake academic work at the university level at Hosei University.

(7) Arrival in Japan:

After being accepted, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan on the date appointed by Hosei University sometime in mid-September 2023 (schedule subject to change). Those who cannot arrive during the designated period will not be supplied with an air ticket.

(8) Visa acquisition

Applicants must acquire "College Student" (ryugaku) visas before entering Japan. They then enter Japan with the "College Student" (ryugaku) residence status. Moreover, in exceptional cases when successful applicants have been residing in Japan before their acceptance under a status other than "College Student" and are to change their visa status within Japan, they must acquire a "College Student" visa by the end of the month prior to the month in which they are scheduled to start receiving the scholarship. (Furthermore, please note that those who change their visa status to one other than "College Student" after arriving in Japan will also lose their qualifications to be Japanese Government Scholarship recipients from the date of the change in their visa status.)

(9) **Any applicant to whom any or all of the following conditions applies is not eligible.**

If identified after the start of the scholarship period, the scholarship will be rescinded.

1. Those who qualify as military personnel or military civilian employees.
2. Those who cannot arrive in Japan during the period designated by Hosei University.
3. Those who have been selected as a recipient of MEXT Scholarship in the past.

4. Those who are already enrolled at Japanese universities with “College Student” visa status, or those already enrolled or are scheduled to be enrolled in universities in Japan as non-scholarship students, from the date of application in their home countries to before the first receipt of the scholarship.
5. Recipients of scholarships from institutions other than MEXT including government institutions in their home countries.
6. Those who are concurrently applying for other Japanese universities, the Japanese Embassy nominated MEXT scholarship and/or the JASSO Short-Term Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-term Study in Japan) are not eligible to apply. Also, those who are currently receiving either scholarship except MEXT Honors Scholarship and who wish to continue studying in 2023 are not eligible.

Applicants who major in an academic field other than Japanese language or Japanese culture and who plan to study Japanese language or culture as part of their studies are advised to apply for JASSO Short-Term Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-term Study in Japan).
7. Those who have been enrolled in his/her home institutions for less than one year (freshman year students) as of April 2023.

2 **SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS**

(1) Scholarship Stipend

The amount of the scholarship is 117,000 yen per month, upon understanding that the scholarship will be suspended in case a grantee is absent from the university for a prolonged period or is not in Japan for more than a full month.

(2) Transportation

a. Transportation to Japan

The grantee will be given an economy class air ticket from the international airport* nearest to his/her home address to Narita International Airport according to his/her itinerary as designated by MEXT. Any transportation fees, airport fees, airport taxes, or other fees associated with the flight, as well as travel within Japan, is the individual's responsibility. (As a general rule, the student's home address will be considered to be the address submitted in the application.). It should be noted that a ticket will not be issued from a country other than the applicant's country of citizenship.

b. Transportation from Japan

The grantee who returns to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of his/her scholarship will be supplied, upon application, with an economy class air ticket from Narita International Airport to the international airport nearest to his/her home address.

(3) Tuition

Fees will be waived for entrance examination, matriculation and tuition at Hosei University.

(4) Scholarship Period:

11 months from October 2023 to August 2024 (Start time and period subject to change).

Extension of the scholarship period is not permitted.

3 **APPLICATION METHOD**

Students wishing to apply for this scholarship must be selected as study-abroad/exchange candidates to Hosei University for the 2023-2024 academic year at their home institutions and submit their applications to the Global Education Center, Hosei University through the representative international office at their home institutions. Direct applications to Hosei University or to the Japanese government from interested students will not be accepted.

4 **APPLICATION DEADLINE (both of ① and ② are required)**

① E-mail us the scan data of the whole application documents by Wednesday, **March 15, 2023**.

E-mail address: esop@ml.hosei.ac.jp

② Send us the Applications documents by **post** by Wednesday, **March 29, 2023**.

Please submit all the application documents both for the exchange program and the MEXT scholarship by the deadline. Applications arriving after the deadline will not be accepted.

5 **PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDATION AND SELECTION**

(1) Recommendation

1. Partner institutions of Hosei University should **nominate one candidate among the study-abroad/exchange students** to Hosei for this scholarship and **submit scholarship application documents** to the Global

Education Center, Hosei University.

2. Hosei University will hold an internal screening and determine the final candidates to be recommended to MEXT. Hosei may conduct a Skype interview test with applicants.
3. The President of Hosei University recommends candidates to MEXT by submitting a prescribed application form.

(2) Selection

MEXT selects grantees and decides the tenure of scholarship from among the pool of candidates recommended by the individual schools.

(3) Documents to be submitted by the applicant to the applicant's home institution are as follows:

- a. 2022 APPLICATION FORM FOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP
***Must be printed double-sided**
- b. The 2023 JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP Application Sheet
- c. Certificate of Enrollment issued by the home institution
- d. Transcript (Copy is approved.)
***Please indicate the relevant courses on the transcripts and submit to find out that applicants have taken courses related to the Japanese language or Japanese culture totaling over one year at your current university or at another university.**
- e. A recommendation letter in English from the applicant's home institution **addressed to Hosei University President, President Katsuya HIROSE**
- f. One color passport style photographs of your upper body, facing forward, and no hats. (4.5×3.5 cm, with your name and nationality indicated on the back) taken within the past six months. It must be attached to the place indicated on the application form.
- g. Official Japanese Language proficiency test score which objectively proves a Japanese skill (JLPT etc.) An applicant who does not have any score must submit an official letter which proves his/her Japanese language skill from a professor of Japanese or Japanese culture.

6 Notes

1. These documents must be typewritten (or word processed) **in either Japanese or English** on A4-size paper. (Please attach a Japanese translation when these documents are in languages other than English.)
2. **These documents are used for the MEXT scholarship application only and will be forwarded to MEXT. Study-abroad/Exchange candidate(s) should also submit the documents for the Hosei University Exchange Students from Overseas Program Application.**
These forms are available at <http://www.global.hosei.ac.jp/en/programs/exchange/application/>
3. Incomplete or late applications will be excluded from the screening process.
4. Submitted application documents will not be returned.
5. The scholarship will be terminated in any of the following cases:
 - a. A false statement has been made in the application.
 - b. The grantee violates any article of his/her pledge to MEXT.
 - c. The grantee is subjected to disciplinary action such as expulsion or removal from registry by Hosei University.
 - d. It is deemed that the grantee will not be able to complete the Hosei University Exchange Students from Overseas Program within the allotted time period due to poor academic performance or suspension etc.
 - e. The grantee changes his/her status of residence in Japan from "College Student" to a different one.
 - f. The grantee accepts other scholarships (except those provided solely for research expenses).
 - g. The grantee does not return to home country and does not return to study at the enrolling home university within the month of the end of the scholarship payment period.
6. If the grantee is absent from classes or takes a leave of absence from Hosei University for an extended period of time, the scholarship stipend will be suspended for that time.

7 Contact and Mailing Address

Mailing Address:

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