

Japanese Government Scholarships and their Content (After April 2012)

	Research Student	Teacher training student	Japanese Studies Student	Undergraduate Student
Level of studies	Graduate school level	Graduate school level	Undergraduate level	Undergraduate level
Eligibility requirement	University or college graduate	University, college graduate or equivalent (Applicants must have worked as teachers at elementary or secondary educational institutions or teacher training schools in their home countries for at least five years, as of April 1, 2012.)	University student (undergraduate level)	Secondary school graduate or equivalent
Age limit (at the time of granting)	Under 35	Under 35	At least 18 and under 30	At least 17 and under 22
Nationality	Applicant must have the nationality of a country which has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government. Applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application will not be eligible. Applicant screening will be made at the Japanese Embassy/Consulate General in the country of Applicant's nationality.			
Duration	Maximum 2 years including Japanese-language training	Maximum 1,5 years including Japanese language training	One academic year	5 years including Japanese-language training (7 years for medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and veterinary science)
Preliminary Japanese-language training	6 months (54 universities such as Hokkaido University) Those with sufficient Japanese proficiency are not required to go through preliminary Japanese-language training.	6 months (54 universities such as Hokkaido University) Those with sufficient Japanese proficiency are not required to go through preliminary Japanese-language training.	None	1 year (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies and Osaka University)
Fields of study	Major in field of specialty at a graduate school	Special training at a teacher training department	Japanese language or special training related to Japan	Undergraduate education *
Scholarship stipend (Basic)	¥143,000-145,000 per month	¥143,000-145,000 per month	¥117,000 per month	¥117,000 per month
Tuition	Tuition for national universities and Institute of National College of Technology waived; tuition for public and private universities paid for by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology			
Travel allowance	Round-trip fare (air ticket) provided			
Examinations required for Embassy recommendation	Japanese, English (only applicants)	Japanese and English (both for reference purposes)	Japanese	Japanese , English, mathematics and science (Only science faculty examinees are required to choose two out of the following three subjects: chemistry, physics or biology)

* (1) Social Sciences and Humanities

Social Sciences and Humanities-A: Laws, Politics, Pedagogy, Sociology, Literature, History, Japanese language, and others.

Social Sciences and Humanities-B: Economics, and Business Administration.

Note #1: Applicants who wish to major in the fields categorized as "others" may have difficulties in finding universities that can accept them.

(2) Natural Sciences

Natural Sciences-A: Science (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), Electric and Electronic Studies (Electronics, Electrical Engineering, Information Engineering), Mechanical Studies (Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture), Civil Engineering and Architecture (Civil Engineering, Architecture, Environmental Engineering), Chemical Studies (Applied Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Industrial Chemistry, Textile Engineering), and other fields (Metallurgical Engineering, Mining Engineering, Maritime Engineering, Biotechnology).

Natural Sciences-B: Agricultural studies (Agriculture, Agricultural Chemistry, Agricultural Engineering, Animal Science, Veterinary Medicine, Forestry, Food Science, Fisheries), Hygienic studies (Pharmacy, Hygienics, Nursing), and Science (Biology).

Natural Sciences-C: Medicine, and Dentistry.

Note: An international student who intends to major in Natural Sciences and would like to choose more than one major is required to choose and select first-, second-, and third-choice subjects from the subjects in brackets from within the same course (i.e. Natural Sciences A, B or C). However, a student who selects Course C as his/her first choice may choose his/her second-choice subjects from Course B or C and third-choice subject from Course B because Course C offers only two subjects.