

A Guide to Scholarships

I 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.

(FY 2010)

Types of Students	No. of new grantees
Research Students(graduate school student & research student)	4,747
Young Leaders' Program(YLP) Students	70
Teacher Training Students	155
Undergraduate Students	468
Japanese Studies Students	340
College of Technology Students	90
Specialized Training College Students	110
Total	5,980

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 with additional monthly stipend of 2,000 yen or 3,000 yen.
College of Technology Students		
Specialized Training College Students		
Japanese Studies 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 Leaders' Program Students	258,000 yen	

※ As of 2010.4. Amounts of monthly stipend are subject to change.

II Scholarships by JASSO

"Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students" has been provided by JASSO. Applications should be made through Japanese universities.

(FY 2010)

Eligibility	Stipend	No. of grantees
Undergraduate student Junior college student College of technology student Professional training college student University Japanese program student University preparatory course(designated by MEXT)student Japanese language institute student	¥48,000	9,080
Doctoral program student Master's program student Research student(kenkyu-sei)	¥65,000	3,470
Total		12,550

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.

(FY 2010)

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

III Scholarships by local governments and local international associations

Local governments in Japan provide scholarships to people living in their district or to students who attend schools in their district. (as of Dec. 2010)

Eligibility	Average monthly stipend (min. ~ max.)	No. of programs
High school student	¥8,000 (¥8,000 ~ ¥8,000)	1
College of technology student	¥19,700 (¥750 ~ ¥50,000)	20
University Japanese program student	¥13,100 (¥700 ~ ¥30,000)	8
Japanese language institute student	¥4,000 (¥3,000 ~ ¥5,000)	2
Professional training college student	¥14,600 (¥750 ~ ¥30,000)	7
Junior college student	¥18,000 (¥700 ~ ¥50,000)	30
Auditor	¥13,400 (¥700 ~ ¥30,000)	7
Undergraduate student	¥20,900 (¥700 ~ ¥80,000)	40
Research student	¥17,600 (¥700 ~ ¥50,000)	21
Master's program student	¥21,200 (¥700 ~ ¥80,000)	36
Doctoral program student	¥21,400 (¥700 ~ ¥80,000)	34
Average	¥19,200 (¥700 ~ ¥80,000)	

42 foundations (except for scholarships available only abroad)

IV 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. (as of Dec. 2010)

Eligibility	Average monthly stipend (min. ~ max.)	No. of programs
High school student	¥80,000 (¥10,000 ~ ¥300,000)	5
College of technology student	¥76,900 (¥8,300 ~ ¥300,000)	7
University Japanese program student	¥20,800 (¥4,200 ~ ¥50,000)	3
Japanese language institute student	¥49,000 (¥20,000 ~ ¥65,000)	5
Professional training college student	¥78,800 (¥8,300 ~ ¥300,000)	11
Junior college student	¥61,800 (¥4,200 ~ ¥300,000)	15
Auditor	¥4,200 (¥4,200 ~ ¥4,200)	1
Undergraduate student	¥68,400 (¥4,200 ~ ¥300,000)	85
Research student	¥72,700 (¥4,200 ~ ¥300,000)	19
Master's program student	¥89,400 (¥4,200 ~ ¥300,000)	117
Doctoral program student	¥96,000 (¥4,200 ~ ¥310,000)	114
Average	¥82,800 (¥4,200 ~ ¥310,000)	

124 foundations (except for scholarships available only abroad)

V Scholarships available abroad

Although most of the scholarships are available after coming to Japan, several local governments, international associations and private foundations accept applications from overseas. (as of Dec. 2010)

Eligibility	Average monthly stipend (min. ~ max.)	No. of programs
High school student	¥150,000 (¥150,000 ~ ¥150,000)	1
University Japanese program student	¥105,000 (¥80,000 ~ ¥130,000)	2
Japanese language institute student	¥175,000 (¥60,000 ~ ¥360,000)	4
Professional training college student	¥69,300 (¥48,000 ~ ¥100,000)	3
Junior college student	¥72,000 (¥48,000 ~ ¥100,000)	4
Undergraduate student	¥125,800 (¥48,000 ~ ¥360,000)	10
Research student	¥135,800 (¥80,000 ~ ¥180,000)	6
Master's program student	¥138,800 (¥80,000 ~ ¥210,000)	15
Doctoral program student	¥163,900 (¥80,000 ~ ¥310,000)	9
Average	¥133,100 (¥48,000 ~ ¥360,000)	

22 foundations (including those which can be applied both from abroad and Japan)