

Frequently asked questions

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1. I have questions about the MEXT Scholarship application process, etc.

→ Please first read the guidelines and this page. If you have any specific questions afterward, please write to us (embassyofjapan_TZ@dr.mofa.go.jp). We only accept inquiries by email. We do not answer questions that have already been addressed on this page, nor do we answer questions about exam contents or provide advice due to limited manpower.

2. I am not sure if I am eligible.

→ Please read the guidelines. They clearly state the qualifications.

3. Can I apply online?

→ No. All applications must be sent by post or hand-delivered. Applications sent by e-mail will not be considered. There will be no online tests or interviews.

4. Is an English qualification certificate mandatory?

→ No. Please see the guidelines below on how to submit a certificate showing your English/Japanese ability: “Only if you have a completed certificate document of Japanese-language ability or English-language ability that shows your name and level/score, enter the necessary information in “21. Japanese language qualifications” and “22. English language qualifications” of the Application Form and submit a copy of the certificate. If printing out the certificate from the Internet, print out and submit a page showing the applicant’s name and the details of the relevant qualification (level, score, etc.). The date of issue of the certificate should be no earlier than two years from the date of application (“Date of application” entered on the last page of the application form) to the Japanese diplomatic mission.”

5. Will you return the application document/certificate to me?

→ No. Application documents will not be returned. You may submit a university-certified copy of the original certificate, which will also be considered as the original.

6. Can I apply for the research program even if I have not graduated from an undergraduate program?

→ If you are a prospective graduate who will graduate with a bachelor’s degree by March 2026, you are eligible to submit a research application.

7. Which majors/universities can I apply to?

→ If you apply for an undergraduate or specialized training college program, please select a field of study. Read the application guidelines carefully to find the list of fields. You cannot choose which university you will enter with a few exceptions. If you apply for the research program, you will be provided with a list of universities that accept international students after you pass the first screening. If you would like to see a list of Japanese universities in general, please refer to the following website: [Search for schools](#).

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8. How should I fill out the placement preference application form? (Research students)

→ You can try to complete the "Preference for Placement Form" as far as you know now, but you will have another chance to resubmit your "Preference for Placement Form" after you have passed the first screening (see Guidelines, page 8, 11. REQUEST OF PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE AND SUBMISSION OF A PLACEMENT FORM). You will be provided with a list of Japanese universities that accept international students after the initial screening. Once you have passed the initial screening, you will be able to contact your prospective Academic Advisor to discuss your options.

9. I would like to apply from abroad.

→ We will accept applications as long as they are posted or hand-delivered to our embassy in Dar es Salaam. If you pass the document screening, you will be required to take the exams and interviews in person in June/July. Please note that we will not cover the expenses associated with your travel to the embassy.

10. I am a foreign national, but can I apply?

→ Unfortunately, no. The first screening of the MEXT embassy recommendation will be conducted at the Japanese diplomatic mission of the applicant's country of nationality.

11. At which hospital should I receive my medical certificate?

→ There should be no problem as long as a doctor or examining physician from a reputable hospital completes and signs the specific form, which is available on our website.

12. I submitted the wrong documents and would like to correct them.

→ Please resubmit your application in full so that we can properly assess your application. Please note that we are unable to accept the missing documents only due to the high volume of applications we receive.

13. When will I know my results?

→ Due to the high volume of applications that we receive, we are not able to inform each student of the status of their application. Please keep an eye on our website, social media, and your email inbox. Only those selected for further consideration will be contacted. If you have not heard from us by the end of June, please consider your application unsuccessful.

14. How many people have passed?

→ Unfortunately, we do not disclose the exact number of students who receive the scholarship. Please also note that our embassy is only responsible for the first screening and candidates must pass the second screening conducted by MEXT in Tokyo. This means that a recommendation from the embassy does not guarantee a scholarship.

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