

Frequently asked questions

Embassy of Japan in Tanzania
21 April 2026

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 content or provide individual advice due to limited manpower.

2. Can I apply online?

→ Unfortunately, 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.

3. 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.

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

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

5. Is an English qualification certificate mandatory?

→ No. An English or Japanese language certificate is not required. However, if you have one, please enter the relevant information in the "Japanese language qualifications" and "English language qualifications" sections of the Application Form and submit a copy. The certificate must show your name and level/score, and must have been issued within the past **two** years from the date of application.

6. Will you return the application documents/certificates to me?

→ No. **Application documents will not be returned.** You may submit a university-certified copy instead of the original certificate, which will be accepted as equivalent to the original. You do not need to submit additional copies of your application documents.

7. When will I go to Japan if I am awarded the scholarship?

→ Successful candidates from this batch will depart for Japan in **2027, most likely in April**. For **Research** program candidates, a detailed timeline can be found on pages 5 and 6 of the guideline. For **Undergraduate and Specialized Training College** programs, final results will be announced after **February 2027**.

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8. 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](#).

9. Can I apply for the **Undergraduate or Specialized Training College** program even if I have not graduated from Secondary School (A-level)?

→ Basically, yes. Students currently in Form Six are still eligible as long as they finish their studies and submit proof of graduation by March 2027. Applicants may initially apply using available academic records, and submit final results once released. For details, please read the guideline, "QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS".

10. How can I choose my Field of Study (**Undergraduate**)?

→ We advise applicants to choose the category based on the field of study they wish to pursue in Japan (see guideline page1). There is no prerequisite requiring you to have a background related to your choice. **However, once you choose a category, you cannot change the exam subjects.** Additionally, please note that you cannot choose Natural Sciences A and B at the same time, as the exam subjects differ. Possible choices and exam subjects are as follows.

| Field of Study (First choice) | Field of Study (Second and Third choice) | Exam subjects |
|---|---|--|
| Social Sciences and Humanities (A and/or B) | Social Sciences and Humanities (A and/or B) | Japanese(A), English(A), and Mathematics(A) |
| Natural Sciences A | Natural Sciences A | Japanese(B), English(B), Mathematics(B), Chemistry, and Physics |
| Natural Sciences B | Natural Sciences B | Japanese(B), English(B), |
| Natural Sciences C | Natural Sciences B or C | Mathematics(B), Chemistry, and Biology |

(Note) An applicant who chooses Natural Sciences and would like to choose more than one majors is required to select up to three majors from within the same course (i.e. Natural Sciences A, B or C). However, an applicant who selects Natural Sciences C as his/her first choice may choose his/her second-choice major from Natural Sciences B or C and third-choice major from Natural Sciences B as Natural Sciences C offers only two majors.

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11. Can I apply for the **Research program even if I have not graduated from an undergraduate program?**

→ Basically, yes. If you are a prospective graduate who will receive a bachelor's degree by **March 2027**, you are eligible to submit a research application. For details, please read the guideline, page 1, "3. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS".

12. How should I fill out the placement preference application form? (Research**)**

→ You can try to complete the "Preference for Placement Form" based on what 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.

13. 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.

14. 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 alone due to the high volume of applications we receive.

15. 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 May, please consider your application unsuccessful.

16. 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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