

F.A.Q.

Q: For Research Studies, how can I choose which university to apply to in Japan?

A: Ask your professors if they can suggest universities to apply to in Japan. If your professor or past professors are not able to assist you in deciding where to go, you may go to the **Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)** website where they have a search engine of all the universities in Japan. The search engine can help you find a university which offers the program of study you wish to pursue.

Q: When does the academic year begin and end in universities in Japan?

A: The academic year in universities in Japan begins in April and ends in March of the following year. In most cases, the year is divided into two semesters, the first lasting from April to September and the second from October to March.

Q: I am a Canadian student currently studying outside of Canada. How do I apply and do I have to return to Canada for the interview and necessary testing?

A: You must obtain the application forms from the Embassy website and submit them to either the Embassy or Consulate General which is closest to your home city. Yes, you must return to Canada for the interview and testing. There will be no exceptions made.



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More information on studying in Japan can be found at the **Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)** website:

<http://www.jasso.go.jp>

Interested in teaching/working in Japan?
Apply to the **JET Programme!** Visit jetprogramme.ca



Study in Japan

Free Tuition

Monthly Allowance

Plane Tickets to & from Japan



**Japanese Government
(MEXT) Scholarship
Program**

MEXT Scholarship Program

The **Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)** of the Government of Japan offers three types of scholarships to Canadian Students who wish to study at Japanese universities:

- ◆ **Research studies**
- ◆ **Undergraduate**
- ◆ **Japanese Studies**

This program was established in 1954. Roughly 9,000 international students receive the Japanese government scholarship annually. **You could be one of them!**

The Scholarship covers:

- ◆ **Tuition fees,**
- ◆ **Monthly Allowance,**
- ◆ **Flights to & from Japan.**

Applicants who pass the document review will have an interview and exams at the office to which they submitted the application (Embassy of Japan or Consulate General of Japan in Canada)



Research Studies



The scholarship is offered to **graduate students** who wish to study in a graduate course at a Japanese university as a **non-degree** or **regular student**.

Applicants will be required to directly make contact with professors at Japanese universities they wish to study to obtain a letter of acceptance once they have successfully passed the exams.

Term of the scholarship: 18 months (Depart in October) or 2 years (Depart in April)

Eligibility:

- ◆ Must have completed or will complete 16 years of schooling
- ◆ Be under 35 years of age
- ◆ The course of studies to undertake should be the same as, or related to, the course studied at the previous university

Exams:

- ◆ Japanese (however, proficiency in Japanese is not a requirement) and English
- ◆ Interview

Process:

- ◆ **Early April 2017: Call for applications**
- ◆ **Early-July 2017:** Exams
- ◆ **Mid-July 2017:** First screening result notified
- ◆ **August 2017:** Obtain a letter of acceptance
- ◆ **December 2017:** Final result notified
- ◆ **April or October 2018:** Leave for Japan

Undergraduate Scholarship

The scholarship is offered to students who wish to study at a Japanese university as an **undergraduate student** to **obtain a bachelor degree**. Applicants must choose a field of major from 1) Social science and Humanity or 2) Natural science.

The first year of the program is devoted to Japanese language studies. Once students complete the Japanese language studies, they will take an examination to enter a Japanese university which is designated by MEXT.

Term of the scholarship: 5 years or 7 years (for medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine majors)

Eligibility:

- ◆ Must have obtained or will obtain a high school diploma
- ◆ Be between 17 to 21 years of age

Exams:

- ◆ Japanese, English and Mathematics
- ◆ Science (only for applicants who choose Natural Science)
- ◆ Interview

Process:

- ◆ **Mid-April to Mid-May 2017: Call for applications**
- ◆ **Early-July 2017:** Exams
- ◆ **August 2017:** First screening result notified
- ◆ **December 2017:** Final result notified
- ◆ **April 2018:** Leave for Japan

Japanese Studies

The scholarship is offered to **undergraduate students who wish to pursue studies in Japanese language and Japanese culture**. The designation of the accepting university will take into account the applicants' preference listed in their application.

Term of the scholarship: One year (beginning in October and ending in September)

Eligibility:

- ◆ Must major in fields related to Japanese language or Japanese culture at their current university
- ◆ Be between 18 and 29 years of age

Exams:

- ◆ Japanese
- ◆ Interview

Process:

- ◆ **Early January to early March 2018: Call for applications**
- ◆ **March 2018:** Exams
- ◆ **May 2018:** Final result notified
- ◆ **October 2018:** Leave for Japan

The schedule is tentative. The final schedule will be announced on the Embassy's MEXT webpage.

