

**Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship  
(Research Student)  
(University Recommendation (General) 2026)**

**1. Categories**

There are three categories of Japan Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarships funded by The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology which are:

(a) Recommended by a Japanese embassy or consulate general (Embassy Recommendation); and

(b) Recommended by the Japanese university (University Recommendation)

This guideline shows the procedure for University Recommendation (General) administered by Nagoya City University (NCU) for recommendation to the MEXT.

**2. Application Guideline**

Please carefully read this MEXT Scholarship Application Guideline (University Recommendation (General) 2026), although this is a shorter, translated version of the Japanese original application guideline.

If there is any conflict between this version and the Japanese version, the Japanese original version will prevail.

**3. Number of Candidates to be recommended**

The designated number of candidates that NCU can recommend to MEXT are 2 (two). Please note in this regard that being recommended by a university does not guarantee that the candidate will be granted a scholarship.

**4. Eligibility and Benefits**

**1) Eligibility:**

Applicant, not residing in Japan, who will be able to arrive in Japan prior to the enrollment period as a graduate-level student.

**2) 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.

**3) Age:**

Applicant must have been born on or **after April 2, 1991 (under 35)**.

**4) Academic background:**

Applicant must be graduated from a Japanese university or have academic ability equal or superior to that of a university graduate, if he/ she has completed or will complete a 16 year school curriculum in a foreign country. All applicants must be in their home countries when applying. Students who are currently staying in Japan are not eligible to apply for this program.

**5) Japanese language requirement:**

Japanese language skills will be required depending on the courses taken by the students. To attend the classes conducted in Japanese, the students need N2 JLPT level at least.

**6) Term of scholarship:**

For applicant who expects to be enrolled as a research student (non-degree): within 18 months (from October 2026 to March 2028).

Applicant who expects to be enrolled in a degree program (Master or Doctoral): until completion of the same program (but not to exceed the usual number of years required for completion).

**7) Monthly allowance:**

Research students (non-degree) 143,000JPY

Master's students 144,000JPY

Doctoral students 145,000JPY

**8) Travel costs:**

Economy class air ticket (one-round trip) will be provided.

**9) School fees:**

Examination, admission and tuition fees are exempted.

**5. How to calculate the GPA**

Applicant is required to have a minimum GPA of 2.30 or higher. It is calculated by MEXT's GPA calculation method based on the applicant's academic record, using the following formula and table (the calculation itself will be done by the academic advisor).

**Grade formula:**

$$\text{GPA} = ((\text{No. of Credits with GP3} * 3) + (\text{No. of Credits with GP2} * 2) + (\text{No. of Credits with GP1} * 1) + (\text{No. of Credits with GP0} * 0)) / \text{Total Number of Registered credits}$$

	Grade				
4 level		Excellent	Good	Fair	Fail
4 level		A	B	C	F
4 level		100-80	79-70	69-60	59-0
5 level	S	A	B	C	F
5 level	A	B	C	D	F
5 level	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	59-0
<b>Grade</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**[List of application documents]**

<b>1</b>	Application for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho:MEXT) Scholarship (double-side printing, original, no photocopies) on which a photograph (4.5x3.5cm, taken within the last six months, upper body, full-faced, no caps or hats. Write your name and nationality on the back side) or digital photograph must be pasted.
<b>2</b>	Field of Study and Research Plan (Research Proposal) (double-side printing)
<b>3</b>	Copy of Passport
<b>4</b>	Transcripts issued by the university last attended.  *A candidate who had already achieved master degree should submit his/her transcripts of both undergraduate and graduate school.
<b>5</b>	Certificate of Graduation or Provisional Certificate of the university (undergraduate and/or graduate school)
<b>6</b>	Proof of high performance of good achievement record to verify the potential abilities such as Certificate of Distinction, rank of academic record among the whole class or an official letter describes above content from <u>the Dean of applicants' home university to the President of Nagoya City University</u>
<b>7</b>	Recommendation Letter from the Dean or equivalent (or higher) official of applicant's home university. The letter should be addressed to the <u>President of Nagoya City University</u> and printed on the university letterhead.
<b>8</b>	Summary of Thesis (free format)
<b>9</b>	Language Proficiency Certificate either 1) or 2) 1) English Proficiency Test Score Report (such as TOEFL or IELTS) of B2 or above in CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Language) 2) Score Report of Japanese Language Aptitude Test of N2 or above in JLPT

(1)Application deadline: Please ask your supervisor.

Please make sure to submit all application forms and required documents to your supervisor by post.

(2)These documents must be written in either Japanese or English. A document written in any other languages must be attached with a Japanese and English translation.

**7. Contact/ Inquiries**

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