

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR FY 2019 (SPECIAL ADMISSIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS)

1. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS

In order to nurture human resources who can act as a link between their home country and Japan, and contribute to world's development through the education in Japan, MEXT is now accepting applications from overseas students.

(1) Target Students: Academically outstanding students coming from foreign countries who will become regular undergraduate students.

1-1 If you pass the entrance exam, you must be sure to enroll in Kagoshima University

1-2 The GPA (Grade Point Average) for the last two years is 2.30 or more, and it is expected to maintain it even during the scholarship period

(2) Target Countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Bangladesh.

(3) Nationality: Applicants must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible. However, persons with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and whose place of residence at the time of application is outside of Japan are eligible to apply as long as they choose the nationality of the foreign country and give up their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan. Applicant screening will be conducted at the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant's country.

(4) Number of Students to be admitted: Four (4) (2 for Agriculture-based sub-course and 2 for Fisheries-based sub-course)

(5) Age: Applicants, must have been born after April 2, 1994.

(6) Academic Background: Applicants who will meet the following qualifications by March 2019 are eligible.

1. Applicants must have completed 12 years of regular school education.

2. Applicants must have graduated from a school equivalent to an upper secondary school in Japan.

3. Those who qualify for universities in Japan due to qualifications other than the above.

(7) Language ability: Applicant with the necessary Japanese and English abilities to be able to conduct education and research at university. If applicant has an external test result that objectively indicates the language ability (English: TOEFL, IELTS, etc., Japanese: Japanese Language Proficiency Test etc.), submit it together with the applicant form.

Applicants must have satisfied one of the following qualifications of Japanese or English by the start of regular course.

Japanese

1. Applicants who have at least N2 level of Japanese Language Proficiency Test(JLPT).

2. Applicants who is judged by Kagoshima university to have the Japanese ability equal or greater

than 1..

English

1. Applicants who have at least B2 level of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
2. Applicants completed the curriculum which meets the entrance qualifications of Kagoshima University in English as the main language.
3. Applicants who is judged by Kagoshima university to have the English ability equal or greater than 1..

(8) Health: Applicant is inferred to be free from any mental and physical disabilities for studying in Japan by Kagoshima University.

(9) Arrival in Japan: In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan between the 1st and 7th of April 2019.

(10) Visa Requirement: The applicant shall receive a “Student” visa, as stipulated in Appended Table 1(4) of the Immigration Act, and enter Japan with the residence status of “Student.” In regards to the visa, it should, in principle, be issued at the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant’s country.

(11) Any applicant who meets any or all of the following conditions is ineligible. If identified after the start of the scholarship period, the applicant will be required to withdraw from the scholarship:

1. Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan;
2. Those who cannot arrive in Japan during the period designated by MEXT or the accepting university;
3. An applicant who is a previous recipient of a Japanese government scholarship;
4. Those who are currently also applying to another program (Research Students, College of Technology Students, Specialized Training College Students programs) under the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship system.
5. Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university with a residence status of “Student,” or who are enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university as a privately-financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant’s country until the commencement of the period of the MEXT scholarship. However, this stipulation does not apply to those who, even though they are currently studying as a privately-financed international student in Japan, verifiably complete their studies within the end of the fiscal year and return to their home country;
6. Those who are planning to receive scholarships from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant’s country) on top of the scholarships provided by MEXT after the arrival in Japan;
7. Applicants who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the qualifications and the conditions related to academic background by the deadline given;
8. Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up

Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan;

9. Those who have already been planning long term absence including internship and research activities and etc. at or since application.

2. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship period is effective for four years.

3. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

(1) Allowance: 117,000 yen per month. The scholarship is cancelled in principle if the recipient is absent from the university or preparatory Japanese-teaching institution for an extended period. In case that the recipient research in a designated region, 2,000 or 3,000 yen per month will be added. The monetary amount each year may be subject to change due to budgetary reasons.

(2) Traveling Costs

1. Transportation to Japan: The recipient will be provided with funds, according to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT or Kagoshima University, with an economy-class airplane ticket from the nearest international airport to his/her home residence* to Narita International Airport or another that Kagoshima University designates. Expenses such as inland transportation from his/her home address to the international airport, airport tax, airport usage fees, special taxes on travel, or inland transportation within Japan (including transit expense) will NOT be covered. (*The home country address stated in the application form is regarded as the recipient's "home residence". But if it is clear the address when the recipient arrived at Japan to be difference from present address, changed address is regarded.)
2. Transportation from Japan: The recipient who returns to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of his/her scholarship will be provided upon application, with an economy-class airplane ticket for travel from the nearest international airport.

Note 1: Travel insurance to and from Japan shall be paid for by the recipient.

Note 2: If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended, he/she will not be paid travel expenses to return to the home country for a temporary return.

(3) Tuition and Other Fees: Tuition fee will be paid by Kagoshima University

4. SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT SUSPENSION MATTERS

The scholarship will be also cancelled in principle in the following situations. If the recipient has been receiving the scholarship despite his/her falling under any of the following situations, the recipient will be ordered to return the amount of scholarship that he/she received during the period wherein he/she was involved with any of the following situations:

- (1) The recipient is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application;
- (2) The recipient violates any article of his/her pledge to MEXT;
- (3) The recipient violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced to imprisonment with or without work for

life or for a period of exceeding 1 year;

(4) The recipient is subject to disciplinary action by the university, including expulsion(The scholarship payment may be stopped during the period up until punishment is decided by the university, etc.);

(5) It has been determined that it will be impossible for the recipient to complete the course within the standard course period because of poor academic grades or suspension or leave of absence;

(6) The recipient's residence status has changed to one other than "College Student";

(7) The recipient has received a scholarship from another institution (excluding those specified for research expenditures);

(8) The recipient has proceeded to a higher level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship.

(9) It is necessary for recipient to keep GPA more than 2.30 at each end of the year.

5. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

(1) Application Form

Downloadable at the following address:

<http://ace1.agri.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/ifrs/14fbee16f59e5449d0f724e3d96a63e2540c2842.xlsx>

(2) Photograph (4.5 × 3.5 cm, taken within the past six months, upper body, full-faced, uncapped. Write your name and nationality on the reverse side and paste it onto the Application Form). It is acceptable to add a photo on each application form digitally and then print it.

(3) A copy of the passport (description page with name and photograph), copy of family register or proof of citizenship of the applicant's country.

(4) Transcript of records of each academic year of the last upper secondary school (senior high school) or undergraduate school attended (issued by the school or the university which the applicant attend)

(5) Graduation certificate or degree certificate of the last school attended (or an attested document certifying that the applicant will graduate from the school, where applicable)

(6) Qualifications that meets one of the above conditions "1. (7) Language ability" (such as TOEFL, TOEIC, Japanese as a Foreign Language Test of EJU or Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students, and/or Japanese-Language Proficiency Test)

(7) Certificate of enrollment (for an applicant currently enrolled in a university)

(8) Academic transcript (for an applicant currently enrolled in a university) (optional)

6. APPLICATION PERIOD AND SCREENING PROCESS

(1) Application Period

Digital data (Document (1)-(6)): From December 7 to December 20, 2018.

Applicants must send their digital data of application documents by E-mail to the following address:

E-mail: nkgaku@kuas.kagoshima-u.ac.jp

Original documents (All documents): From December 7, 2018 to January 4, 2019.

(Except Saturdays, Sundays and Japanese Public Holidays)

Applicants must send their original application documents by registered airmail or express mail service (DHL, EMS, FedEx, OCS, etc.) to the following address:

MONBUKAGAKUSHO Scholarship (Special Admissions for Undergraduate Students)

Special Course in International Food and Resource Sciences

Student Affairs Section

Faculty of Agriculture, Kagoshima University

Korimoto 1-21-24, Kagoshima, 890-8580, Japan

Caution 1 Any submitted documents will not be returned.

2 Documents that are incomplete or past the deadline will not be accepted.

3 If false or fraudulent statement is found in the submitted documents, admission may be canceled.

(2) Screening Process

Based on all submitted documents, Kagoshima University will select the qualified candidates for an interview and tells the results to each applicant until December 26, 2018. Those who are selected for the interview will be notified about the date of the interview by January 7-8, 2019. The interview will be conducted online, connecting the applicants' location and Kagoshima University. Kagoshima University will forward the results to the MEXT, who will conduct the final screening process. The Admission results will be announced to the applicants on February 2019.

For inquiries, please contact:

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