

APPLICATION GUIDELINES
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR FY 2016
(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.
- (2) Target Countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam
- (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, applicants with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and the 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.
- (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 between April 2, 1994 and April 1, 1999.
- (6) Academic Background: Applicants must either have completed 12 years of regular school education or graduated from a school equivalent to an upper secondary school in Japan. (Applicants who will meet the above qualifications by March 2016 are eligible. Applicants who satisfy the entrance requirements for a Japanese university are also eligible.)
- (7) Health: Applicants must be free from any mental or physical disabilities that would impede the pursuit of their study.
- (8) Arrival in Japan: Applicants must be able to arrive in Japan within two weeks before and after the date when the spring semester of Kagoshima University starts and applicants must be able to leave for and arrive in Japan by the date specified by Kagoshima University.
- (9) Visa Requirements: Applicants must acquire College Student ("Ryugaku" in Japanese) visas before entering Japan and then enter the country under College Student residence status. Please also note that those who change their visa status to something other than College Student after arrival in Japan, will lose their qualification to be Japanese Government Scholarship recipients from the date when their visa status changes.
- (10) Applicants under any of the following conditions are ineligible, and if any are found to apply after the scholarship period has started, 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 Kagoshima University;
- ③ An applicant who was a previous recipient of a Japanese government scholarship;
- ④ Those who are currently enrolled at a Japanese university with a College Student residence status; those enrolled or scheduled to be enrolled at a Japanese university as a privately-financed international student during the period when the scholarship application was filed in their home country until prior to the start of the provision of the scholarship. This does not apply to current self-financed international students at Japanese universities who will complete their courses of study and return to their countries before the end of the current fiscal year;
- ⑤ Students who have applied to another university under this scholarship or received other scholarships for international students from the Japanese Government (MEXT) or JASSO (including those who have already received those scholarships and continue to receive them after the start of this scholarship period);
- ⑥ Applicants who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the qualifications and the conditions related to their academic background by the deadline given; or
- ⑦ Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up their Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan.

2. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship period is effective for four years.

3. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

(1) Allowance: 117,000 yen per month. (The monetary amount each year is subject to change due to budgetary status.) As a general rule, the scholarship will be cancelled if the recipient is absent from the university for an extended period. The scholarship will be also cancelled if the conditions listed below exist, and if the recipient has been receiving the scholarship despite his/her falling under any of them, the recipient will be ordered to return the amount of scholarship that he/she received.

- ① The recipient has made a false statement on his/her application;
- ② The recipient violates any article of his/her pledge to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- ③ The recipient violates any Japanese laws;
- ④ The recipient is subject to disciplinary action by the university, including

expulsion;

⑤ It has been determined that it will be impossible for the recipient to complete the Course curriculum within the standard time period (4-years) because of poor academic grades or suspension from the university;

⑥ The recipient's residence status has changed to something other than College Student as defined in the Appended Table I-4 of the Immigration Act;

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

⑧ The recipient leaves Kagoshima University or chooses to move to another university.

(2) Travel 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 will NOT be covered. (*The home country address stated in the application form is regarded as the recipient's "home residence".)

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. Documents to be submitted

(1) Application Form*

* Downloadable at the following address:

<http://ace1.agri.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/ifrs/blog/applicationform2016.doc>

(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 attended)
- (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 prove the applicant's language skill (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)

5. Application Period and Screening Process

(1) Application Period and Submission of Documents

From end October to December 7, 2015

Applicants must convert their application documents into electronic files and send them to the following email address within the designated application period.

Email address: nkgaku@kuas.kagoshima-u.ac.jp

Applicants should send originals of the required 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

All the documents should arrive at Kagoshima University by December 14, 2015.

(2) Screening Process

Based on all submitted documents, Kagoshima University will select the qualified candidates for an interview. Those who are selected for the interview will be notified about the date of the interview by December 10, 2015. 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 2016.