



**Japanese Government Priority Graduate Program Scholarship
(MEXT PGP Scholarship) for 2023
Hitotsubashi University
Asian Public Policy Program Application Guidelines**

MEXT PGP

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) offers a Japanese government Priority Graduate Program Scholarship to international students who wish to study in graduate courses at Japanese universities as follows.

1. Qualifications and conditions

(1) Eligibility

New international students who have earned an equivalent level of a graduate with outstanding academic performance

(2) Nationality

Must hold a nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government

(3) Age

The applicant must have been born on or after April 2, 1988

(4) Academic Background

Applicants must be qualified to enroll in a master's program at a Japanese graduate school in which they wish to enroll. The conditions are as follows.

- Applicants who have completed 16 years of school education in countries other than Japan.
- Applicants who have completed a program with the standard study period of three years or more at universities or equivalent educational institutions in countries other than Japan and received a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree.

(5) Study Area

The study area must be in the same field as the applicant has studied or in a related one.

(6) Language ability

The applicant must fulfill the following conditions.

- ① Hold an English proficiency test score equivalent to B2 or above on the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).
- ② Has completed an educational program whose primary language of instruction is English which satisfies the entrance requirements of the graduate program.

③ Those who can be judged by the host university to have English language skills equivalent to or higher than those of ①.

(7) Health

Applicants must submit a health certificate in the prescribed format signed by a physician attesting that the applicant has no physical or mental conditions hindering the applicant's study in Japan.

(8) Arrival in Japan:

In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan during the period specified by the accepting university within two weeks before and after the starting date of the university's relevant academic term (September or October) for that year.

(9) Visa Requirement

Applicants will be required to acquire a "Student (ryugaku)" visa in the home country prior to coming to Japan and enter Japan with "Student" status.

(10) Not Qualified

The student under the conditions stated below will NOT be considered as a candidate.

- ① Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of the scholarship.
- ② Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT or the accepting university.
- ③ The applicant who has received the MEXT scholarship in the past (However, this restriction does not apply to those who have been enrolled as Japanese Studies Students, Japan-Korea Joint Undergraduate Course for Science and Engineering Students or Young Leaders Program Students).
- ④ The applicant will not be accepted if he/she applies for another MEXT scholarship for the year 2023.
- ⑤ Applicants will not be eligible for this scholarship if they have enrolled in a Japanese university with "Student (ryugaku)" status at the time of the application and who have enrolled/will be enrolled in a Japanese university as a privately-financed foreign student between the time of application and the beginning of the scholarship payment.
- ⑥ Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given.
- ⑦ 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.
- ⑧ Those who plan to engage in long-term research (such as fieldwork or internship) outside Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from the university from the time of application.
- ⑨ Those who have completed a doctoral course and have no intention to obtain a degree.

(11) Others

MEXT Scholarship will be granted to those who are willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at schools and communities

during their study in Japan while contributing to the internationalization of Japan. They shall also make efforts to promote relations between the home country and Japan by maintaining close relations with the university attended after graduation, cooperating with the conducting of surveys and questionnaires, and cooperating with relevant projects and events conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission after they return to their home countries.

2. Period of Scholarship

The period of scholarship shall be within the standard period of study of the course that the student is enrolled in after coming to Japan.

3. Scholarship Benefits

(1) Allowance
144,000 yen per month (subject to change)
(2) Education Fees
Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition at universities
(3) Traveling Expenses
Economy class air travel at most direct route to Japan and return to home country after completion of studies

4. Suspension of Scholarship Payment

- (1) When the application documents are found to contain false or fraudulent statements.
- (2) When the applicant has violated the pledge made to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (3) When the applicant has violated Japanese law and has been sentenced to life imprisonment or imprisonment for one year or more.
- (4) If the student has been expelled, suspended, admonished, or subjected to similar disciplinary action in accordance with the University's academic regulations.
- (5) When the student is judged to be difficult to complete the course of study within the standard period of study at the University due to poor academic performance, suspension, leave of absence, etc.
- (6) When the student comes to Japan without obtaining a new "College Student" status of residence, or when the "College Student" status of residence is changed to another status of residence.
- (7) When student receives other scholarships (excluding those designated as research funds) from another organization.
- (8) When the student advances to an advanced course after being accepted, without receiving

approval for an extension of the scholarship period.

(9) When the student withdraws from the University or transfers to another graduate school.

(10) When the academic performance factor of each point in the academic year falls below 2.30 or the grade standard set by the University.

5. Documents to be submitted

- a) Application Form
- b) Field of study and Research Plan
- c) Photo or digital image taken within the past six months
- d) Proof of nationality (A copy of the applicant's passport is most preferable.)
- e) Certified academic records
- f) Diploma or degree certificate
- g) Proof of the applicant's academic level, such as the academic ranking in his/her previous university
- h) Dean's recommendation letter from the home institution
- i) Certificate of English proficiency. The applicant must submit a certificate of English as follow.
(ex.TOEFL iBT, IELTS)
- j) Others such as documents required by University (for further information please refer to the Program's website. https://www.ipp.hit-u.ac.jp/appp/admission/how_to_apply.html)

* The list of documents needed to be submitted will be informed by the University when necessary.

<NOTE> The documents above must be prepared in English. If the documents are prepared in languages other than Japanese or English, the official English translation must be attached. The documents above must be prepared using word-processing software. Print all required documents on A4 size paper. (if possible)