

**2025 MEXT Scholarship**  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**  
Embassy of Japan in Jordan

This FAQ is intended to help your understanding for applying for the MEXT Scholarship programs. In order to know further details and official regulations, please always check to the Applications Guidelines document carefully.

**General Questions:**

**1. About MEXT (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship**

The Ministry of Education, Culture Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) of Japan offers scholarships to international students who wish to study at Japanese universities/ colleges under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program. For more details, please refer to the Application Guidelines for each scholarship.

**2. What are the kinds of MEXT scholarships available for Jordan through the Embassy?**

There are 2 kinds of MEXT scholarships-Embassy Line- available for Jordanian citizens:

- A. SCHOLARSHIP FOR POSTGRADUATES/RESEARCH (MASTER/PHD)
- B. SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATES (BACHELOR DEGREE)

**3. What fields of study are acceptable for the MEXT Scholarship?**

It opens to a wide range of fields, please check the Application Guidelines document.

**4. What are the stages of competition for the MEXT scholarship programs?**

- **Submission of Applications:** Submission of paper applications and all required documents. Applications that are sent by email will not be accepted.
- **Exams Stage:** All received applications are carefully screened and later all the students who have correctly provided all the required documents and passed the initial screening are invited to take exams that are composed by MEXT. The Exams will be held at the Japanese Embassy in Jordan.
- **Interview Stage:** Applicants pass the exams stage are invited for interviews with the screening committee. The candidates selected by the committee should provide Health Certificates and all other documents (if there are such, please check guidelines on each application form).
- **Final screening in Tokyo:** Successful applicants' documents (who pass the initial screening by the Embassy) are sent to MEXT ministry in Japan for the final screening. The final decision from MEXT is received within half a year after the competition.

**5. Is it a full scholarship?**

Yes. MEXT scholarship covers allowance, education fees, and traveling expenses to Japan. *Some small extra expenses are required to be paid by the applicant (Please read the guideline documents for details).*

**6. Do I need to have admission acceptance at a university by the time of application ?**

Only at a later stage; the students who have passed the initial screening, exam, and interview stages should contact universities in Japan (*details will follow by emails to be sent to applicants*). So you are just required to fill the form, and no need to contact the universities in Japan at the application stage (*Please carefully select the universities based on what is suitable for you*). After passing the interview stage, applicants need to get at least one acceptance in one of the 3 universities they have listed in their application form.

## 7. When do I need to contact Japanese universities ?

After the interviews, applicants who pass this stage will be expected to contact the universities to try to gain admission (Universities' contact details will be provided to the selected candidates only). After that, the final selection will be made by MEXT after the university placement has been confirmed.

## 8. Is the completion high? Are there seats designated for each country?

**Research Students Program:** There is a designated number of scholarships for the Research Program available specifically for the Jordanian applicants. Applicants who get the highest scores in exams and later in the interviews and are selected by the screening panel will be chosen for the program.

**Undergraduate Students Program:** Applicants from different countries compete over around 100 seats that are designated for the Undergraduate Program. There are no seats designated to Jordanian students specifically, only applicants who get the highest scores in the exams and interviews are qualified to compete with students from all other countries.

These qualified students will be eligible to compete with other international students, based on the screening held in Tokyo the students will be notified of the final decision. This may take time longer than post graduate program. The decision from Tokyo based on the competition criteria is final regardless of the Embassy at Jordan decision.

## 9. Can I bring my family with me to Japan if I get accepted into the MEXT program?

Scholarship recipients may bring their families with them at their own cost if they get the visa to Japan.

Kindly note that any special allowance for family members will not be provided by MEXT. Most universities will be unable to provide or arrange housing for families, so you will need to find housing that is suitable for your family. If you decide to bring your family, we strongly encourage you to have your family join you a month later (or so) after your own arrival; so you can have housing and other arrangements settled by the time they arrive.

## 10. Who is eligible to apply?

Please refer to the Application Guidelines.

## 11. I live abroad. Can I apply for the MEXT Scholarship?

You can submit the application documents from abroad by sending your papers by (DHL or Aramex or any other shipping company) to the Embassy of Japan in Jordan, to be delivered before the deadline. Address: [https://www.jordan.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/About\\_us.html](https://www.jordan.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/About_us.html) . However, if selected for the exam, then he/she must attend the exam in the Embassy on the designated days.

## 12. I am expected to graduate and get my degree soon. Can I apply for the MEXT scholarship?

**Research Students Program:** You can apply, as long as you are going to graduate and get the degree before you start studying in Japan. For further details, check the Guidelines.

### **Undergraduate Students Program:**

-If you are in your final school year and unable to get your Tawjihi degree (or equivalent) by the deadline for the application, we ask that you submit the school degree that you obtained for your current grade. (كشف علامات).

-If you are already enrolled in a university course and have been selected for a scholarship, your completed coursework hours may not be counted, and you may need to start your selected course in Japan from the beginning. However, this is something that can be negotiated with the university after successfully passing all the screening stages." For further details, check Guidelines.

## **Exams:**

### **1. Where can I find examples of previous years MEXT exams?**

Examples of MEXT exams from previous years can be found in the website “Study in Japan”

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarship/application/examination/>

### **2. What are the examinations that applicants will take at the Embassy if they reach the exams stage?**

**Research Students Program:** English language exam and Japanese language exam.

**Undergraduate Students Program:** English language exam, Japanese language exam, other exams depending on the applicant chosen field of study (Please read the Application Guidelines for details)

### **3. When and where do MEXT exams and interviews take place?**

They will take place at the Embassy of Japan in Jordan. Regarding the time of the MEXT exams and interviews, all the applicants are informed by phone or e-mail personally, thus please provide CORRECT contact information in the application. Please check the schedule on our website:

[https://www.jordan.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_ja/00\\_000617.html](https://www.jordan.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/00_000617.html)

### **4. I can't attend exams at the Embassy; can I reschedule it?**

All applicants who reach the exam stage and don't attend it are considered to have withdrawn.

### **5. How do I know if I reached the exams stage or later the interview stage or if I am selected?**

**Only selected applicants** will receive emails informing them of the time and date of the exams/ interview and of their selection decision. If you don't receive an email by the **August 1<sup>st</sup>** this means unfortunately you were not selected. Please check the dates on our website: [https://www.jordan.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_ja/00\\_000617.html](https://www.jordan.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/00_000617.html)

## **Academic Year- Departure for Japan- Direct Placement:**

### **1. If I get this scholarship, can I study at a university in my country or do I need to travel to Japan to study ?**

Applicants should study in Japan at Japanese universities, not in another country.

### **2. Can I study online or in another country other than Japan through the MEXT scholarship?**

No, all applicants are required to study in Japan if they get accepted.

### **3. Departure for Japan: If I get the scholarship, when will I start studying in Japan?**

The departure date will be decided by MEXT. Please read the guidelines for each program for details. The academic year in Japan starts around April 1 and ends around March 31 the following year. Enrollment may be either from the spring term (grantees arrive in Japan in April 2025, and start from the spring term) or from the autumn term (grantees arrive in Japan in September or October 2025, and start from the autumn term), depending on the selected university's academic calendar.

### **4. When does the academic year starts and ends in Japanese universities, and when are the breaks?**

The academic year at a Japanese university normally begins in April and ends the following March. Some classes are run year-round, but classes are usually divided into semesters, lasting through the first semester (April - September) or the second semester (October - March). Students normally enroll in April, but some universities permit students to enter at a different time, such as in October.

There are usually three long vacations at Japanese institutions of higher education during the academic year: the summer break (late July - late August), winter break (late December - early January) and spring break (late February - early April).

**5. How can I be qualified for the direct placement?**

Direct placement means that you skip the “Preparatory Education” period in Japan. The “Preparatory Education” period is for Japanese Language and other subjects. Applicants who have sufficient Japanese Language ability may choose to enroll directly in universities without the “Preparatory Education”. Please read the guidelines carefully for full instructions.

**Application Documents:**

**1. In what language should I fill the application documents in?**

Please fill the applications in English or Japanese Language.

**2. Should I fill all papers of application by hand writing or by computer typing?**

Type or write neatly in block letters.

**3. Can I submit my application documents online?**

Only paper applications delivered to the Embassy within the application period will be accepted. Applications can be delivered by hand or by a post mail company.

**4. Can I submit only copies not original documents for the requested document for the scholarship?**

Please submit the number of copies/original document as required in the Application Guidelines document.

**5. Do I have to stamp all copies of the required documents?**

Copies are not required to be stamped if the original documents are submitted.

**6. Should the documents translated into English language be validated by the notary?**

In the cases that you can't provide the original documents in English, you can provide the original in Arabic, along with translated documents in English. No need for the translated documents to be validation from a notary.

**7. Should an applicant submit Health Certificate together with all the documents?**

You can submit the Health Certificate after the initial screening and exams. Those who pass these stages will be asked to submit the Health Certificate.

**8. Regarding to the Health Certificate tests, will its fees be reimbursed and is it enough to request it from a general doctor?!**

Health Certificate can be obtainable from any officially practicing Jordanian Doctor/Lab. Fees are not reimbursed.

**9. When should I submit the Placement Preference form and university acceptance (Provisional Acceptance)?**

- 1- You need to submit the Placement Preference form upon submitting the applications documents, as it is stated in the Guidelines.
- 2- Then: Those who have passed the interview stage will start contacting the universities to get accepted. Reflecting the result of the acceptance, you will update and submit the Placement Preference form again with provisional acceptance letters from universities  
**It should be submitted twice for the students who pass the interview stage.**

**10. Can I have my application materials returned to me?**

Unfortunately, No. Once application materials have been submitted, they cannot be returned. We encourage you to make copies of all your application materials.

**11. How many copies of the application materials do I need to submit?**

Please check the Application Guidelines document for more information and how many originals vs. copies we require of each document. Successful applicants will be contacted to submit additional documents.

**12. I have already recommendation letters from my university doctors (or school teachers for undergraduates), can I submit them as sufficient or I must fill your recommendation letter template?**

As it says on the recommendation form, any format of recommendations letter will be accepted, while all recommendation letters better be sealed and stamped upon submission. Please read the instructions on the recommendation form carefully.

**13. I have graduated years ago. I am unable to get a recommendation letter from my university president/dean or the academic adviser. Is it ok to get a recommendation letter from a faculty member, Assistant/Associate Professor, or the Assistant Dean?**

YES it's acceptable.

**14. I finish my studying abroad. Do I need to get a certificate of equivalency from the Jordanian Ministry of Education/ Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research-Jordan?**

No need for equivalency, only accreditation from the Ministry is needed.

**15. [Research Students only] The Application asks for a copy of my senior thesis; however I did not write a senior thesis. What should I do?**

We are aware that many college students do not write a senior thesis. In that case, we recommend you to write "Present Field of Study" as detailed as possible (in the "Field of Study and Research Plan" document).

Moreover, we also recommend you to include a copy of a major paper or project you have completed that relates to your intended field of study in Japan, as a supplementary document.

**16. [Research Students only] How detailed should I make my Field of Study and Research Program Plan?**

We recommend you to make the Research Program Plan as detailed and concrete as possible. While we understand research focuses may change, you should give us a specific account of your intended research topic, methodology, and how your research fits into current research being done in the field. You must also tell us why this research must be done at a Japanese university.

Ideally the Research Plan should contain the following:

- (a) The content, purpose and methodology of the research
- (b) The road map of the research project
- (c) The benefit the research project will bring to your home country

Ideally (a) and (b) should be described in detail based on discussions with a professor/scholar in the field.

**17. [Research Students only] Do I have to provide both recommendation letters from workplace (from present employer) and university (from academic advisor or university president/dean)?**

- Recommendation letters from university must be submitted.
- Recommendation letters from workplace should be submitted only if applicable and if you are currently working.

**18. [Research Students only] I am applying for a PhD degree. I am unable to get recommendation letter from the university where I studied my master's in. Is it ok to get a recommendation letter from the university where I got my Bachelor's degree?**

We ask to get the educational recommendation letters from the latest university that you have attended.

**Nationality:**

**1. I am non-Jordanian residing in Jordan. Can I apply for the MEXT scholarship?**

For non-Jordanian nationals residing in Jordan or out of Jordan, we recommend that you reach out to the Japanese Embassy in the country of your citizenship and to check their website. Those with a nationality other than Jordanian should contact the Embassy of Japan in their home country:

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb\\_cons/mofaserv.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaserv.html)

**2. I have a temporary Jordanian passport. Can I apply through the Embassy of Japan in Jordan?**

Only if you hold the Jordanian Nationality then you can apply to the MEXT scholarship through the Embassy in Jordan.

**3. I have dual citizenship, Jordanian and other country (other than Japan), can I apply?**

Yes, applicants need to apply with the Jordanian passport.

**Research Students Program- Language Requirements – Others:**

**Language Requirements**

**1. Can results of TOEFL, IELTS or other English language exam certificates recognized internationally be provided to prove applicant's English language level? If I hold such certification can I skip the exam at the embassy?**

English language exam composed by MEXT is obligatory for applicants who reach the exams stage of screening.

TOEFL, IELTS or other English language exam scores are supplementary documents; you can include score certificate sheets in the application documents. Check the guidelines for further details.

After passing the interview stage, applicants are required to contact the universities they wish to study in some universities might require English language exams as TOEFL, IELTS..etc.



## **2. Do I need to be fluent in English language when applying for the scholarship?**

Applicants must be fluent in English *or in Japanese*.

## **3. If I get the scholarship, do I need to study in Japanese language?**

Applicants are not necessarily required to study in Japanese language; they can choose universities that offer courses in English language. Applicants must be willing to learn Japanese. Applicants must be interested in Japan and be willing to deepen their understanding of Japan *after* arriving in Japan. Applicants must also have the ability to do research and adapt to living in Japan.

## **4. Do I need to know Japanese language when I apply to the MEXT scholarship?**

You don't need to upon applying. However, if you are able to speak/write in Japanese language that would be a plus. In any case, applicants must show their willingness to learn Japanese once they get accepted in the program and once they arrive to Japan. Applicants who reach the exams stage will be asked to take Japanese language exam, getting a good result would be a plus, while leaving all the answer sheet blank would not be considered as a preferable attitude.

## **5. Do all research scholarship recipients take the intensive Japanese language course upon arrival in Japan?**

Your university in Japan will decide whether or not you need to take the Japanese language course before beginning your studies.

### **Others:**

### **1. Can the MEXT Research Scholarship lead to a degree?**

Applicants can choose to apply for either (a) a non-degree Research term (b) a Master's degree (c) a PhD or (d) a professional degree

### **2. Can I apply for a master degree and a Ph.D. as well?**

Applicants who get accepted in the MEXT scholarship program to study masters can apply to continue their education in Japan to pursue a PhD degree (rules and conditions apply; applicants need to apply while staying in Japan during their master's study years).

Applicants can also apply directly to a PhD if they find themselves qualified to apply.

### **3. How can I choose which university to apply to in Japan?**

You could 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 search the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) website ([www.jasso.go.jp](http://www.jasso.go.jp) / <https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/index.html>) 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.

### **4. Where can I find information about universities/professors in Japan?**

You can begin by searching or browsing the Research Map of Japan (<https://researchmap.jp/public/about/operations>) which lists researchers in Japan by name, field, university, and location. You can also look at the Program for Leading Graduate Schools (<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-hakasekatei/index.html>). For some certain aspects you may contact JJAS members (Jordan Japan Academic Society, JJAS).

## **Undergraduate Students Program- Language Requirements:**

### **1. Can results of TOEFL, IELTS or other English language exam certificates recognized internationally be provided to prove applicant's English language level? If I hold such certification can I skip the exam at the embassy?**

English language exam composed by MEXT is obligatory for applicants who reach the exams stage of screening.

TOEFL, IELTS or other English language exam scores are supplementary documents; you can include score certificate sheets in the application documents. Check the guidelines for further details.

After passing the interview stage, applicants are required to contact the universities they wish to study in some universities might require English language exams as TOEFL, IELTS..etc..

### **2. Do I need to be fluent in English language when applying for the scholarship?**

Applicants must be fluent in English or in Japanese. If the applicant is fluent in English they also need to be able to read in Japanese.

### **3. If I get the scholarship, do I need to study in Japanese language?**

All classes will be given in the Japanese language (except where a grantee is directly placed at a university which requires no Japanese language ability). Applicants should know how to read in Japanese language. *In addition, in principle, applicants must be willing to carry out their academic studies in Japan in Japanese.*

Applicants for undergraduate students who do not read Japanese can apply to the global program where there is no need to learn Japanese. Limited Japanese universities are teaching undergraduate studies in English; please visit this link for global program for more details:

<https://tgu.mext.go.jp/en/studyabroad/index.html>

### **4. Do I need to know Japanese language when I apply for the MEXT scholarship**

Applicants should know how to read in Japanese language. In addition, in principle, applicants must be willing to carry out their academic studies in Japan in Japanese.

At the Exams Stage at the Embassy, applicants need to pass and also score high comparing with all the international applicants. Examples of MEXT exams from previous years can be found on the website Study in Japan, interested applicants can check Japanese language exams from past years:

<https://www.studyinJapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarship/application/examination/>

- ❖ NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: IF YOU HAVE APPLIED BEFORE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP, WE STRONGLY ADVISE THAT YOU IMPROVE YOUR WHOLE APPLICATION WHEN YOU APPLY AGAIN, INCLUDING AN IMPROVED OR NEW RESEARCH PLAN FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS.