

Application Guidelines for Fujita Health University (FHU)
Recommended Candidates of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship 2026
(University Recommendation, General)

Fujita Health University (FHU) will be accepting applications for the Japanese Government Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Scholarship 2026 (University Recommendation [General]) as below.

The selected candidates will be recommended to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). To enroll in master's or doctoral programs as degree-seeking regular students, candidates must be selected by MEXT as scholarship grantees, and pass the entrance examination of FHU. Those who wish to enroll as a regular student in a master's or doctoral program from the beginning should let their academic advisors know and get the acceptance from him/her in advance.

1. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS (Applicants must satisfy all the following eligibility criteria.)

- (1) Applicants:** Applicants must be international students at graduate school level who are newly coming to Japan, and must have demonstrated excellent academic achievement, with a grade point average of 2.30 (out of 3.00) or above in their most recent academic degree and will be expected to maintain the equivalent level during the scholarship period. They must also satisfy one of the conditions of "(6) Language ability" below.
- (2) Nationality:** Applicants must have nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. Applicants with Japanese nationality at the time of application are 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 if they choose the nationality of the other country and renounce their Japanese nationality before the date of their arrival in Japan (when the student's academic status at FHU is confirmed).
- (3) Age:** Applicants, in principle, must have been born on or after April 2, 1991. Exceptions are limited to cases in which MEXT deems that the applicant could not apply within the eligible age limit due to circumstances in the applicant's country (e.g., military service obligation, loss of educational opportunities due to conditions of war.) Personal circumstances (financial situation, family circumstances, state of health, circumstances related to applicant's university or place of employment, etc.) will not be considered for exceptions.
- (4) Academic Background:** Applicants must satisfy one of the qualification requirements to enter a master's degree program or a doctoral degree program at a Japanese graduate school. (Applicants who are expected to satisfy the requirements with certainty by the time of enrollment are also eligible.)
- (5) Fields of Study:** Applicants should apply for the field of study they majored in at university or a related field. The field of study must be a subject that applicants will be able to study and research in graduate programs at FHU.
- (6) Language Ability:** Applicants must have either Japanese or English language ability and must also

satisfy one of the following conditions.

<JAPANESE>

- [1] Those who have passed level N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at the time of entering a regular course.
- [2] A person who has been educated where Japanese was used as the primary language and has completed a curriculum that meets the entrance qualifications for a graduate school master's or doctoral course in Japan.
- [3] The host university will confirm that applicants have a Japanese proficiency equal to or greater than the equivalent level required as stated above in [1].

<ENGLISH>

- [1] A person who has attained a grade equal to or more than the B2 equivalent of the European Common Language Reference Frame (CEFR) in English at the time of enrollment in a regular course. The person must have equal or higher scores in all of each ability section; Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing.
- [2] A person who has been educated following a curriculum that meets the entrance requirements for a graduate school master's or doctoral course in Japan, with English as the main language.
- [3] The host university can confirm that applicants have English proficiency equal to or greater than the equivalent level stated above in [1].

*For those who are recommended as non-regular students, applicants must meet Language eligibility criteria either of [1], [2] or [3] above. In addition, please note that when applying to the MEXT for an extension as a regular course, applicants must meet one of the following requirements: Japanese or English proficiency [1] or [2]. *Scores of qualifications and examinations are only valid for December 2023 or later.

- (7) **Health:** Applicants must be free from any physical or mental conditions that would impede their studies in Japan. Judged by FHU.
- (8) **Arrival in Japan:** Applicants must be able to leave for and arrive in Japan on the date set by FHU, which is normally October 1st. (It must be within two weeks of the beginning of the Fall semester on October 1st.) If applicants are unable to travel to Japan by the last day of the designated period, applicants must decline the offer of MEXT scholarship, unless MEXT determines that there are unavoidable circumstances. If a student travels to Japan outside of the above specified period for his/her own reasons, he/she will not be reimbursed for travel expenses.
- (9) **Visa Requirement:** Applicants must obtain a "Student" visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant's country of nationality and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student." Even if the applicants already have other residence status ("Permanent resident," "Long-term resident," etc.), the applicants must change it to "Student" status and re-enter Japan. Applicants should be aware that, in cases where they re-apply for their original resident status of "Permanent resident" or "Long-term resident" after expiration of their status as a MEXT Scholarship student, acceptance of their application cannot be guaranteed. Since there are countries where the Japanese government conducts pre-entry tuberculosis screening, applicants must follow the instructions of the diplomatic

mission of their country of nationality when applying for their visa.

Based on the administrative communication dated March 24, 2025 (regarding partial amendments to the implementation of pre-entry tuberculosis screening), it is important to note that for the Philippines, Nepal, and Vietnam, a certificate of non-active tuberculosis must be submitted during the application for a visa.

(10) Non –eligibility: those who fall under any one of the following categories are ineligible. He/she must withdraw from the scholarship if non-eligibility is identified after the start of the scholarship period.

[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 time designated by MEXT or FHU;

[3] Those who are previous grantees of the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after the arrival in Japan). However, this does not apply to research students who have at least three years of academic or work experience between the month following the last month of the scholarship and the month the scholarship begins. Also, this does not apply to students whose last Japanese Government scholarship was for Japanese language and culture training (limited to those who have graduated or are expected to graduate from their home university), Japan-Korea Joint Government Science and Engineering Department students, or Young Leaders Program students. Please note that the MEXT Honors Scholarship is not considered as a Japanese government (Monbukagakusho) scholarship, so students who have received the scholarship in the past can apply.

[4] Those who apply to more than one university for programs commencing in 2026 through the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship system.

(NOTE) Duplicate nominations by multiple universities for the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarships for Research Students (University Recommendation) for fiscal year 2025 for the same person, as well as concurrent nominations for the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) and Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) support programs for international students (International Student Exchange Support Program) are not permitted. If a duplicate application or dual scholarship is found, all recommendations for that candidate will not be accepted.

[5] As of February 20, 2026, those residing in Japan with medium- to long-term resident status.

[6] Those who are, or will be, enrolled in a Japanese university with a residence status of "Student" as a privately financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship.

[7] Those who are planning to receive a scholarship from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of their home country) after the MEXT scholarship period begins.

[8] Those 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.

[9] 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 (when the student's academic status at FHU is confirmed).

- [10] Those who plan to do research activities outside Japan (fieldwork, internship, etc.) or take a leave of absence for an extended period from the time of application.
- [11] Those who wish to enroll in FHU only as non-regular students and have no intention to enroll as regular students/ Those who have no intention of obtaining 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 Japanese diplomatic missions after they return to their home countries.

2. NUMBER OF THE APPLICANTS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO MEXT BY FHU

2 applicants

3. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

The period of scholarship will differ as follows depending on the program that the grantee enrolls in after coming to Japan:

- (1) If the grantee enrolls as a research student (non-regular student) after coming to Japan, the scholarship will be payable for 18 months from October 2026 until March 2028.
- (2) If the grantee enrolls directly in a master's or doctoral program after coming to Japan, the scholarship will be payable for the period necessary for the grantee to complete their regular program (standard period of study).
- (3) If the grantee wishes to advance from a research student (non-regular student) to a degree-seeking graduate student or from a master's course to a doctoral course, and meets certain criteria and has particularly excellent academic records, he/she may apply for an extension of the scholarship period and MEXT may approve that, but it is not guaranteed for everyone, and the following points should be noted:
 - [1] To be approved for the extension of the scholarship period, the grantee must be selected for the extension and pass the examination for the graduate program of the university and enter the university.
 - [2] A grantee cannot have the period of his/her scholarship extended as a research student.
 - [3] If a grantee proceeds to a higher level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship, the scholarship will be cancelled. A grantee may, however, proceed to a higher level of education or continue with his/her study as a privately financed student.

[4] A grantee who proceeds to a regular graduate program from a research student program is not permitted to change his/her affiliation to any other university. (However, it is possible to go on to the other university as a privately financed student.)

4. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

(1) **Allowance:** The amounts listed below shall be paid depending on the course enrolled in. The amount of payment is subject to change each fiscal year depending on the Japanese Government budget. However, if a grantee takes a leave of absence from the university or is absent for a long period of time, the scholarship will not be paid for that period.

[1] Research students (Non-Regular Students): 143,000 JPY per month
[2] Regular students enrolled in master's course: 144,000 JPY per month
[3] Regular students enrolled in doctoral courses: 145,000 JPY per month

(2) **Travel Expenses**

Travel expenses to come to Japan: In principle, MEXT stipulates the travel schedule and route, and provides an economy-class airline ticket for the flight from the international airport closest to the grantee's residence (in principle, the country of nationality) to the international airport used on the normal route to the accepting university (e.g., Chubu Centrair International Airport, Nagoya). The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to domestic travel from the grantee's residence to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. The grantee shall also bear at his/her own expense travel and lodging costs incurred in a third country if the grantee must travel to a third country before coming to Japan for visa purposes because there are no Japanese diplomatic missions in his/her country, or if there are no direct flights from the grantee's country of residence to Japan. MEXT will provide an economy-class airline ticket from the grantee's country of residence to the said third country, and from the third country to the international airport used on the normal route to the grantee's university (e.g., Chubu Centrair International Airport, Nagoya). In principle, the address given in the space for "Residence before arrival in Japan" on the application form shall be recognized as the "residence," and the airplane ticket will be arranged for a flight from the international airport nearest to that address. Except for cases when the grantee must travel to a third country to obtain a visa, MEXT will not provide an airline ticket for cases of travel to Japan from a country other than the grantee's country of residence due to the grantee's personal circumstances.

Travel expenses to return home country: Based on their Application, MEXT will provide an airline ticket to grantees graduating from their university and returning to the home country by the end of the final month of the period of scholarship (Section 3 above) designated by MEXT. MEXT, in principle, shall provide an economy-class airline ticket from the international airport used for the normal route to and from the grantee's university (e.g., Chubu Centrair International Airport, Nagoya) to the international airport (in principle, in the country of nationality) nearest to the returning grantee's residence. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to travel from the grantee's

residence in Japan to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within the country of nationality (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage, or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. The returning travel expenses will not be provided by MEXT in case a grantee returns to the home country before the end of scholarship due to personal circumstances, or reasons stated in "5 SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP". If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended, for instance, going to school, gaining employment in Japan, he/she will not be paid for the travel expenses.

(3) **Education fees:** Fees for the entrance examination, enrollment, and tuition will be borne by FHU.

5. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Payment of the scholarship will be stopped in the following cases. Should any of the following apply, the grantee may also be ordered to return a part of, or all of, the scholarship paid up to that time. Payment of the scholarship may also be stopped during the period up to the decision on the disposition of the matter.

- [1] A grantee is determined to have made a false or fraudulent statement on his/her application.
- [2] A grantee violates any article of his/her pledge to MEXT.
- [3] A grantee violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced and imprisoned for a period or for a period exceeding 1 year.
- [4] A grantee has been expelled, suspended, given a warning or similar disciplinary action in accordance with the University's academic regulations, or the grantee has been removed from the university.
- [5] It is determined that it will be impossible for a grantee to complete the course within the standard period of study because of poor academic performance or suspension or absence from the university, etc.
- [6] A grantee came to Japan without newly acquiring "Student" residence status or changed his/her residence status to one other than "Student".
- [7] A grantee has received another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenditures).
- [8] A grantee proceeds to a more advanced level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship.
- [9] A grantee leaves the university or transfers to another graduate school/university.

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