Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka for selection of suitable candidates to be nominated for postgraduate scholarships offered by the Government of Japan.

1. General eligibility requirements:

(a) All candidates should be citizens of Sri Lanka.

(b) Age: Applicant should be born on or after April 2, 1985.

(c) Should possess a Bachelor’s Degree with a Second Class lower Division or above in the relevant field of study from a recognized university and a relevant Master’s degree for PhD studies.

(d) Should possess a high proficiency in English.

(e) Should be employed in a Ministry/Department/University/State Sector or Private Sector Institution.

(f) No application will be entertained from a person holding a temporary/casual/contractual appointment or a person who is unemployed. Only permanent and confirmed employees will be considered for the scholarships.

(g) Employees on probation in the Universities are eligible to apply, provided that his/her confirmation is conditional upon acquiring a specified postgraduate qualification.

Note

A lecturer on probation is eligible to apply when he/she has been in continuous service for a period of one year from the date of his/her appointment by (As per the UGC-ECode Chapter X. Division II, 27:3)

2. Scholarship benefits:

(a) Airfare to Japan and back on completion of studies.

(b) A monthly allowance of
   i. 143,000 yen per month for a research student
   ii. 144,000 yen per month for a Master or a professional degree program
iii. 145,000 yen per month for a Doctoral program

(c) Approved tuition and examination fees.

(d) A supplemental regional allowance of 2,000 or 3,000 yen

• Scholars are required to bring approximately US$ 2,000 to cover immediate needs just after arrival in Japan.

3. Applications:

(a) Every application should conform to the specimen form provided.

(b) The words “Japanese Government, Postgraduate Research Scholarships 2020” should be hand or type-written on top left corner of the envelope containing the application.

(c) No application from an employee will be entertained unless channeled through the Head of the Institution concerned. He/She should in forwarding the application appropriately complete the certificate in cage 15 of the application.

(d) Any statement in the application, which is found to be incorrect, will render the applicant liable to disqualification, if the inaccuracy is discovered before selection and to the withdrawal of award, if discovered after selection.

4. Selection Procedure:

i.) Examination: All the eligible candidates should sit for a written test for English Language and Japanese Language conducted by the Embassy of Japan.

ii.) Interview: Every successful candidate will be required to be present at an interview to be held in Colombo.

The final selections will be made by the Japanese Government accordingly. Therefore, candidate should not treat his/her nomination for the scholarship as an acceptance for an award.

Any form of canvassing or attempt to influence the selection of a candidate will disqualify such candidate.

Note: You are advised to visit the following web site for further information, guidelines and past papers of the qualifying examination.

4. **Closing Date:**

   a) Application will be accepted only up to on **10.06.2019**.

   b) Applications should be sent to the following address by *registered post or by hand* to reach on or before the closing date.

   c) Applications which are not sent according to the above requirements or incomplete in any respect or received late will be rejected.

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**Secretary,**  
Ministry of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education  
Higher Education Division,  
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06.05.2019
SPECIMEN OF THE APPLICATION

MINISTRY OF CITY PLANNING, WATER SUPPLY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020 (RESEARCH STUDENTS)

(01) (a) Name with initial (in block letters)
(Rev./Mr./Mrs.Miss.) ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
(b) Names denoted by initials : ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

(02) (a) Postal Address : ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
(b) Telephone No: Res.: ………………………… Office: …………………………
Mob.: ………………………… Email: …………………………

(03) Date of birth :
Year : ………………… Month : ………………… Date : …………………

(04) N.I.C Number : ……………………………………………………………

(05) Are you a citizen of Sri Lanka? ………………………………………

(06) Whether Married / Single / Widowed : …………………………………

(07) Academic / Professional / Technical qualifications :

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(09) (a) Is your appointment permanent, probationary or temporary? …………………

(b) If permanent, have you been confirmed in the appointment? …………………

(c) No. and date of letter of confirmation and the authority who has issued it: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

(10) (a) Desired course or field of study: ……………………………………………

(b) Whether Masters or PhD: ……………………………………………………………..

(c) Have you ever been nominated for a scholarship by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research:

(d) If yes; Scholarship Programme: ………………………

Year: …………

(11) If you have been abroad earlier on a scholarship, study tour, training etc. state full particulars: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………

(12) Highest examination passed in English:

(a) IELTS/TOEFL ……………………… Score: ………………… Year: ………

(b) Other: ……………………………………………………………………………………

(13) Particulars of research and publications if any: …………………………………

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(14) Any other particulars: …………………………………………………………………..

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I hereby certify that the particulars furnished by me in this application are true and accurate, and that I have not suppressed any essential information. I am also aware that if any particulars contained herein are found to be false or incorrect, I am liable to
disqualification if the inaccuracy is discovered before selection and withdrawal of the award if discovered after selection.

Date :- ........................................ Signature of applicant .................................................................

(15) Certificate of the Head of the Institution [only for permanent employees from Government/ University/ State Corporation sector]

(i) I certify that;
   (a) The training provided under this scholarship is essential / not essential for this institution.
   
   (b) Details declared by the applicant in cages 7,8 & 9 of the application were verified by me with the personal record of the officer and are *correct / should be corrected as indicated here.

   (c) The applicant has been confirmed in the post ................. (Yes / No )
       If No, Please give reasons ..............................................................
       .........................................................................................

   (d) The applicant *will/ will not be released to take up this scholarship if selected.

   (ii) Full name of the applicant : ..............................................................
   (iii) Any other special reason/ reasons : ...................................................
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        Name of the Institution : .............................................................

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Date Signature of Head of the Institution  
with the official frank

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(this certificate should be signed personally by the Head of the Institution)  
* Delete words inapplicable.