



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2025 (RESEARCH STUDENTS-PhD)

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.

All the Candidates are informed to read the attached guidelines thoroughly before applying to the Scholarship program.

(01) General eligibility requirements:

- (a) All applicants should be citizens of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Applicant should be born **on or after April 2, 1990**
- (c) Should possess a Bachelor's Degree of 4 years or more with a Second Class Upper Division or above and a Master's degree in the relevant field
(For those who are willing to study Doctoral courses in faculties of medicine, dentistry, veterinary sciences, and certain parts of pharmaceutical fields; please refer to paragraph "C" in the Qualification and Conditions Section in the attached Guideline)
- (d) Should have completed the degree in any of the following universities /Higher Educational Institute (HEI) only
 - A State University
 - University or Higher Education Institute that is monitored by the Non-State Higher Education Section of the Ministry of Education
- (e) Should have passed GCE A/L English Language with a minimum of "C" "pass
- (f) Basic knowledge of Japanese Language is an added advantage
- (g) The government sector employees, should submit their applications through the Head of the institute.

(02) Fields of Study:

Applicants should apply for the fields of study they majored in at university or its related fields. Moreover, the fields of study must be subjects that applicants will be able to study and research in graduate courses at Japanese universities. Traditional entertainment arts such as Kabuki and Traditional Japanese dances or subjects that require practical training in specific technologies/ techniques at factories or companies are not included under this program

(03) Terms of Award:a) **Allowance:**

PhD: 145,000 yen per month. A supplemental regional allowance of 2,000 or 3,000 yen per month will be added to the monthly scholarship amount for the grantees studying or conducting research in specially designated regions. Due to the situation of the Japanese Government budget, the amount of payment may be subject to changes in each fiscal year.

b) **Education Fees:** Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition at universities will be paid by MEXT.c) **Expenses:****(I) Transportation to Japan**

MEXT will provide an Economy-class air ticket to grantees who will arrive in Japan during the specified period and the student shall bear his/her expenses related to domestic travel.

(II) Transportation from Japan:

MEXT will provide an Economy class air ticket to grantees who shall graduate from the accepting university and return to the home country by the end of the final month of the scholarship period.

(III) Expenses relating to accommodation should be borne by the grantee.

Notes:

- Period of scholarship for regular students enrolled in master doctoral or professional graduate courses;

Regardless of the date of arrival, the scholarship period shall be the necessary period for the completion of the respective regular course. For those requiring preparatory education, a 6-month preparatory education period will be separately added prior to the regular degree course.

- Scholars are recommended to bring approximately at least US\$ 2000 to cover immediate expenses just after arrival in Japan as the first installment of the Scholarship payment will be paid from one month to one and half months after they arrived in Japan.
- The scholarship will not be paid to a grantee who takes a leave of absence or is long absent from the assigned University or the preparatory Japanese-teaching institution.

(04) Non Eligibility:

Those who meet any one of the following conditions are ineligible. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, he/she must withdraw from the scholarship.

- Those who are military personnel or military civilian employee at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of the scholarship.
- Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT for the accepting university
- Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship programs. (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after acquisition of student status)
- Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a resident status of “student “or who are to be enrolled, or plan to be enrolled, in a Japanese or other institution as a privately financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant’s country until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship.

(05) Special notes:

- a) Award of the scholarship conditions laid down in this notification may vary as per the criteria imposed by the Japanese Government authorities without prior notice.
- b) Candidates who received scholarships would select the higher educational institutes recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka.
- c) **If any student declines the offer after the selection process, he/she shall not be considered for any of the scholarships offered by the Ministry of Education.**
- d) Extension of the period of the scholarship will not be recommended by this Ministry.
- e) You are advised to visit the following website for past papers of the qualifying examination

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarships/mext-scholarships/examination.html>

(06) Applications:

- a) Online application is available at: <https://foreignscholarships.mohe.gov.lk/>
- b) **The deadline of the submission of the application is 17th April 2024**
- c) **Applicants should submit only one application via the online portal and not required to send it by post.**
- d) **No application from a permanent employee of the government sector, University or a State Corporation will be entertained unless channeled through the Head of the Institution concerned.**
- e) Any statement in the application, which is found to be incorrect/false will liable to disqualification at any time and will lead to the withdrawal of the award. Incomplete in any respect or received late, will be rejected

(07) Nominations & Selections:

- All eligible candidates should sit for a written test for English Language and Japanese Language conducted by the Embassy of Japan.
- The final selections will be made by the Japanese Government based on the examination marks and eligible candidates will be called for an interview by the Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka.
- Therefore, the candidate should not treat his/her nomination for the scholarship as an acceptance of an award.
- Any form of canvassing either written or verbal and attempting to influence the selection of a candidate will be considered as a disqualification for a scholarship.

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