



# MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

## (Higher Education Division)

### Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarships – 2026 (Undergraduate Students)

Applications are invited from eligible applicants for the award of undergraduate scholarships offered by the Japanese Government for the academic year 2026 under the above scholarship scheme.

#### (01) General Eligibility requirements:

- (a) Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Applicant should be born on or after April 2, 2001
- (c) The applicant should have a minimum of three passes at the **G.C.E. (A/L) examination – 2023 (2024) in Mathematical Stream (Subjects: Chemistry, Physics, Combined Mathematics)** conducted by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka.
- (d) Basic knowledge of Japanese Language is an added advantage
- (e) Should possess a good knowledge of English.
- (f) Should be in good health and ready to live in Japan during the period of study
- (g) The applicant should not be registered or following a course at a state university in Sri Lanka as an internal student (a student selected by UGC based on the G.C.E. A/L results).

#### (02) Fields of Study:

Courses	Majors
Natural Sciences-A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Science</b> (1. Mathematics, 2. Physics, 3. Chemistry)</li><li>• <b>Electrical &amp; Electronic Studies</b> (4. Electronics, 5. Electrical Engineering, 6. Information Engineering)</li><li>• <b>Mechanical Studies</b> (7. Mechanical Engineering, 8. Naval Architecture)</li><li>• <b>Civil Engineering &amp; Architecture</b> (9. Civil Engineering, 10. Architecture, 11. Environmental Engineering)</li><li>• <b>Chemical Studies</b> (12. Applied Chemistry, 13. Chemical Engineering, 14. Industrial Chemistry, 15. Textile Engineering)</li><li>• <b>Other fields</b> (16. Metallurgical Engineering, 17. Mining Engineering, 18. Maritime Engineering, 19. Biotechnology)</li></ul>

Note: An applicant who would like to choose more than one major is required to select up to three majors from within the same course.

**(03) Medium of Instructions: Japanese Language**

Applicants must be willing to learn Japanese. Applicants must be interested in Japan and be willing to deepen their understanding of Japan before and after arriving in Japan. In addition, in principle, applicants must be willing to carry out their academic studies in Japan in Japanese.

**(04) Terms of Award:**

- a) **Allowance:** 117,000 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 change 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 student shall bear all costs related to domestic travel.

**(II) Transportation from Japan:**

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

**(III) Accommodation:**

Expenses relating to accommodation will be borne by the grantee.

**Notes:**

- Each grantee will be enrolled a one-year intensive preparatory course in Japanese Language and other subject necessary for preparation for proceeding to university.
- If a grantee is determined to be incapable of completing the preparatory course, his/her scholarship will be cancelled & he/she will be required to return his/her home country.
- The scholarship period will last for five years from April 2026 to March 2031 including one-year preparatory education in Japanese Language and other subjects due to be provided upon arrival in Japan.
- A grantee will not be permitted to change his/her course.
- A grantee will not be permitted to transfer to another university during the period of the preparatory education course or the undergraduate 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 leave of absence or is long absent from the assigned University or the preparatory Japanese -teaching institution.

**(05) 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.

- a) 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 scholarship.
- b) Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship programs. (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after acquisition of student status)
- c) 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.

**(06) Special notes:**

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

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

**(07) Applications:**

- a) Online application is available at: <https://foreignscholarships.mohe.gov.lk/>
- b) The deadline of the submission of the application is 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025**
- c) Applicants should submit only one application via online portal and not required to send by post.**
- d) The applicant can apply for ONE SCHEME ONLY, either for the Undergraduate Program or the College of Technology Program.**
- 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.
- f) Incomplete in any respect or received late, will be rejected.

**(08) Nominations & selections:**

- a) All the eligible candidates should sit for a written test which will held in coordination with this Ministry and Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka, for the academic examination of **Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English and Japanese**. The structured interviews will be conducted by the Japanese Embassy in Sri Lanka.
- b) The final selections will be made by the Government of Japan and the applicants will be informed of the final selection results by the Japanese Embassy in Sri Lanka by the end of January 2026.
- c) No candidate should treat his/her nomination for this scholarship as the confirmation of award is a matter entirely within the discretion of the awarding authority.
- d) Any form of canvassing either written or verbal will be considered as a disqualification for a scholarship.

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