



STATE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2023 (RESEARCH STUDENTS)-MASTERS

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 applicant should be citizens of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Age: Applicant should be born **on or after April 2, 1988**
- (c) Should possess a Bachelor's Degree with a Second Class Upper Division or above in the relevant field of study from a recognized university
- (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.
- (h) If you have already nominated for the scholarship offered by this Ministry please, do not apply for this scholarship accordingly

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-E Code 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

3. Application submission procedure:

- Application must be submitted online through: <https://foreignscholarships.mohe.gov.lk/>
- The deadline for the submission of the application is **03rd June 2022**
- Each applicant should submit only one application.
- If applicant is a government sector employee should submit their applications through the Head of the institute. Other applicants can forward their application directly.

4. Nomination procedure:

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

5. Selection procedure:

The final selections will be made by the Japanese Government based on the examination merit 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.

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap-stopj-applications-research.html>

05. Cancellation of Nomination:

- a) Any form of canvassing will be considered as a disqualification for a scholarship
- b) 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/cancel of the award if discovered after selection. In a case if a selected candidates who decline to accept the award after nomination will not be considered for any other award during the year.

06. Further details

Please visit website of the higher education division of the Ministry of Education:
www.mohe.gov.lk

07. Closing Date:

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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Colombo 07.**

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