

# Scholarship Information for School of Japan Studies

## Entrance Examination (English-Speaker track)

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Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (hereafter referred to as "TUFS") is now aiming to secure scholarship opportunities for the students who passed School of Japan Studies Entrance Examination (English-Speaker track).

This information is a summary of scholarship information which successful applicants may be granted. **Please read it for your reference as it is subject to change. For the April 2025 admission, possibility of scholarships and the details will be announced after the admission decision.**

■ **List of scholarships that the successful applicants may be granted:**

- ✓ Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship “Type 1”
- ✓ TUFS-funded Scholarship “Type 2”

■ **Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship**

**If Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship is officially allocated to the School of Japan Studies Entrance Examination (English-Speaker track), TUFS-funded Scholarship “Type 2” will not be implemented.**

■ **Brief summary of the 2 types of Scholarship (including but not limited to)**

	Type 1	Type 2
Number of students granted	Up to 8 students	Up to 8 students (subject to change)
Monthly stipend	JPY 120,000 (subject to change)	To be determined
Duration of Scholarship	Within the standard years of enrollment (4 years)	For a year until March 2026
Admission fee and tuition	Exempted (4 years)	Exempted (4 years)
Travel expense to/from Japan	Covered by MEXT (upon the course entrance and graduation)	<b>On the student’s own expense</b>
Age eligibility	Must be born on or after April 2, 1999 (for 2024 admission)	Must be born on or after April 2, 2000 (for 2025 admission)
Academic Criteria	<when applying> <b>2.30</b> on MEXT calculation for all years of high school <during enrollment>	<when applying> Same as left  <during enrollment>

	<p><b>2.30</b> on MEXT calculation for the most recent 1 year ( checked every year)</p> <p>*If the students fail to meet the academic criteria, the scholarship will be cancelled from then onward *1</p>	Same as left *1
Language requirement	English CEFR B2 or above for those whose native language or educational language is not English. *2	Same as left *2
Screening method	TUFS recommends to the MEXT, number of students with the outstanding admission results who also meet the eligibility of the MEXT scholarship.	School of Japan Studies recommends to the division in charge of “Foundation of TUFS”, number of students with the outstanding admission results who also meet the eligibility of the MEXT scholarship.
Others	Applicant must newly obtain a student visa at the country of nationality and arrive with the student visa.	- Applicants must hold a “student visa” upon entering our program in April 2025.

(Notes)

\*1 Average Grade Point designed by MEXT

The Average Grade Point is calculated on a three-point scale. Please note that the average grade point specified by the MEXT differs from the usual GPA. If applicants would like to confirm their eligibilities, contact Global Admissions Office.

\*2 The English Test score must cover all four skills (listening, reading, writing, and speaking), and each score must be CEFR B2 or above.

■ **Other financial support**

- For those who were not recommended for MEXT scholarship, information on financial supports (academic fee exemption, scholarships by private foundations, etc.) will be provided after the admission decision is announced.
- Japan Student Services Organization  
<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/about-scholarship/>  
<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/>

■ **Inquiries**

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## **Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship “Type 1”**

A scholarship provided by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology – Japan (MEXT) may be granted to some of the students who passed the entrance examination. Applicants who meet the following eligibility will be considered for the screening for the scholarship.

### **Please note:**

**MEXT Scholarship information below was for April 2024 admission. Please read it for your reference as it is subject to change for April 2025 admission. For the April 2025 Admission, possibility of scholarships will be announced after the admission decision.**

- **Number of students granted (as of April 2024 admission):** 8
  
- **Duration of Scholarship (as of April 2024 admission):** Within the standard years of enrollment (4 years)
  - \* Students must meet fulfill the stated academic requirements each year.
  
- **Benefits for Recipients of the Scholarship (as of April 2024 admission)**
  - (1) Monthly scholarship amount JPY120,000.
  - (2) Exemption from Admission fee and tuition.
  - (3) Travel expense to/from Japan (Return expenses will be provided once the student has graduated).
  
- **Eligibility as a Candidate of the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (as of April 2024 admission)**

Candidates must satisfy all of the following conditions:

  - (1) Must have average grade points of 2.30 or higher for the most recently attended degree program (for those who have already graduated) or degree program the applicant is currently attending (for those who are currently a student), and you are expected to maintain the same level during the duration of the scholarship.
  - (2) Must have the nationality of a country with which Japan has diplomatic relations. An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is 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 as long as they choose the nationality of the foreign country and give up their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan.
  - (3) Must be born on or after April 2, 1999.
  - (4) Must satisfy any one of the following conditions.
    - (a) have completed or be expected to complete 12 years of schooling in countries other than Japan by March 2024.

- (b) have completed or be expected to complete their studies at a school equivalent to a Japanese upper secondary school in countries other than Japan by March 2024.
  - (c) Other than the above conditions, who are eligible for enrollment in a Japanese university at the time of application.
- (5) Must satisfy any one of the following conditions in regards to language proficiency.
- (a) Must hold the official score of English proficiency test of CEFR B2 level or above. Refer to the score comparison chart on the last page.  
Note: The English Test score must cover all four skills (listening, reading, writing, and speaking), and each score must be CEFR B2 or above.
  - (b) Must have completed the high school education where the language of instruction was English.
  - (c) Must be approved by the university that the English Proficiency is the same or above (a)
- (6) Must submit a health certificate signed by a physician attesting that the applicant has no physical or mental conditions hindering the applicant's study in Japan.
- (7) Must be able to arrive in Japan between April 1, 2024 and April 7, 2024. Departure from the home residence should be on or after April 1, 2024.
- (8) Must newly obtain a "Student" visa at the Japanese Diplomatic mission located in the applicant's country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student." Accordingly, even if the applicant already has another residence status ("Permanent resident", "Long-term resident," etc.), the applicant must change it to the "Student" status and re-enter Japan. Moreover, the applicant should be aware that after expiration of the status as a MEXT Scholarship student and even if the student again applies for their original resident status of "Permanent resident" or "Long-term resident," such resident status might not be necessarily granted. The applicant should also be aware that the scholarship will be canceled if he/she arrived in Japan without a newly obtained "Student" visa.
- (9) Must be willing to contribute to the 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 the Japanese diplomatic mission after they return to their home countries.
- (10) Those who meet any one of the following conditions are ineligible. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, (the) applicant 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 the scholarship.
  - (b) Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT or the accepting university.
  - (c) 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 stipulation does not apply to those who have educational research experience of more than three

years between the completion of the previous scholarship and the start of this scholarship, and past recipients of 日本語・日本文化研修留学生( limited to those who have graduated or are to graduate from their university in their country) and the past students of Young Leaders Program. The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-financed International Students is not included in the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs.

- (d) Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system which starts in the 2024 academic year.
- (e) Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a residence status of “Student”, or who are going to be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university 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. However, this stipulation does not apply to privately-financed international students who, even though they are enrolled, or are planning to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution, verifiably complete their studies before the start of the scholarship payment period, return to their home country at the time of the scholarship application, and newly acquire the “Student” residence status and come to Japan.
- (f) Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant’s country) on top of the scholarship money provided by MEXT after the start of the scholarship payment period.
- (g) Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given.
- (h) 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.
- (i) Those who plan to, from the time of application for the MEXT scholarship program, engage in long-term research (such as fieldwork or internship) outside of Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from the university.

■ **Others (as of April 2024 admission)**

- The recipient’s academic performance will be checked every year. If a recipient's grade points calculated according to a formula specified by MEXT is found to be lower than 2.30 (full mark being 3.00) the student will lose its status as scholarship student and the scholarship will be cancelled from then onward.
- Please note that once it is decided that you will be recommended to the MEXT, you will be asked to submit the Certificate of Health (in designated form) along with other MEXT scholarship application documents.

■ **Schedule to Apply for the MEXT Scholarship (as of April 2024 admission)**

You will follow the following schedule to apply for the scholarship.

Application Packet for MEXT Scholarship will be delivered to Successful Applicants from TUFS	Early December, 2023
Deadline to apply for MEXT – Submit necessary documents to TUFS	Mid-late December, 2023
Official Acceptance Notice from MEXT	Early March, 2024
Entrance Procedure with TUFS	Early April, 2024
Arrival in Japan	Early April, 2024

TUFS-funded Scholarship “Type 2”

TUFS may be granted to some of the students who passed the entrance examination. Applicants who meet the following eligibility will be considered for the screening for the scholarship.

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■ **Number of students granted:** 8

■ **Duration of Scholarship:**

For a year until March 2026

■ **Benefits for Recipients of the Scholarship**

- (1) Monthly scholarship: To be determined
- (2) Exemption from Admission fee and tuition.

■ **Eligibility as a Candidate of the TUFS-funded Scholarship**

Candidates must satisfy all of the following conditions:

- (1) Must have average grade points of 2.30 or higher for the most recently attended degree program (for those who have already graduated) or degree program the applicant is currently attending (for those who are currently a student), and you are expected to maintain the same level during the duration of the scholarship.
- (2) Must have the nationality of a country with which Japan has diplomatic relations. An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is 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 as long as they choose the nationality of the foreign country and give up their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan.
- (3) Must be born on or after April 2, 2000.
- (4) Must satisfy any one of the following conditions.
  - (a) have completed or be expected to complete 12 years of schooling in countries other than Japan by March 2024.
  - (b) have completed or be expected to complete their studies at a school equivalent to a Japanese upper secondary school in countries other than Japan by March 2024.

- (c) Other than the above conditions, who are eligible for enrollment in a Japanese university at the time of application.
- (5) Must satisfy any one of the following conditions in regards to language proficiency.
- (a) Must hold the official score of English proficiency test of CEFR B2 level or above. Refer to the score comparison chart on the last page.
- Note: The English Test score must cover all four skills (listening, reading, writing, and speaking), and each score must be CEFR B2 or above.
- (b) Must have completed the high school education where the language of instruction was English.
- (c) Must be approved by the university that the English Proficiency is the same or above (a)
- (6) Must submit a health certificate signed by a physician attesting that the applicant has no physical or mental conditions hindering the applicant's study in Japan.
- (7) Must be able to arrive in Japan between April 1, 2025 and April 7, 2025. Departure from the home residence should be on or after April 1, 2025.
- (8) Must newly obtain a "Student" visa at the Japanese Diplomatic mission located in the applicant's country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student." Accordingly, even if the applicant already has another residence status ("Permanent resident", "Long-term resident," etc.), the applicant must change it to the "Student" status and re-enter Japan. Moreover, the applicant should be aware that after expiration of the status as a MEXT Scholarship student and even if the student again applies for their original resident status of "Permanent resident" or "Long-term resident," such resident status might not be necessarily granted. The applicant should also be aware that the scholarship will be canceled if he/she arrived in Japan without a newly obtained "Student" visa.
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- (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 the scholarship.
- (b) Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT or the accepting university.
- (c) 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 stipulation does not apply to those who have educational research experience of more than three years between the completion of the previous scholarship and the start of this scholarship, and past recipients of 日本語・日本文化研修留学生 (limited to those who have graduated or are to graduate



from their university in their country) and the past students of Young Leaders Program. The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-financed International Students is not included in the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs.

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- (i) Those who plan to, from the time of application for the MEXT scholarship program, engage in long-term research (such as fieldwork or internship) outside of Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from the university.

■ **Others**

- One must hold a “student visa” upon entering our program in April 2025.

■ **Schedule to Apply for the TUFSS-funded Scholarship**

You will follow the following schedule to apply for the scholarship.

Notice of candidate for the scholarship from TUFSS	Mid-late November, 2024
Entrance Procedure with TUFSS	Late March, 2025
Arrival in Japan	Early April, 2025