

# **The 2013 JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (*MONBUKAGAKUSHO*) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JAPANESE STUDIES STUDENTS APPLYING THROUGH JAPANESE HOST UNIVERSITIES**

The *MONBUKAGAKUSHO* or the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology offers scholarships to incoming exchange students (Japanese studies students) based on the student exchange agreement with Japanese universities, who are serious and eager to study in Japan under the following conditions. Waseda University offers this scholarship application opportunity to incoming exchange students coming from partner universities in all countries the Japanese government has official diplomatic relations as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

## **1. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS**

Applicants for this scholarship must meet all the conditions given below.

### **(1) Intended applicants**

1. Applicants must be selected as exchange candidates to Waseda University under a student exchange agreement by his/her home institution.
2. Applicants must be applying from abroad and be interested in receiving education at a Japanese university in order to increase understanding of Japanese language, issues, and culture. .

### **(2) Citizenship:**

Applicants must be citizens of countries under current diplomatic relationship with Japan as of April 1, 2013. However, citizens of Japan and international students from Taiwan at the time of application are not eligible.

### **(3) Age:**

Applicants must be between **18-30 years of age** as of April 1, 2013. (born on or after April 2, 1983 and before April 1, 1995)

### **(4) Academic background:**

Applicants must be enrolled in an overseas (any country other than Japan) university at the **undergraduate level (graduate students are not eligible to apply) and be majoring in fields related to Japanese language or Japanese studies/culture at the time of both arrival in and departure from Japan.**

### **(5) Japanese language ability:**

Applicants must have a level of Japanese language proficiency that allows them to study in Japanese at a Japanese university.

### **(6) Health:**

Applicants must be in good physical and mental health with the ability to perform academic work at the university level at Waseda University.

### **(7) Arrival in Japan:**

After being accepted, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan on the date appointed by Waseda University sometime in **mid-September 2013(schedule subject to change)**. Those who cannot arrive during the designated period will not be supplied with an air ticket.

### **(8) Visa acquisition**

Applicants must have a "College Student" visa when arriving in Japan. Those arriving in Japan with visas other than "College Student" and those having other residence statuses are not eligible for this scholarship. Also, those who change their residence status from "College Student" after arriving in Japan will lose their eligibility to receive a MEXT scholarship

(9) **The following people are not eligible:**

1. Military personnel including civilian employees on active duty are not eligible for application.
2. Grants will be canceled if grantees do not arrive in Japan during the period appointed by Waseda University.
3. Applicants who are concurrent recipients of other scholarships (including those from his or her home government) will not be selected.
4. Applicants who have received the MEXT scholarship within the past 3 years.
5. Applicants who are concurrently applying for other Japanese universities, the Japanese Embassy nominated MEXT scholarship and/or the JASSO Short-Term Student Exchange Support Program scholarship are not eligible to apply. Also, those who are currently receiving either scholarships and who wish to continue studying in 2013 are not eligible.

Applicants who major in an academic field other than Japanese language or Japanese culture and who plan to study Japanese language or culture as part of their studies are advised to apply for JASSO Short-Term Student Exchange Support Program Scholarship.

6. Applicants who have been enrolled in his/her home institutions **for less than one year** (freshman year students) as of April 2013 are not eligible for application.

## **2. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS**

(1) Scholarship Stipend

**117,000 yen per month during the period of his/her scholarship (amount subject to change).** upon understanding that the scholarship will be suspended in case a grantee is absent from the university for a prolonged period or is not in Japan for more than a full month.

(2) Transportation

- a. Transportation to Japan: The grantee will be given an economy class air ticket from the international airport\* nearest to his/her home address to Narita International Airport according to his/her itinerary as designated by the Ministry. Any transportation fees, airport fees, airport taxes, or other fees associated with the flight, as well as travel within Japan, is the individual's responsibility. (As a general rule, the student's home address will be considered to be the address submitted in the application.). Also, a ticket will not be issued from a country other than the applicant's country of citizenship.
- b. Transportation from Japan: The grantee who returns to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of his/her scholarship will be supplied, upon application, with an economy class air ticket from Narita International Airport to the international airport nearest to his/her home address.

(3) Tuition

Fees will be waived for entrance examination, matriculation and tuition at Waseda University based on the exchange agreement.

(4) Scholarship Period:

**Eleven months from September 2013 to July 2014 (Beginning time and period subject to change).**  
**Extension of the scholarship period is not permitted.**

## **3. APPLICATION METHOD**

Students wishing to apply for this scholarship must be selected as exchange candidates to Waseda University for the 2013-2014 academic year at their home institutions and submit their applications to the Center for International Education, Waseda University through the representative international office at their home institutions. Direct applications from interested students to Waseda University or to the Japanese government will not be accepted.





## **4. APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**Applications must arrive by March 1, 2013 (Application must be sent by postal service/Must be submitted along with the application for the exchange program)**

**\* Please submit all the application documents both for the exchange program and the MEXT scholarship by the deadline.**

## **5. PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDATION AND SELECTION**

- (1) Recommendation: 1. Partner institutions of Waseda University should nominate one candidate for this scholarship and submit scholarship application documents to the Center for International Education, Waseda University; 2. Waseda University will hold an internal screening and determine the final candidates to be recommended to the Japanese Ministry of Education; 3. the President of Waseda University recommends candidates to the Ministry of Education by submitting a prescribed application form.
- (2) Selection: The Ministry of Education selects grantees and decides the tenure of scholarship from among the pool of candidates recommended by the individual schools.
- (3) Documents to be submitted by the applicant to the applicant's home institution are as follows:

- \*a. Monbukagakusho scholarship application information sheet 2013  [<PDF>](#)  [<WORD>](#)
- \*b. Application form for Monbukagakusho scholarship – Japanese Studies Student for 2013  
(Applications must be printed double-sided)  [<PDF>](#)  [<WORD>](#)
- c. Certificate of Enrollment issued by the home institution
- d. Certified academic record of University (ies) attended  
(**Please clearly mark any courses related to Japanese Language or Japanese Culture.**)
- e. A recommendation letter from the applicant's home institution **addressed to Waseda University President, President Kaoru Kamata**
- f. Three color passport style photographs of your upper body, facing forward, and no hats. (4.5×3.5 cm, with your name and nationality indicated on the back) taken within the past six months. Of these, 1 must be attached to the proper places on the application form
- g. A copy of family register, certificate of citizenship, or a copy of your passport (that includes photograph and pertinent information)

\*Please obtain the designated form on the internet web page below

[http://www.waseda.jp/cie/exchange/ijlp/03\\_download.html](http://www.waseda.jp/cie/exchange/ijlp/03_download.html)

(Notes)

1. These documents must be typewritten (or word processed) **in either Japanese or English** on A4-size paper. (Please attach a Japanese translation when these documents are in languages other than English.)
2. These documents are used for the Monbukagakusho scholarship application only and will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education. **Exchange candidate(s) should also submit the documents for the Waseda University Exchange Program Application.**

These forms are available at [http://www.waseda.jp/cie/exchange/ijlp/03\\_download.html](http://www.waseda.jp/cie/exchange/ijlp/03_download.html)

3. **Incomplete or late applications will be excluded from the screening process.**
4. The submitted application documents will not be returned.
5. The scholarship will be terminated in any of the following cases:
  - a. A false statement has been made in the application.
  - b. The grantee violates any article of his/her pledge to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

- c. The grantee is subjected to disciplinary action such as expulsion or removal from registry by Waseda University.
  - d. It is deemed that the grantee will not be able to complete the exchange program within the allotted time period due to poor academic performance or suspension etc.
  - e. The grantee changes his/her status of residence in Japan from “College Student” to a different one.
  - f. The grantee accepts other scholarships (except those provided solely for research expenses).
6. If the grantee is absent from classes or takes a leave of absence from Waseda University for an extended period of time, scholarship will not be given for that time.

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