

Notices for MEXT Scholarships
Special Admission for the English Program on
Intelligent Information Processing,
Graduate School of Information Science and Technology,
The University of Tokyo
(Admission: September 2020)

For special admission to the English Program on Intelligent Information Processing, Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, The University of Tokyo (Admission: September 2020), if the applicants wish to receive MEXT scholarships, they must accept the following points.

This document is created so to reflect the requirements of MEXT scholarship (university recommendation for special program and for general application), as accurately as possible, for reference. But in case there is any difference or any change, the MEXT document (in Japanese) will prevail.

1. **Enrollment**

Applicants must be sure that they have wills to enter the University of Tokyo and to receive MEXT scholarship.

We will confirm applicants' wills to enter the University of Tokyo and to receive scholarship to those who passed the examination. After the specified deadline, those who made affirmative replies are not allowed to decline their entrance and/or scholarship, in principle. If one must forfeit either of these due to exceptional circumstances, he/she must contact us as earliest as possible via e-mail, and must submit (1) a letter of reasons written by the applicant (with the applicants own signature) and (2) a letter of reasons written from the deans (or higher-level faculty members) who wrote Recommendation Letter 2 (with the recommender's own signature).

To receive MEXT scholarship, the selected applicants must submit additional documents, which will be informed to them later, no later than the specified deadline. In principle, if one fails to submit any of the required documents, he/she will lose the right to receive MEXT scholarship.

2. **GPA**

Note that if yearly GPA goes below 2.30, the scholarship will be stopped.

3. **Arrival in Japan**

In principle, applicants must arrive in Japan in the period specified by The University of Tokyo, which will be in September or October 2020. Excluding cases in which MEXT deems as unavoidable circumstances, applicant will lose the right to receive MEXT scholarship if he/she cannot arrive in Japan by the end of the specified period. If the applicant arrive in Japan earlier than the beginning of the specified period, that travel expense will not be supported.

4. **Visa Requirement**

An applicant must, in principle, newly obtain a “Student” visa at the Japanese embassy located in the applicant’s country of nationality, and enter Japan with the newly obtained residence status of “Student.” The applicant should also be aware that the scholarship will be cancelled if he/she arrived in Japan without a newly obtained “Student” visa. Also, if the applicant changes their residence status to anything other than “Student” after their arrival in Japan, the scholarship payment will be stopped.

Even if the applicant already has another residence status (such as “Permanent Resident,” “Long Term Resident,” etc.), the applicant must change it to “Student” status and re-enter Japan. Moreover, the applicant should be aware that, after expiration of the status as a MEXT Scholarship student, even if the student again applies for his/her original resident status such as “Permanent Resident” or “Long Term Resident,” such a resident status might not be necessarily granted.

5. **Non-eligibility**

Those who meet one or more of the following conditions are ineligible.

(1) 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;

(2) Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT or the University of Tokyo;

(3) Those who are former grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship programs (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after the arrival in Japan). This does not apply to:

- those who have educational or work experience for a period of three years or more, from the month after the previous scholarship ended to the estimated first month of the payment of this scholarship; and
- those whose last MEXT scholarship was the Japanese Studies Students program (only those who have graduated or are going to graduate from universities in their home countries), the Japan-Korea Joint Government Scholarship Program for the Students in Science and Engineering Departments, or the Young Leaders' Program.

The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students is not included in the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship, so receiving it does not hinder application.

(4) Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system through which scholarship payments will begin in FY2020 (i.e. April 2020 to March 2021)

(5) 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 back to Japan;

(6) Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant's country) after the start of the MEXT scholarship payment period;

(7) Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the prescribed academic background requirements by the deadline given;

(8) Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they have given up Japanese nationality by the time of their arrival in Japan;

(9) Those who plan to, at the time of application, engage in long-term research (such as fieldwork or internship) outside Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from the university;

(10) Those who have completed a doctoral course and have no intention to obtain a degree.

6. Support for Further Education

Support (A1) recipients will not be able to receive MEXT scholarship for their further educations due to Article 5(3). Particularly, applicants who receive support (A1) for their master's course must be aware that they may not be able to receive MEXT scholarship for their doctoral course. They are recommended to apply for other scholarships such as IST-RA and JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC1).

Support (A2) recipients will not be able to receive MEXT scholarship for their further educations due to Article 5(3). However, there are relatively rare cases where MEXT scholarship is extended. It may happen if the recipients proceed to doctoral course at completion of master's course, satisfy a certain conditions, have especially good GPA, apply to the extension of MEXT scholarship, and the extension is allowed by MEXT. MEXT will review each recipient and may not allow all who wish to extend. Also, recipients must be aware of the following points:

(1) To have their scholarship extended, recipients must pass a review by MEXT, the University of Tokyo must approve them to go on to their doctoral courses, and the recipients actually proceed to doctoral course.

(2) If recipients do not pass the review by MEXT, the scholarship payment will end at their enrollment of doctoral course. Recipients can go on to the doctoral course as privately-financed international students.

(3) The scholarship extension will not be approved if recipients go on to doctoral courses at another university. Recipients can go on to doctoral courses as privately-financed international students.

(4) If recipients get an approval of their MEXT scholarship but fail to pass the entrance examination for doctoral course or choose not to enroll in the doctoral course, MEXT or the University of Tokyo will not support the travel expense to return to their home country.

The recipients of Support (A2) are also recommended to apply for other scholarships such as IST-RA and JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC1), if they proceed to doctoral course.

7. Traveling Expenses

(1) Transportation to Japan

MEXT or the University of Tokyo will stipulate the travel schedule and route, and provide an airline ticket to grantees who will arrive in Japan during the specified period. The airline ticket will be an economy-class ticket for the flight from the international airport closest to the grantee's residence (in principle, in the country of nationality) to Narita or Haneda airport. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to domestic travel from the grantee's residence to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. If the grantee must travel to a third country before coming to Japan, in order to obtain visa in the said third country because there are no Japanese diplomatic missions in his/her country, or because there are no direct flights from the grantee's country of residence to Japan, MEXT or the University of Tokyo will provide an economy-class airline ticket from the grantee's country of residence to the said third country, and from the third country to Narita or Haneda airport. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense travel and lodging costs incurred in the said third country.

In principle, the address given in the space for "Current address" on the application form (Form 3) shall be recognized as your "residence," and the airline ticket will be

arranged for a flight from the international airport nearest to that address. However, the grantee is going to move within his/her own country before arriving Japan, the address in the space for “Your address before departure for Japan” will be recognized as your “residence,” and the airline ticket will be arranged for a flight from the international airport nearest to that address. Except for cases when the grantee must travel to a third country to obtain a visa, MEXT or the University of Tokyo will not provide an airline ticket for cases of travel to Japan from a country other than the grantee’s country of residence due to the grantee’s personal circumstances.

(2) Transportation from Japan

Based on the application by the grantee, MEXT or the University of Tokyo will provide an airline ticket to grantees who shall graduate from the University of Tokyo and return to their home country in the final month of the period of scholarship designated by MEXT. MEXT or the University of Tokyo shall provide an economy-class airline ticket from Narita or Haneda airport to the international airport (in principle, in the country of nationality) nearest to returning grantees’ residence. Grantees shall bear at their own expense all costs related to travel from grantees’ residences in Japan to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within the country of nationality (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. If a grantee returns to the home country before the last month of the period of scholarship, due to personal circumstances or reasons stated in Section 8 “Termination of Payment of Scholarship,” MEXT or the University of Tokyo will not pay for the returning travel expenses.

If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended (e.g., for proceeding to further education, being employed in Japan, or continuing to register at the university), travel expenses for a return will also not be paid. Travel expenses for a temporary return will also not be paid.

8. Termination of Payment of Scholarship

Payment of the scholarship will be terminated for the reasons given below. Should any of the following reasons apply, the grantee may be ordered to return a part of, or all of, the scholarship paid up to that time. Payment of the scholarship may also be

suspended during the period up to the decision on the disposition of the matter.

(1) A grantee is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application;

(2) A grantee violates any article of his/her pledge to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;

(3) A grantee violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced and imprisoned for an indefinite period or for a period exceeding 1 year;

(4) A grantee is suspended from his/her university or applied other punishment, or is removed from enrollment as a disciplinary action in accordance with the regulations of the University of Tokyo;

(5) It has been determined that it is impossible for a grantee to complete the course within the standard period of study because of poor academic grades or suspension or absence from the university;

(6) A grantee came to Japan without newly acquiring the “Student” residence status, or changed his/her residence status to one other than “Student”;

(7) A grantee receives another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenditures);

(8) A grantee proceeds to a more advanced level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship.

(9) A grantee quits enrollment at The University of Tokyo, or moves to another university.

(10) A grantee’s yearly GPA goes below 2.30.

9. **Other**

(1) MEXT Scholarship will be granted to those who are willing to contribute to a 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 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.

(2) The scholarship will be paid 1 – 1.5 months after arrival. Students must bring enough money to cover their expenses during that beginning period. We recommend students prepare no less than 2,000 US dollars to bring from their home countries.

(3) Students must apply for Japanese national insurance after arrival in Japan.

(4) As scholarship recipients, students should remember the following points:

- The Japanese government will share recipient information (such as names, genders, and birthdates) with related organizations to give better support to international students, to follow up with graduates, and to improve the systems for international students. Also, the Japanese government may publish recipient information (excluding birthdate and contact information) to promote the acceptance of international students. In particular, the government may publish the information of graduated international students who are actively contributing to societies.

- Scholarship recipients must sign a pledge with specific rules which recipients must follow. Except in the case of very special circumstances, scholarships will be given only to those who sign the pledge.

(5) We will cancel the scholarship for students who cannot obtain the “Student” visa because they have been deported from Japan in the past.

(6) If recipients apply for a visa at the country of their nationalities, MEXT will directly contact the embassies or consulates there. Otherwise, students must apply for certificates of eligibility through The University of Tokyo.

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