



MINISTRY OF 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.

(01) General eligibility requirements:

- (a) All applicants should be citizens of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Applicant should be born **on or after April 2, 1989**
- (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) Basic knowledge of Japanese Language is an added advantage
- (f) If the applicant is a government sector employee, should submit their applications through the Head of the institute and other applicants can forward their applications directly.

(02) Fields of Study:

Applicants should apply for the fields of study they majored in at university or its related fields. Moreover, the fields of study must be subjects which applicants will be able to study and research in graduate course at Japanese universities.

(03) Medium of Instructions: Japanese Language/English Language

(04) Terms of Award:

- a) **Allowance:**
Masters: 144,000 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) **Traveling Expenses:**

(I) Transportation to Japan

MEXT will provide an Economy class air ticket who will arrive in Japan during the specified period and student shall bear the own expense all costs related to domestic travel.

(II) Transportation from Japan:

MEXT will provide an Economy class air 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.

- d) Expenses relating to accommodation will be borne by the grantee.

Notes:

- Period of scholarship for regular students enrolled in masters doctoral or professionals graduate course;

Regardless of the date of arrival, the scholarship period shall be the necessary period for the completion of the respective regular course. For those requiring preparatory education, a 6-months preparatory education period will be separately added prior to the regular degree course.

- Scholars are required to bring approximately US \$ 2000 to cover immediate needs just after arrival 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.

- Those who are military personnel or military civilian employee at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of scholarship.
- Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship programmes. (including those who withdraw from the scholarship programme after acquisition of student status)
- 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 programme in the applicant’s country until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship.

(06) Special notes:

- a) Award of the scholarship conditions laid down in this notification may vary as per the criteria imposed by the Japanese Government authorities without prior notice.
- b) Candidates who received scholarships would select the higher educational institutes recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka.
- c) **If any student declines the offer after the selection process, he/she shall not be considered for any of the scholarships offered by the Ministry of Education.**

- d) Extension of the period of the scholarship will not be recommended by this Ministry.
- e) You are advised to visit the following web site for past papers of the qualifying examination

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarship/application/examination>

(06) Applications:

- a) Online application is available at: <https://foreignscholarships.mohe.gov.lk/>
- b) The deadline of the submission of the application is 15th May 2023**
- c) Applicants should submit only one application via online portal and not require to send by post.**
- d) No application from a permanent employee of the government sector, University or a State Corporation will be entertained unless channeled through the Head of the Institution concerned.**
- 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. Incomplete in any respect or received late, will be rejected.

(07.) Nominations & Selections:

- All eligible candidates should sit for a written test for English Language and Japanese Language conducted by the Embassy of Japan.
- The final selections will be made by the Japanese Government based on the examination marks and eligible candidates will be called for an interview by the Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka.
- Therefore, candidate should not treat his/her nomination for the scholarship as an acceptance for an award.
- Any form of canvassing either written or verbal and attempting to influence the selection of a candidate will be considered as a disqualification for a scholarship.

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