

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2027 POSTGRADUATE (RESEARCH STUDENTS)

Monbukagakusho: MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan) offers scholarship to Malaysian students who wish to study at Japanese universities as research students under the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship Program for the academic year 2027. Applicants must be Malaysian citizens and meet the qualifications below:

1. FIELD OF STUDY

Humanities and Social Sciences: Literature, History, Aesthetics, Laws, Politics, Economics, Commerce, Pedagogy, Psychology, Sociology, Music, Fine Arts, Business Administration **& etc.**

Natural Sciences: Pure science, Engineering (Biomedical Eng, Civil Eng, Environmental Eng & etc.), Agriculture, Fisheries, Pharmacology, Medicine, Dentistry, Home Economics **& etc.**

- Students majoring in medicine or dentistry shall not be allowed to carry out their clinical studies by conducting medical examinations or performing operations, unless they are permitted by the Ministry of Health and Welfare under the provisions of the Japanese laws concerned.
- Fields of study must be one of those available at Japanese universities. Practical training given by factories or companies is excluded.

2. TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The tenure of scholarship is from **April 2027 to March 2029**. The tenure shall include a six-month intensive course of the Japanese Language, to be given to those whose knowledge of the language is insufficient to pursue their studies. For those who have been permitted to enter in a regular course of graduate schools (whether Master's or Doctoral) and have excellent academic records, their durations could be extended upon the judgment within the budget. Those who wish to enter master's or doctoral program of a graduate school must sit for and pass the entrance examination imposed by the university concerned after having studied at least for six months as non-degree research students. Failure in the examination will result in reenrollment as non-degree research students within the tenure.

3. QUALIFICATIONS

- (a) Age:** Applicants must be Malaysian passport holders under 35 years of age as of 1st April 2027 (i.e. born on or after 2nd April 1992)
- (b) Academic Background:** Applicant must be university or college graduate, holding a Bachelor's or Master's degree with CGPA of 3.40 out of 4.0 or results deemed equivalent. (Those who will graduate and receive Bachelor's / Master's degree from a college / university by March or September 2027 may apply using latest result). Applicants wishing to enter Master's or Doctoral program must have completed a regular course of study of sixteen (16) year's formal school education (excluding remove class), or eighteen (18) years' formal school education (excluding remove class) for medicine, dentistry, veterinary or pharmacy courses.
- (c) Language Proficiency:** Applicant must have good command of English language AND/OR Japanese language.
- (d) Study Area:** The study area must be in the same field as the applicant has studied (or is studying), or is working in a related field.
- (e) Japanese Language:** Applicants must be willing to learn Japanese language and to receive university instruction in Japanese while adapting to life in Japan.
- (f) Others:**
 - * Applicant who has been awarded a Japanese Government Scholarship in the past will not be selected as a grantee unless he / she has spent at least **three years research or teaching** after returning to his / her home country. However, former "Japanese Studies" scholarship students may apply for admission to the Research Student program once they have completed the undergraduate program after returning to their home countries.
 - * **Applicant who has already enrolled in a Japanese university is not eligible to apply.** Military men and military civilian employees registered on the active list are not eligible.

4. ALLOWANCE

Monthly allowance of **143,000 Yen** (subject to change) will be given to each grantee during the tenure of scholarship. Fees for matriculation, entrance examination and tuition at universities will be exempted.

5. EXAMINATION & INTERVIEW

Only qualified applicants will be notified (by email and post) to sit for English AND Japanese language examinations (both are selecting criteria, but Japanese language is an optional subject) in Kuala Lumpur tentatively in **June 2026** (subject to change). The embassy will short-list candidates for interview scheduled to be held in **July 2026** (subject to change).

6. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

(a) Number of Submission:

ONLY ONE (1) application per individual, **double submission will be disqualified.**

(b) Documents to be submitted:

(1) Required Completed application form (in A4 size paper), **in English or Japanese language only.** Application form is available at the Embassy of Japan in Malaysia website during application period only. Application with any blank column will be disqualified, no matter what reasons are given.

(2) Required Original academic transcript (Bachelor's / Master's) in ENGLISH or JAPANESE language, **OR** a photocopy of the documents certified by issuing authority or government officer grade M41 or DG41 and above is accepted. The page containing information on grading system (ex. Grade A = 81-100, Grade B = 71-80, etc) must also be included. Applicant who submits photocopy of transcript without certification by issuing authority, as well as certified transcript without information on grading system, will be disqualified. Master's student must submit both Bachelor's and Master's academic transcripts.

(3) Required Certified degree certificate (Bachelor's / Master's) for those who have graduated.

(4) Required Copy of Identity Card (IC) as a proof that you are Malaysian.

(c) Do not submit documents other than the above mentioned. UPSR/ PMR/ SPM/ O-Levels/ STPM/ A-Levels/ Matriculation/ Diploma results, and resume/CVs are not required.

(d) Closing Date and Submission of Application Form:

	Non Government Servants	Government Servants
Closing Date	15 April 2026 (Wednesday) before 4pm	
Submit to	MEXT 2027 – Postgraduate Japan Information Service Embassy of Japan No. 11, Persiaran Stonor Off Jalan Tun Razak 50450 KUALA LUMPUR	Please refer to Public Service Department (JPA) website at http://www.jpa.gov.my for details.

Application must reach the Embassy of Japan / Public Service Department (JPA), either by hand or by post (including courier services, registered and express post) by closing date. Submission via email is not accepted. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, NO MATTER WHAT REASONS ARE GIVEN.**

(e) Each envelope containing application form and required documents must indicate "MEXT SCHOLARSHIP 2027 – POSTGRADUATE" on the top left-hand corner of all envelopes.

(f) Submitted forms and documents will not be returned, no matter what reasons are given.

(g) No correspondence will be entered into as to why an applicant has not been short-listed.

7. OTHER NOTES

The simplified guidelines and application form provided by the Embassy of Japan in Malaysia in March are provisional. Applicants short-listed for interview are required to submit new official application forms and adhere to the official guidelines compiled by the MEXT which will be provided along with the interview notification letter.

Application Form: [POSTGRADUATE 2027]**Valid in Malaysia only.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Science
<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural Science

<input type="checkbox"/>	Master's Studies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Doctoral Studies

APPLICATION FOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIPS 2027
Research Students

INSTRUCTIONS

- The application should be **typewritten** if possible, or **neatly hand-written** in block letters.
- Numbers should be in Arabic numerals.
- Year should be written in the Anno Domini (AD) system.
- Proper nouns (including address) should be **written in full**, and **not abbreviated**.
- Please provide present address and telephone number **in Malaysia**.
- Use our format** to help to speed-up the short-listing process. Do not change our format.

1. Name in full, in Roman block capitals

_____	_____	_____	Marital Status	Sex
(Family name/ Surname)	(First name)	(Middle name)	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
			<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> Female

2. Nationality : _____ 2a. Do you have Japanese nationality? _____

3. Date of birth : _____
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- (Year) (Month) (Day) (Age, as of 1
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- April 2027)

4. Present status with the name of the university attending or employer

5. Present address and telephone number, facsimile number, e-mail address

Present address : _____

Telephone/Mobile/Facsimile : _____
number

E-mail address : _____

6. Field of study specialized (
- NOT list of subjects**
-) in the PAST (
- be as detailed and concrete as possible**
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7. Proposed study program IN JAPAN.

(State the **name & outline of your major field of study and the details of your study program** **This section will be used as one of the most important references for selection**. Statement must be typewritten [font: Tahoma, size: 10pt] or written in block letters. Additional sheet of paper [**maximum 3 additional pages**] may be attached **ONLY IF NECESSARY**.

i) Present field of study

ii) Your research theme after arrival in Japan

iii) Study Programme in Japan in detail (STUDY/RESEARCH PROPOSAL)

8. Education background

Level of Education	Name and Address of School	Year and Month of Entrance and Completion	Period of schooling attended	Certificate
Elementary Education 1.Elementary School	Name Location	From To	yrs and mths	
Secondary Education: 1.Lower Secondary School	Name Location	From To	yrs and mths	
2.Upper Secondary School	Name Location	From To	yrs and mths	
HIGHER EDUCATION: 1.Undergraduate Level	Name Location	From To	yrs and mths	
2.Graduate Level	Name Location	From To	yrs and mths	
		TOTAL years of schooling mentioned above	yrs and mths	

9. **TWO** recent Employment record. **Begin with most recent** employment, if applicable. (**DO NOT INCLUDE INTERNSHIP OR PART TIME JOBS**)

Name and address of organization	Period of employment	Position	TYPE of work
	From To		
	From To		

Date of application:

Applicant's signature:

Applicant's name
(in **Roman block capitals**):

NOTE: Please read our guidelines carefully; follow the instructions and fill-in correctly before submitting. Do not leave any column blank, if you do so, your application will strictly not be considered.

Attachment (please tick):-

REQUIRED One (1) copy of original or certified academic transcript (Bachelor's/ Master's only)

REQUIRED One (1) copy of certified degree certificate (Bachelor's/ Master's only)

** Bachelor's/ Master's academic transcripts and degree certificates only. UPSR/ PMR/ SPM/ O-Levels/ STPM/ A-Levels/ Matriculation/ Diploma results, IC photocopies and resume/CVs are not required. Master's student must submit one (1) copy each of Bachelor's and Masters' academic transcripts.*

ANNEX

ASCOJA Recommendation

ASEAN Council of Japan Alumni (ASCOJA) aims to foster human resources that can provide leadership as a bridge between Japan and home country even after returning home. In addition to the specialized field of study in graduate school, ASCOJA members also have a chance to deepen their understanding of Japan by learning Japanese language, culture, and through activities such as experiencing customs and exchange with Japanese people during their stay in Japan.

MEXT Scholarship candidates who fulfill **ALL** the requirements below are eligible for the ASCOJA Recommendation:

- Will depart to Japan as "Research Student" in April 2027
- Will proceed to Master's Course (candidates taking PhD courses are not eligible)
- Will apply for a university in Tokyo or around the region (where student can participate in ASCOJA's activities without hindrance).
- Will receive 6 months of Japanese language preparatory education at Tokyo Japanese Language Education Center before enrolling into graduate school.

If you are interested to join ASCOJA kindly tick in the box below

YES

NO

Signature:

Name:

Date:

This recommendation is **OPTIONAL**, and **NOT** compulsory.

Only candidates who meet **ALL of the above requirements are eligible.**