

International University of Japan
2026 IUJ Scholarship Guidelines:
Master's Programs
For Non-Japanese Applicants



Non-Japanese IUJ applicants who do not have sufficient funds to attend IUJ can apply for the scholarship(s) listed below at the time of submitting their application to an IUJ academic degree program. Please read this guide carefully and learn what scholarship(s) are eligible for you. The Admissions Committee will nominate successful applicants for a scholarship appropriate to them.

Most scholarships require recipients to be on a Japan Student Visa, which IUJ will help you obtain.

Scholarship information is subject to change.

The Scholarship Application form is available as the second part of the online admission application system: complete the main application process to the IUJ degree program that is best matched to your future career goals, then if applicable, continue to part two for scholarship considerations. (<https://www.iuj.ac.jp/admis/online/>) Please respond to all questions inputting your answers directly into the online form. The Admissions Committee will then consider you for an award either directly from IUJ or by nominating you to a scholarship-providing partner as indicated below.

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Tuition of IUJ Master's Programs

School	Program	Tuition / year
Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR)	International Relations Program (IRP)	3,200,000yen
	International Development Program (IDP)	
	Public Management and Policy Analysis Program (PMPP)	
	Japan Global Development Program (JGDP) (MA)	
	International Public Policy Program (IPPP) (1-year program)	3,900,000yen
Graduate School of International Management (GSIM)	MBA Program (MBA)	3,200,000yen
	Japan Global Development Program (JGDP) (MBA)	3,900,000yen
	MBA Program (IMBA) (1-year program)	
	Digital Transformation Program (DXP) (1-year program)	

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Admissions

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Online Applications	https://www.iuj.ac.jp/admis/online/
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I. List of Available Scholarships through IUJ and Other Institutions

Details of each scholarship are found in the subsequent pages.

In the tables below, the “D” and “I” are used to indicate:

D: Domestic Applicants (residents of Japan – regardless of nationality)

I: International Applicants (residents of countries other than Japan – regardless of nationality)

Category A: IUJ Direct Award Scholarships announced along with IUJ Admissions Decisions

IUJ awards these scholarships to recipients selected from successful applicants at the time of admissions. Both domestic and international applicants are eligible to be nominated for all of the following scholarships in this category. **Non-Japanese must be on a Japan Student Visa status** to receive the scholarship and IUJ will help successful applicants to obtain that status.

Those receiving scholarships in this Category are not eligible to apply for an upgraded scholarship after enrolling in IUJ.

No	Scholarships	GSIR					GSIM			
		IRP	IDP	JGDP (MA)	PMPP	IPPP	MBA	JGDP (MBA)	IMBA	DXP
		2y	2y	2y	2y	1y	2y	2y	1y	1y
A	<i>S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship 100 Premium (Nakayama 100 Premium)</i>	D/I					D/I			
	<i>S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship 100 (Nakayama 100)</i>									
	<i>S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship 90 (Nakayama 90)</i>									
	<i>S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship 70 (Nakayama 70)</i>									
	<i>S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship 50 (Nakayama 50)</i>									
	<i>S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship 30 (Nakayama 30)</i>									

Note: A special scholarship through alumni introductions is not noted above.

Category B: IUJ Nominated Scholarships after Successful IUJ Admissions Screening

IUJ *recommends/nominates* candidates to the following scholarship providers from those that have passed the IUJ admissions process and who match the requirements and conditions of our scholarship providers. Scholarship providers make the final decisions and selections. IUJ informs applicants of both our recommendations/nominations and the results as soon as the provider informs us.

Those receiving scholarships in this Category are not eligible to apply for an upgraded scholarship after enrolling in IUJ.

No.	Scholarships	GSIR							GSIM			
		IRP (IR)	IRP (PS)	IDP	JGDP (MA)	PMPP (PM)	PMPP (PP)	IPPP	MBA	JGDP (MBA)	IMBA	DXP
		2 years						1 year	2 years		1 year	
B-1	<i>ADB-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)</i>	I	I	I	I	I	I		I	I		I
B-2	<i>AEON Scholarship (AEON)</i>	I	I	I	I	I	I		I	I		
B-3	<i>JERA Asia Scholarship (JERA)</i>	D/I	D/I	D/I	D/I	D/I	D/I		D/I	D/I		
B-4	<i>Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Scholarship (MOL)</i>	D/I	D/I	D/I	D/I	D/I	D/I		D/I	D/I		
B-5	<i>Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation (KMMF)</i>	D/I	D/I	D/I	D/I	D/I	D/I		D/I	D/I		
B-6	<i>Mitsubishi UFJ Trust Scholarship Foundation</i>	D/I	D/I	D/I	D/I	D/I	D/I		D/I	D/I		
B-7	<i>MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation - General)</i>	I	I	I	I	I	I		I	I	I	I
B-8	<i>MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation - Special)</i>	I	I						I	I		

Category C: Direct Scholarship Application to Other Institution

Those interested in attending IUJ may consider applying for the following scholarships directly to each institute or office. Please indicate “IUJ” as your choice of graduate programs when you are asked to list priority graduate schools.

No	Scholarships	GSIR					GSIM				Notes
		IRP	IDP	JGDP (MA)	PMPP	IPPP	MBA	JGDP (MBA)	IMBA	DXP	
		2y	2y	2y	2y	1y	2y	2y	1y	1y	
C-1	<i>Various JICA Scholarship Programs</i>	<i>Eligibilities vary depending on the scholarship program you are applying. Please inquire the JICA Office in your country.</i>									Available to Government staff in principle
C-2	<i>Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA)</i>		I								Available only to Government staff and MA in Economics
C-3	<i>Japanese Government (MEXT) (Embassy Recommendation)</i>	I	I	I	I		I	I	I	I	Application begins in May, June or July for admissions in September; 14-16 months later

II. How to Apply for Scholarships

Category A and B

To apply for a scholarship in category “A” or “B”, please complete the IUJ Online Application to our degree programs, including the 2nd part for scholarship applications (<https://www.iuj.ac.jp/admis/online/>). Please respond to all questions inputting your answers directly into the online forms. Be sure to complete each section.

IUJ will award or make nominations for awards (when possible) to the appropriate scholarships to successful applicants.

Applying in the 1st or 2nd intakes is strongly recommended to be considered for these scholarships. Scholarships are competitive. Applicants in the 3rd intake are extremely unlikely to be nominated for a full scholarship.

Category C

For category “C” scholarships, contact the institutes or offices concerned to begin the application process, indicating your interest in attending IUJ.

III. Eligibility and Conditions of Scholarship (A detailed description of each scholarship)

Category A: IUJ Direct Award Scholarships

S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarships

IUJ provides a limited number of scholarships for newly enrolling international students to support their IUJ studies with the expectation that they will also be active participants in support of the local community and gain a good understanding of the Japanese society. These scholars are expected to develop leadership skills and then contribute to the international society in a leadership role upon graduation. Priority for this scholarship is given to those with excellent academic performances.

Conditions: GSIR (2-year Programs: IRP, IDP, JGDP (MA) and PMPP, 1-year Program: IPPP), or GSIM (2-year Programs: MBA and JGDP (MBA), 1-year Programs: IMBA and DXP)

Nakayama 100 Premium: Partial Exemption of Admissions Fee: 250,000 yen (out of a total admissions fee of 300,000 yen)

Full Exemption of Tuition: 2-year Programs: 3,200,000 yen/year 1-year Programs: 3,900,000 yen

Stipend: 100,000 yen per month

Nakayama 100: Full Exemption of Tuition: 2-year Programs: 3,200,000 yen 1-year Programs: 3,900,000 yen

Nakayama 90: Partial Exemption of Tuition (90% of the full tuition): 2-year Programs: 2,880,000 yen 1-year Programs: 3,510,000 yen

Nakayama 70: Partial Exemption of Tuition (70% of the full tuition): 2-year Programs: 2,240,000 yen 1-year Programs: 2,730,000 yen

Nakayama 50: Partial Exemption of Tuition (50% of the full tuition): 2-year Programs: 1,600,000 yen 1-year Programs: 1,950,000 yen

Nakayama 30: Partial Exemption of Tuition (30% of the full tuition): 2-year Programs: 960,000 yen 1-year Programs: 1,170,000 yen

These are one-year scholarships, but students with commendable records are given an extension for the second year.

Nakayama 100 Premium and Nakayama 100 are reserved for highly capable candidates as determined in the screening process.

Note: In principle, S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship recipients reside in the IUJ dormitories. IUJ may be required to ask recipients to reside in units near campus if dorm capacity needs arise. Respond to IUJ requests whenever possible in such cases.

Note: Successful applicants are responsible for paying the balance of the admissions fee (if applicable) by the designated deadline according to the guidelines for successful applicants. *Also, they are responsible for paying the tuition balance by the day prior to the first day of the academic year (August 31): not making tuition payments can lead to dismissal.*

***Note on Nakayama 100 Premium:** This scholarship is awarded at the time of admissions. However, if the student subsequently receives a monthly living stipend, other than JASSO, the stipend of 100,000 yen would be terminated. Recipients of Nakayama 100 Premium will also be asked to support various aspects of dorm life in a “work-study” type of arrangement that will be announced at a later date. There is no special priority in room assignments, and All students will be assigned a room base on the basic guide.

Category B: IUJ Nominated Scholarships

B-1: Asian Development Bank - Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)

This scholarship program is established with funds provided by the Japanese Government to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to offer opportunities for individuals from the Bank’s member countries to undertake further studies at select institutions.

The selected scholar must agree to immediately return to his/her country upon completion of his/her studies at IUJ for at least two years for the purpose of applying his/her enhanced knowledge and skills toward helping accelerate the economic and social development of his/her country.

Preference is given to applicants with lesser financial capacity and female candidates.

IUJ Admissions committee nominates scholars to ADB. At the request of ADB, diversification of nationalities is considered. Final decisions and selections are made by ADB and informed to IUJ sometime in July. IUJ then notifies the candidates.

Eligibility

- Should be a citizen of an ADB developing member country as listed below:

Afghanistan	Armenia	Azerbaijan	Bangladesh	Bhutan	Cambodia
Cook Islands	Micronesia	Fiji	Georgia	India	Indonesia
Kazakhstan	Kiribati	Kyrgyz Republic	Laos	Malaysia	Maldives
Marshall Islands	Mongolia	Myanmar	Nauru	Nepal	Niue
Pakistan	Palau	Papua New Guinea	Philippines	Samoa	Solomon Islands
Sri Lanka	Tajikistan	Thailand	Timor-Leste	Tonga	Turkmenistan
Tuvalu	Uzbekistan	Vanuatu	Vietnam		

- Not hold dual citizenship of any developed country
- Have gained admission to an approved master’s course at IUJ
- Hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent with superior academic record; *Note: The bachelor's degree equivalent will be determined by the IUJ with ADB’s consent.*
- Expected to have at least two years of full-time work experience at the time of application, gained after the completion of the undergraduate degree, and in the public or private sector. The candidate must have proficiency in oral and written English communication skills to be able to pursue studies
- Not more than 35 years old at the time of application.
- In good health.
- Should not be living, working, or studying in a country other than his/her home country.
- In principle, does not have a Master’s or Ph.D. degree, and not enrolled in a degree program at the time of application.
- Should not be an executive director, alternate director, member of management, staff, or consultant of ADB, nor a close relative of any of the aforementioned by blood or adoption with the term “close relative” defined as spouse, mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, sister, stepsister, brother, stepbrother, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew.
- Should not be staff of ADB–JSP Designated Institution

Conditions

- Admissions Fee: Successful applicants are responsible for paying 50,000 yen out of a total admissions fee of 300,000 yen by the designated deadline according to the guidelines for successful applicants. The 50,000 yen will be reimbursed after enrolling in IUJ
- Full Tuition
- Monthly stipend (including housing allowance): 144,000 yen (as of April 2025)
- Book allowance of 108,000 yen a year
- Cost of medical and accident insurance
- Thesis Allowance
- 2 one-way tickets (economy class airfare) between the scholar’s home country and Japan to come to IUJ, and return after graduation
- The scholarship is awarded for one year, but may be extended. The extension of the scholarship for the second year of study will be conditional on whether the scholar has maintained a satisfactory level of academic performance as determined by IUJ
- ADB-JSP Scholars are not eligible for paid internships or paid part-time work** (including at the IUJ Library) that requires a work permit. On-campus Teaching Assistant (TA), Research Assistant (RA) and Facilitator roles with pay are possible if selected by a faculty member, and with prior approval from ADB

Note: The Scholarship will be terminated immediately when scholarship students fail to achieve a certain level of academic standards.

B-2: AEON Scholarship (AEON)

The AEON 1% Club was inaugurated in 1989 with grants from AEON to protect the environment, promote international culture and inter-personal exchange, and revitalize local cultures and communities. Based on their core values of pursuing peace, respect for humanity, and contribution to the community, they provide scholarships for newly enrolling international students with an interest in the next generation retail industry as a part of international culture and inter-personal exchange activities.

After IUJ nominations, AEON 1% Club makes the final selection of their scholarship recipients.

Eligibility

1. Privately-funded students who plan to enroll in a first-year of master program at IUJ as a full-time student and have not yet arrived in Japan at the time of the scholarship application.
2. Privately-funded students who plan to enroll in a two-year program in the Graduate School of International Relations and the Graduate School of International Management.
3. Privately-funded students who are citizens of one of the following countries (or regions) Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.
4. Students who are able to obtain a visa with "Student" status by the time of enrollment.
5. Students who are **30 years** of age or younger as of April 1, 2026.
6. Students who are not receiving a scholarship from any other foundations (Grants for travel expenses or admissions fees are not considered a scholarship.)
7. Students who can spend their student life without offending public order and morals.

Requirements

1. Students who are able to prove that **their Japanese language proficiency is equivalent to Level 3/N3 or above.**
2. Students who can attend the "AEON Scholarship" certificate awarding ceremony in 2027.
3. Students who understand this program and are willing to work as a bridge between Japan and their home country after graduation.
4. Students who have a strong interest in the retail industry (including medical sales), service industry, financial industry, commerce, developer (real estate industry), agriculture, fishery, IT, and environment.
5. Students who are outstanding in both academics and character, and truly in need of financial assistance.
6. Students whose monthly living expenses (excluding tuition) are less than 100,000 yen and who need a part-time job.

*Students who will reduce the number of hours of their part-time jobs after receiving the scholarship and concentrate on their studies are preferred.

*The above information is a summary of the application guidelines for the 2025 academic year, and may be subject to change in the 2026 academic year.

*There will be short online interview.

Conditions

- Admissions Fee: 250,000 yen out of a total admission fee of 300,000 yen. Successful applicants are responsible for paying the balance of 50,000 yen by the designated deadline according to the guidelines for successful applicants
- Full Tuition fee
- Monthly stipend: 100,000 yen
- Participation in a paid internship requires prior approval from AEON 1% Club

Note: The Scholarship will be terminated immediately when scholarship students fail to achieve a certain level of academic standards.

B-3: JERA Asia Scholarship (JERA)

JERA Co., Inc. (hereinafter called "JERA") established a scholarship program for international students from Asian countries studying at universities and graduate schools in Japan called "JERA Asia Scholarship." The JERA Asia Scholarship aims to support the development of human resources who will contribute to the future economic development of Asian countries by financially supporting international students studying in Japan.

Eligibility

1. Applicants from the countries/regions listed below, where JERA has business activities, are preferred. However, this does not prevent those with origin of other countries/regions from applying for the program.

Bangladesh	Indonesia	Philippines	Singapore	Taiwan
Thailand	Vietnam			
2. The applicant must have an excellent academic record with a good personality and be in good health
3. The applicant must have a keen interest in the energy business and strive to understand JERA's business
4. The applicant must be available to take an online interview with IUJ faculty during the admissions process
5. Those who are granted a scholarship from any other institution are not eligible to apply for the JERA Asia Scholarship simultaneously
6. The applicant must obey the rules set by the IUJ and devote oneself to study and research in order to accomplish the aims of the JERA Asia Scholarship
7. The applicant must refrain from bringing the JERA Asia Scholarship program into disrepute
8. The applicant must accept responsibility for any expenses incurred beyond those covered by the JERA Asia Scholarship
9. The applicant must acknowledge that the scholarship awards will be tenable during the period stated in the notice of selection
10. Japanese language skill is not essential but the level equivalent of JLPT N4 or above is preferable.

Conditions (items to be covered by the scholarship)

- Admissions Fee: Successful applicants are responsible for paying 50,000 yen out of a total admissions fee of 300,000 yen by the designated deadline according to the guidelines for successful applicants. The 50,000 yen will be reimbursed after enrolling in IUJ.
- Tuition Fee: 3,200,000 yen/year
- Monthly stipend: 150,000 yen
- This scholarship is for two academic years, in principle
- The applicant is expected to demonstrate his/her aspirations and enthusiasm in his/her studies
- Learning Japanese, with the goal of attaining Japanese language proficiency equivalent to JLPT N2, such as taking Japanese classes at IUJ, is strongly encouraged
- Scholars will be invited to events organized by JERA a few times during the 2 years and they must attend such events

Note: The Scholarship will be terminated immediately when scholarship students fail to achieve a certain level of academic standards.

B-4: Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Scholarship (MOL)

Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. (MOL) has established a scholarship program for international students from African countries studying at universities and graduate schools in Japan called "Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Scholarship." The Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Scholarship aims to support the development of human resources who will contribute to the future economic development of African countries by financially supporting international students studying in Japan.

Eligibility

1. Those who are from African countries
2. The applicant must have an excellent academic record with a good personality and be in good health
3. The applicant must be available to take an online interview with IUJ faculty during the admissions process
4. Those who are granted a scholarship from any other institution are not eligible to receive the Mitsui O.S.K. Lines simultaneously
5. The applicant must refrain from bringing the Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Scholarship program into disrepute
6. The applicant must accept responsibility for any expenses incurred beyond those covered by the Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Scholarship
7. The applicant must acknowledge that the scholarship awards will be tenable during the period stated in the notice of selection

Conditions (items to be covered by the scholarship)

- Admissions Fee: 300,000 yen
Successful applicants are responsible for paying 50,000 yen out of a total admissions fee of 300,000 yen by the designated deadline according to the guidelines for successful applicants. The 50,000 yen will be reimbursed after enrolling in IUJ
- Tuition Fee: 3,200,000 yen/year
- Monthly stipend: 150,000 yen
- This scholarship is for two academic years, in principle
- The applicant is expected to demonstrate his/her aspirations and enthusiasm in his/her studies
- Learning Japanese, such as taking Japanese classes at IUJ, is strongly encouraged

Note: The Scholarship will be terminated immediately when scholarship students fail to achieve a certain level of academic standards.

B-5: Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation (KMMF)

The Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation (KMMF) will support international students who conduct research related to the Foundation's objectives: "to contribute to international society by promoting mutual understanding between Japan and other countries;" and, "to create society where mankind lives in harmony with nature."

Eligibility

1. Students with excellent academic performance who conduct research related to either or both of the following:
 - Mutual understanding between Japan and other countries
 - Coexistence of mankind and nature
2. **International Students*** from countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America who will start **Master's** program in Japanese universities in **Fall 2026** (including those who already study in Japan as bachelor or research students)
 - "Asia" includes, West Asia (*1), Central Asia (*2), and Mongolia as north end and Indonesia as south end.
 - (*1) Six countries in Arabian Peninsula, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Turkey, and Cyprus
 - (*2) Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan
 - "Africa" includes countries in African continent and surrounding islands.
 - "Latin America" includes countries south of Mexico (including Caribbean countries).
 - * International students are designated as those students who possess a "Student" status of residence, according to the Immigration Law. If the student changes his/her status of residence from "Student" to another one, he/she will lose eligibility for receiving KMMF scholarship.
3. International students who reside in Japan during the support period (scholarship period) (Example: International students who reside overseas and will study in Japan online will not be eligible for the program.)
4. Students who are in need of financial support to study in Japan and do not receive scholarship from other organizations
5. Students who do not receive salary or reward from any company or organization

6. Students who can participate in all the official events the Foundation holds a few times a year
7. Students who are willing to follow KMMF scholarship rules, take active part in the events held by KMMF and deepen exchanges with fellow scholars.
8. Japanese language skill is not essential but the level equivalent of JLPT N3 or above is preferable.

Conditions

- Admissions Fee: 300,000 yen (full amount)
- Tuition Fee: 600,000 yen/year. The tuition balance (2,600,000 yen/year) will be covered by IUJ.
- Monthly Stipend: 150,000 yen (paid in 4 installments during the academic year)
- Travel expense: Fixed amount equivalent of economy-class air ticket to and from Japan.
- This award is from October of the 1st academic year to June of scholar's expected graduation year (Maximum 21 months).

Notes: Please note that the Admissions Fee (300,000 yen) and partial tuition fee (600,000 yen) must be initially paid to IUJ by scholars. KMMF will reimburse those fees after the scholar successfully enrolls in IUJ.

Obligations

Submit a pledge after arriving to IUJ

- (1) A recipient must submit a pledge to KMMF at the start of the scholarship program
- (2) A recipient must follow the regulations specified in "KMMF Scholarship Rules," which include:
 - Submitting a report on present situation quarterly
 - Attending the official events held by KMMF including Scholarship Awards Ceremony, Achievement Ceremony, Ceremony, Overnight Seminar (once or twice a year), one-on-one interview with KMMF (once a year), etc.
(*Travel & accommodation fees to attend the official events will be reimbursed by KMMF.)
- (3) A recipient is **prohibited to work**
This scholarship is intended to give a financial support for international students to enable them to concentrate on their research activities at a university in Japan. Accordingly, while they are receiving the scholarship, any work excluding Teaching Assistant (TA), Research Assistant (RA), and the internship, is prohibited. If they plan to participate in TA, RA, or internship program, they must consult with FOUNDATION and submit **Form-5 "Participation in TA/RA/Internship Program"**
In principle, participation in long-term internships exceeding two weeks for which compensation is paid (excluding meal and travel expenses) is not allowed.
- (4) Obtaining prior consent from KMMF when leaving Japan temporarily
*Cumulative days to stay outside Japan for private reasons should be within 30 days during one academic year.

Note: The Scholarship will be terminated immediately when scholarship students fail to achieve a certain level of academic standards.

B-6: The Mitsubishi UFJ Trust Scholarship Foundation (Mitsubishi UFJ)

Mitsubishi UFJ was inaugurated in 1953 with grants from then Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corporation (currently Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation).

After IUJ's nominations, Mitsubishi UFJ makes the final selection of their scholarship recipients among applicants from about 30 universities.

Eligibility

- (1) The applicant shall give priority to attending the events of the Foundation
In addition, it is desirable for students to be able to communicate in Japanese in individual interviews, even if the degree courses are taught only in English. This is based on the idea that the Foundation wants to support human resources with an interest in Japanese language and culture
- (2) The applicant must be 38 years old or younger at the time of application
- (3) The applicant shall have an excellent academic record with good personality and be in good health
- (4) The applicant shall have the intention to contribute to society through working at private enterprises, public offices, schools etc., or through academic research
- (5) The applicant shall have difficulty in paying school expenses

Conditions

- Monthly stipend: 115,000 yen
- This scholarship is for two academic years, in principle
- Participation in an exchange program requires prior approval from Mitsubishi UFJ Scholarship Foundation
- Learning Japanese, such as taking Japanese classes at IUJ, is encouraged

Note1: This scholarship does not cover the admissions fee or tuition.

Note2: The Scholarship will be terminated immediately when scholarship students fail to achieve a certain level of academic standards.

B-7&8: Ministry of Education (MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation)

Those nominated by the IUJ Admissions Committee will need to submit supplemental application materials as required by the MEXT and supported by IUJ, with a short deadline.

Only those international applicants who apply in the 1st intake are eligible to be considered for this scholarship.

Eligibility

- (1) Successful IUJ applicants will enroll in September 2026.
- (2) The applicant must be from a country with diplomatic relations with Japan. IUJ's translation of the country list is at:
https://www.iuj.ac.jp/oss-f/pdf/MEXT_CountryList.pdf
- (3) The applicant must obtain a student visa to study at IUJ. (The MEXT will support successful applicants.)
- (4) The applicant must have been born on or after April 2, 1991.
- (5) The applicant must have never received a MEXT scholarship in the past.
- (6) The applicant must be available to take an online interview with IUJ faculty during the admissions process.



Conditions

- Application Fee : The IUJ application fee of 5,000 yen must reach IUJ by the degree program application deadline. Those successfully awarded this scholarship will be reimbursed the 5,000 yen after enrolling in IUJ.
- Admissions Fee: 300,000 yen. However, successful applicants are responsible for paying 50,000 yen out of a total admissions fee of 300,000 yen by the designated deadline according to the guidelines for successful applicants. The 50,000 yen will then be reimbursed after enrolling in IUJ.
- Full Tuition
- A monthly stipend of 144,000 yen (subject to change). The stipend will be suspended if the awardee is out of Japan for more than 3 weeks in any given month.
- Airfare between your home country and Japan
- Duration: September 2026 to June 2028 (2-year program)
September 2026 to August 2027 (1-year program)
- An extension to advance to the PhD level can be accepted only if the applicant who has the MEXT University Recommendation Scholarship (general slot) gets admitted to IUJ.

Note 1: Applicants for the MEXT with University Recommendation scholarship cannot apply for any other scholarships provided by the Japanese government (MEXT, JASSO, etc.) including applications through other academic institutions. So doing will invalidate all the applications.

Note2: The Scholarship will be terminated immediately when scholarship students fail to achieve a certain level of academic standards.

Category C: Direct Scholarship Application to Other Institutions (JICA, IMF, MEXT with Embassy Recommendation)

For details on conditions, eligibility and application procedures, please contact the relevant agency directly.

C-1: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Scholarship Programs

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) sponsors a number of generous scholarships for those mostly from developing countries who are interested in pursuing higher education in Japan. Their scholarship programs include “The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Program,” “African Business Education Initiative for Youth (ABE Initiative,” and “Sustainable development Goals (SDGs)” and many more. For further information and application procedures, please contact the JICA Office in your country.

C-2: Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA)

- For IMF member countries nationals from Asia, wanting to pursue an MA in Economics
- Website <https://www.imf.org/external/oap/partguide.htm> or contact the IMF resident representative offices in the relevant countries, or contact:

Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia
IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
21st Floor Fukoku-Seimei Building
2-2-2 Uchisaiwai-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0011 JAPAN
Fax: +81 3 3597-6705 E-mail: jisais@imf.org

C- 3: Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (Embassy Recommendation)

Note: Requires over 1 year advance application before starting at IUJ

2026 MEXT scholarship applications and awards have already been completed.

For 2027 consideration, contact the Japanese embassy or consulate nearest you for the application form and their schedule. After you pass the preliminary screening conducted by the Embassy or Consulate, then contact IUJ (we are not allowed to help you before passing that first screening). Please contact IUJ as soon as possible after passing the screening in order to allow enough time to complete the process considering summer holidays. IUJ will ask for TOEFL/IELTS scores and for the MBA/IMBA/DXP candidates the GMAT score, and other supportive documents. More information is at <https://www.iuj.ac.jp/admis/scholarship/mext/>

Note: As stipulated by MEXT, IUJ will accept MEXT scholars only for the period needed to complete the degree for which the scholar plans to enroll. An additional 6 months of Japanese language training is not necessary for MEXT scholars who enroll in IUJ.

IV. Scholarships Possible After Starting Classes at IUJ

Students may have some opportunities to apply for scholarships offered by the following foundations after enrolling in IUJ. Most require some Japanese language proficiency, so those in need of financial support are **highly encouraged to study Japanese before coming to IUJ**, and prepare to fill out scholarship applications in Japanese.

Scholarship Information is posted on the bulletin board on campus. For updates on these and possibly other applications, see <https://www.iuj.ac.jp/admis/scholarship/after-arrival/>

- **JASSO Honors Scholarship (Monthly Stipend: 48,000 yen):** Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) provides a limited number of scholarships for international students who are fully or partially financed privately. Applications are accepted through IUJ with an IUJ recommendation after being enrolled in IUJ. The initial award is through March of your first year at IUJ. Only those who are from countries that JASSO specifies and participated in “studying in Japan” projects which are announced on the following 3 websites may be able to apply for a possible second application process for April to March scholarship awards. The process is very competitive and decided not only by GPA score but also by a balance of countries.
 - Sub-Saharan Africa (Facilitated by Hokkaido University)
<https://www.studyinjapanforafrica.com/>
 - ASEAN (Facilitated by Okayama University)
<https://studyinjapan-asean.jp/>
 - South America (Facilitated by Tsukuba University)
<https://www.estudenojapao.com/>
- **IUJ Alumni Sohei Nakayama Memorial Scholarship (Nakayama Alumni) (Monthly Stipend: Up to 100,000 yen depending on the year):** With fund raising efforts by IUJ Alumni Association, IUJ is able to provide a scholarship to support two awardees (subject to change) in their second year of study (September through June). This scholarship gives priority to those contributing to campus life through their leadership, and those contributing to IUJ-community relations. The scholarship is suspended if the awardee is on academic exchange and not at IUJ.

Eligibility

 1. Any nationality and age may apply. Applicants may not be receiving any other stipend (except JASSO) at the time of applying, and may receive only one stipend at a time, in principle.
 2. Successful candidates are expected to continue their leadership on campus during their 2nd year, and as alum to help build a strong IUJ network and global community.

• Other Scholarships expected to be facilitated through IUJ

Scholarship Name	Eligibility, Conditions, etc.	Application timing
Yamaguchi Ikuei Foundation	Need Japanese skills. Must attend a gathering in summer.	October
Heiwa Nakajima Foundation	Need Japanese skills. Submit report quarterly	October
Rotary Yoneyama	Japanese skills required. Age limitation (38 years old or younger), and etc.	October
JEES Aoki Construction	It is desirable you have Japanese skills.	November
Otsuka Toshimi Scholarship Foundation	GPA requirements. Must attend an award ceremony and events Foundation hosts.	November and April
Sojitz Foundation	Need Japanese skills.	April

Other Possible IUJ Supported or Independent Application Scholarships

For further information on scholarship that may or may not come in through IUJ, please see the link below. To be eligible, most require Japanese language applications, though not all. IUJ is not always invited to submit applications or the Foundation may not be making awards that year. IUJ will not have updated information until late Fall Term.

<https://www.iuj.ac.jp/admis/scholarship/after-arrival/>



Please watch the Office of Student Services' bulletin board for scholarship information once you arrive on campus.

Additional Leads for Self-Research

Please review these links to possibly discover alternative scholarships for IUJ studies.

- https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/scholarship_j/index.html (in English)
- https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/study_j/index.html (in Japanese)



in English



in Japanese

Often Japanese language skills, age, nationality and area of study are factors, so carefully check before applying.

