

Application Guidelines for TUT Recommended Candidates of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship 2019 (University Recommendation, Top Global University Project)

Toyohashi University of Technology (TUT) will be accepting applications for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship 2019 (University Recommendation, Top Global University Project) as below.

Toyohashi University of Technology (TUT) has been selected as one of 37 Japanese universities to participate in the "Top Global University Project" funded by the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology: MEXT). As a result, TUT can accept a greater number of Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship students.

Accordingly, we would like to recruit candidates who are enrolled the Master's Programs or the Doctoral Programs in graduate school engineering TUT in October 2019, are especially brilliant, and in need of a scholarship with respect to the purpose of the "Top Global University Project" as follows.

1. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS (Applicants must satisfy all the following eligibility criteria.)

(1) Applicants: Applicants must be international students of graduate school level who are enrolled the Master's Program or the Doctoral Program in graduate school engineering TUT in October 2019 (Only for those already staying in Japan. Those who come to Japan anew are not eligible.). Also, applicants must have demonstrated excellent academic achievement with a grade point average of 2.50 (out of 3.00) or above in the last one academic years and be expected to maintain the equivalent level during the scholarship period. And furthermore, Applicants must satisfy one of the conditions of "(6) Language ability" below.

(If applicants are scheduled to go on to the Master's or Doctoral Programs in October 2019, in order to receive a scholarship, applicants must apply and pass the entrance examination.)

(2) Nationality: Applicants must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. Applicants with Japanese nationality at the time of application are not eligible. However, persons with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and whose place of residence at the time of application is outside of Japan are eligible to apply as long as they choose the nationality of the other country and renounce their Japanese nationality by the date before the scholarship period starts.

(3) Age: Applicants, in principle, must have been born on or after April 2, 1984. Exceptions are limited to cases in which MEXT deems that the applicant could not apply within the eligible age limit due to wider circumstances in the applicant's country (military service obligation, loss of educational opportunities due to disturbances of war, etc.) Personal circumstances (financial situation, family circumstances, state of health, circumstances related to applicant's university or place of employment, etc.) will not be considered for exceptions.

(4) Language Ability:

Applicants must have either Japanese or English language ability and must also satisfy one of the following conditions.

<JAPANESE>

[1] Those who have passed level N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at the time of entering a regular course.

[2] A person who has been educated where Japanese was used as the primary language, and

completed a curriculum that meets the entrance qualifications for graduate school master's or doctoral course in Japan.

[3] The host university will confirm that applicants have a Japanese proficiency equal to or greater than the equivalent level required as stated above in [1].

<ENGLISH>

[1] A person who has attained a grade equal to or more than the B2 equivalent of European common language reference frame (CEFR) in English at the time of enrollment in a regular course.

[2] A person who has been educated using a curriculum that meets the entrance requirements for graduate school master's or doctoral course in Japan, with English as the main language.

[3] The host university will confirm that applicants have an English proficiency equal to or greater than the equivalent level required as stated above in [1].

(5) **Health:** Judged by TUT, applicants must be free from any physical or mental conditions that would impede their studies in Japan.

(6) **Visa Requirement:** Applicants must have obtained a "College Student" visa as of October 1, 2019.

(7) **Non-eligibility:** those who meet any one of the following conditions are ineligible. If non-eligibility is identified after the start of the scholarship period, the grant of the scholarship will be cancelled.

[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 have no hope of graduating from the university in the standard years (except for one who takes leave of absence for unavoidable reasons);

[3] Those who apply to more than one university for programs commencing in 2019 through the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship system;

[4] Those who are planning to receive a scholarship from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of their home country) or Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) after arrival in Japan;

[5] Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan;

[6] Those whose main aim is to engage in fieldwork or an internship in a country other than Japan after submission of application;

(8) **Others:** MEXT Scholarship will be granted those who are willing to contribute to 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 attended after graduation, cooperating with the conducting of surveys and questionnaires, and cooperating with relevant projects and events conducted by Japanese diplomatic missions after they return to their home countries.

2. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

From October 2019 until March 2020 (for 6 months)

***Those selected as MEXT scholarship students through this call for applications, will not eligible to apply for an extension of the MEXT scholarship.**

3. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

(1) **Allowance:**

Regular students enrolled in master's course: 144,000 JPY per month

Regular students enrolled in doctoral courses: 145,000 JPY per month

Due to the situation of the Japanese Government's budget, the amount of payment is subject to change each fiscal year. The scholarship shall be cancelled if a grantee is absent from the university for an extended period.

(2) Travel Expenses

Travel expenses (for coming to Japan to and leaving Japan) will not be provided.

(3) Education fees: Tuition fee will be borne by TUT (from October 2019 to March 2020).

NOTE: TUT will NOT bear tuition fee from April 2020 to September 2020.

4. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Payment of the scholarship will be stopped in the following cases. Should any of the following 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 stopped 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 MEXT;

[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 receives other punishment, or is removed from enrollment

[5] It has been determined that it will be impossible for a grantee to complete the course within the standard time period because of poor academic grades or suspension or absence from the university;

[6] A grantee changes his/her residence status to one other than "Student";

[7] A grantee has received another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenditures);

[8] A grantee leaves the university or transfers to another graduate school/university;

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants must first check whether their grade point average is 2.30 (out of 3.00) or above in the last one academic years as well as whether they satisfy other qualifications and conditions.

If they can confirm that they satisfy all the necessary qualifications and conditions, applicants should prepare application documents and submit them to the International Affairs Division by the deadline.

6. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

(1) Application Form for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship 2019 (Top Global University Project) for TUT screening (Template format)

(2) 2019 Application form for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (Template format)

(3) Research Plan or Research Status Sheet (Template format)

(4) Official Academic Transcripts (It should show the results for the last 1 year)

(5) Certificate of enrollment (in Japanese)

(6) Photograph (4.5x3.5cm, taken within the past six months, upper body, full-faced, no hats. Write your name and nationality on the reverse side. Digital photograph is also acceptable.) It must be pasted onto

the application form.

(7) Certificate of language proficiency

*Score of language proficiency test such as TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, or Japanese Language Proficiency Test, etc. should be presented.

*Certificate to prove that you have completed your entire education with English or Japanese as your primary language.

(8) Photocopy of residence card (Both sides)

(9) Academic Performance Entry Sheet (Template format)

Notes:

- [1] Documents must be in Japanese or in English. If the certificate is written in a language other than Japanese or English, attach an English or Japanese translation as well as the original.
- [2] Where possible, the documents must be prepared by using a word processing software, and be printed doubled-sided in A4 size paper.
- [3] Certificates and other official documents must be issued from the university or officials. Photocopies of the documents cannot be accepted unless officially attested.
- [4] The documents submitted will not be returned under any circumstances. Applicants must submit certified true copies if they have only one original and cannot get it reissued.
- [5] Applications will not be considered if any of the documents are incomplete, incorrect, or lacking supporting evidence, nor will they be considered if they arrive after the deadline.

7. SELECTION METHOD

Document Screening (1st screening) and Interview (2nd screening)

(Only those who pass the document screening have an interview.)

Applicants will be contacted another day concerning the details about an interview.

*Make it a condition that candidates must be interviewed at predefined date and time.

8. APPLICATION DEADLINE

Thursday, April 25, 2019 4:00 pm

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT

(1) First Selection of TUT Recommended Candidates

The result of the first screening will be notified to applicants by email around the middle of May, 2019 (tentative).

(2) Second Selection of TUT Recommended Candidates

The result of the second screening will be notified to applicants by email around the end of May, 2019 (tentative).

(3) Selection of Scholarship Grantees

The result of selection by MEXT will be notified to candidates by email by the end of August, 2019 (tentative).

10. For inquiries and application submission to:

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