

Guidelines for JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) Scholarship

【PROGRAM OUTLINE】

This scholarship is available for qualified international students accepted by Japanese universities or graduate schools under the student exchange agreement on a short-term basis ranging from approximately three months to one year.

【SCHOLARSHIP】

- (1) Monthly stipend: ¥80,000 per month (up to 12 months)
- (2) Relocation allowance: ¥80,000 (upon arrival only)

【APPLICATION PROCEDURES】

Japanese universities submit their yearly student exchange plans to JASSO. According to the yearly plan, JASSO will allocate the quota of scholarships to each Japanese university. Within this quota, Japanese universities will recommend their exchange students to JASSO. The student will be notified of the screening results through the Japanese host university.

- Recommendations will not be accepted from universities without any quota of scholarships.
- All applications must be processed through Japanese universities. Direct applications from overseas universities or students will not be accepted.
- Application deadlines for students will differ at each university. The applicant must contact the university to confirm the application schedule and the necessary documents.

I. Recommendation of applicants

1. Submission of documents

- (1) Documents to submit: Attached Form 3-1, 3-2, 3-3 (List of the applicants, Letter of Recommendation, Certificate of Enrollment of the Applicant for JASSO Short-Term Student Exchange Promotion Program (Inbound) Scholarship)

- (2) Nomination deadlines

First period - for those whose studies will start between April 2009 and July 2009: (not applicable to Kumamoto University)

Second period - for those whose studies will start between August 2009 and November 2009:
April 15, 2008.

Third period - for those whose studies will start between December 2009 and March 2010:
(not applicable to Kumamoto University)

2. Qualifications and conditions for applicants

(1) Those who have received acceptance from a Japanese university that has a student-exchange agreement with their home university.

(2) Those who have an excellent academic record at their home university and are of good personality. Furthermore, GPA of the former grade must be superior than 2.30 based on the calculation method below. If the student does not have an academic record of the former grade, s/he must figure out by the former semester's record. In the case that a transcript cannot be calculated by the method below, comments to prove that the student is excellent enough and equivalent to 2.30 must be described in detail in the Letter of Recommendation (Form 3-2).

Calculation method (must be round to two decimal places)

Type of evaluation	Obtained score				
Pattern 1		優	良	可	不可
Pattern 2		A	B	C	F
Pattern 3		100 ~ 80 p	79 ~ 70 p	69 ~ 60 p	59 p ~
Pattern 4	100 ~ 90 p	89 ~ 80 p	79 ~ 70 p	69 ~ 60 p	59 p ~
Pattern 5	S	A	B	C	F
Pattern 6	A	B	C	D	F
Grade point	3	3	2	1	0

After calculating the grade points, apply them to the following calculating formula.

Calculating method

$$\frac{(\text{Units of GP3} \times 3) + (\text{Units of GP2} \times 2) + (\text{Units of GP1} \times 1) + (\text{Units of GP0} \times 0)}{\text{All the registered units}}$$

If your grading system is not based on units, it can be replaced to the number of subjects.

(3) Those who have a clear purpose and plan for studying abroad in Japan, and for who the results from studying abroad appear promising.

(4) Those who have economical difficulties to study abroad without outside financial help.

(5) Those who will return to their home university to continue their studies or receive their degree after finishing their studies abroad in Japan.

(6) Those who can obtain a study visa (resident status) without fail.

(7) Those who will not be receiving a grand total that exceeds 80,000 yen per month from all other scholarship sources while studying abroad in Japan.

(8) Those who have not studied abroad in Japan before while receiving this scholarship.

3. Notification of results

JASSO will notify applicants of results using the following general timeline:

- (1) First period - Beginning of March, 2009.
- (2) Second period - Mid-June, 2009.
- (3) Third period - Beginning of October, 2009.

4. Scholarship period

Be advised that after an applicant has been accepted, the period of scholarship cannot be extended, nor can the timeline for receiving it be moved up or back in the case that it crosses over two academic years.

II. Payment of scholarships

1. Establishing a bank account

After arriving in Japan, students should promptly establish a bank account at the designated bank (Higo Bank) and submit a copy of the first page of their bankbook.

III. Retraction of scholarships

If a scholarship recipient demonstrates poor school performance, has extreme misbehavior, does something else that is deemed by JASSO to be unbecoming of a scholarship recipient, or admits to having lied on his/her application, there is the chance that his/her scholarship will be revoked. In this case, JASSO will demand repayment from the student of all of the scholarship money and relocation allowance paid to the student. In addition, for the following academic year and thereafter, JASSO might withhold the granting of scholarships to the student's home university and also possibly reduce the number of (or altogether eliminating) scholarships given to the host university where the student had been attending school.

IV. Study Outcome Report

Before the student finishes his/her scholarship period, s/he must submit a "Study Outcome Report" (form optional) and a copy of his/her academic transcript (or an alternative equivalent in the case of research students for who an academic transcript cannot be issued) before s/he completes his/her studies in Japan.

V. Other

1. Issuance of a "Certificate of the Scholarship"

In the case that the host university requests the issuance of an "Certificate of Eligibility" for the scholarship student, a "Certificate of the Scholarship" will be issued. In order to prove the student's ability to pay his/her expenses while in Japan.