

Dear Exchange Partners,

Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship for Japanese Studies
Students for the 2025-2026 academic year

First of all, taking this opportunity, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your consideration to promote the relationship between our universities.

We are pleased to inform you that applications are now being accepted for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship for Japanese Studies Students for 2025-2026 academic year, offered by Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT; Monbukagakusho). This is a brief outline of the call for applicants. For further details about this scholarship, please see 「2025年度大学推薦による国費外国人留学生（日本語・日本文化研修留学生）募集要項」 issued by the sponsor, Monbukagakusho.

https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/06032818.htm

1. Content of the Scholarship:

- ① Stipend ¥117,000/month
- ② Travel allowance (International air ticket, both arrival and return)

2. Number of the nominees:

Please recommend one or two undergraduate students who **major** in Japanese language and culture at your university. Students minoring in the above fields are not eligible.

3. Application Deadline to Shimane University

March 25th, 2025

4. Documents to be sent to Shimane University

- (1) Application for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship
(Form Provided 『日本政府（文部科学省）奨学金留学生申請書』)
- (2) Japanese Teacher's Assessment (Form Provided 『日本語教員所見』)
- (3) Documents which show the applicant's Japanese Proficiency
e.g. scores of Japanese Language Proficiency Test or award / JLPT level N2 or its equivalent
- (4) Personal Information (Form Provided 『個人調査票』)
- (5) Essay (Form Provided 『エッセイ』)
※ Applicants must handwrite in Japanese clearly.
- (6) Recommendation Letter from the Dean of the Faculty, the Office of International Programs, or the advisor of the Department to our President (Otani Hiroki).
- (7) Academic Transcript (Please attach a Japanese or English Translation.)
- (8) Student Registration Certificate (Please attach a Japanese or English Translation.)
- (9) Copy of Passport
- (10) Photograph (above the chest)- as described on page 1 of Application Form.
Two photographs of passport size (4.5cm×3.5cm) taken within the past 6 months indicating name and nationality on the reverse side.
- (11) Certification which shows the applicant has studied Japanese language and culture for more than one year at his/her home university as of April, 2025.

5. Eligibility and other conditions

- (1) Multiple applicants are not allowed. An applicant can't place this Application through universities other than Shimane University, and also he/she cannot apply for this Monbukagakusho Scholarship concurrently with Scholarship selected on the recommendation of Japanese Embassy or any other scholarship.
- (2) Once admitted to Shimane University, transfer to the other university is not permitted.
- (3) This scholarship will be awarded to students from abroad, who wish to continue their study on Japanese language and culture at Shimane University for 11 months from October 1st, 2025 to August 31st, 2026.
- (4) Nationality or Citizenship: Applicant's nationality must be that of the country where his/her home university is located.
- (5) Age: Applicants who are born between April 2nd, 1995 and April 1st, 2007.
- (6) Studentship: Applicant must be enrolled as an undergraduate student at his/her home university, at the

- time of arrival in Japan and on return to his/her home country.
- (7) Field of study: An applicant must be an undergraduate student majoring in Japanese language and culture at his/her home university.
 - (8) Japanese language competence: An applicant should have sufficient competence in Japanese language to attend classes at Shimane University while furthering his/her study. In addition, an applicant should have experience of studying Japanese at his/her home university for more than one year as of April, 2025. Furthermore, an applicant should have ability and willingness to complete "Japanese Language and Culture Studies Program" offered by Shimane University.
 - (9) Scholars must contribute to mutual understanding between their home countries and Japan by joining regional activities during their study in Japan as the human resources who serve the internationalization of Japan.
 - (10) Scholars must keep in touch closely with Shimane University after graduation. They are required to work to improve the relationship between their home countries and Japan by cooperating for questionnaire surveys after graduation and each project conducted by local embassies and consulates.

6. Other remarks

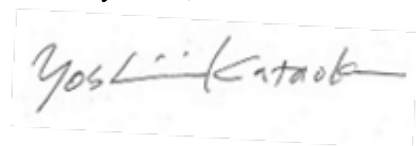
- (1) Please note that candidates might not be always successfully selected by Monbukagakusho even if Shimane University nominates them.
- (2) Applicants might have an internet interview if necessary in our screening process for the confirmation of their Japanese language skills.
- (3) The notice of recruitment of privately-financed exchange students for Fall 2025 have been delivered separately around February. The applicants who failed to be selected for this scholarship can apply for privately-financed exchange students. Please note that the number of the applicants should be included in the maximum number of exchange students to be accepted.
Only one or two undergraduate students can be recommended as a candidate for Japanese Government Scholarship for Japanese Studies Students by each university.
- (4) It is not permitted for students to participate in programs (including classes, courses, travels and so on) organized by any other institutions but Shimane University during the term of classes at Shimane University.
- (5) Please note that scholars must go back to their country and restart to study at their home university. However, after reinstatement to your university, students who are able to continue their studies in Japan by participating in a double degree program or joint degree program do not necessarily need to return to their country. In this case, travel allowance for returning will not be paid.
- (6) Please note that scholars must be in adequate health to study in Japan.
Shimane University does not mandate the submission of a health certificate from students. However, if the university deems it necessary due to a student's health condition, we may request the certificate at a later time.
- (7) Scholars receive the scholarship one or one and half a month after their arriving in Japan, so they have to bring at least 2,000 USD for funds required for immediate needs.
- (8) If scholars cannot arrive in Japan by the arranged time, they will withdraw the scholarship.

For further inquiries, please contact:

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Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Sincerely Yours,



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