

# COMMUNIQUE

## **OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT SCHOLARSHIP) FOR 2020**

1. The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan is inviting applications from International students who wish to study in graduate courses at Japanese universities, as research students (either regular or non regular students) under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2020.
2. The Scholarship Scheme is tenable for enrolment in a master's course, a doctoral course, or a professional graduate course at a graduate school, or who are conducting research in a specialized field at an undergraduate department, graduate school, institute attached to a university, etc. without the aim of completing the course, or who are receiving preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subjects prior to placement at the university, etc. (Excluding Young Leaders' Program Students or Teacher Training Students).

### **3. Sectors of Study**

Applicants should apply for the field of study they majored in at university or its related field. Moreover, the fields of study must be subjects which applicants will be able to study and research in graduate courses at Japanese universities.

- 3.1 Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply in sectors whose fields of study are specific to the prevailing scarcity areas and market demands of Mauritius and to courses that also appear on the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study available for consultation on the Notice Board, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, Ground Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix and on the following website:

<http://ministry-education.govmu.org>

### **4. Eligibility Requirements**

- 4.1 The conditions for eligibility will be as per details mentioned in the application guidelines for the MEXT Scholarship which can be consulted on the Ministry's website:

<http://ministry-education.govmu.org>

- 4.2 Applicants must have been born on or after 2 April 1985.
- 4.3 Applicants must be willing to learn Japanese. Applicants must be interested in Japan and be willing to deepen their understanding of Japan after arriving in Japan. Applicants must also have the ability to do research and adapt to living in Japan.
- 4.4 Selected candidates will be expected to undergo a paper test and interview to ascertain their Language proficiencies in Japanese and English along with their subject knowledge. The result of the Japanese language examination will be used as reference for the Japanese language preparatory education to be provided after the grantee's arrival in Japan.
- 4.5 An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is 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 foreign country and give up their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan.

## **5. Scholarship Related Information**

- 5.1 Detailed information regarding the scholarship scheme is available on the following websites:
  - (i) <http://ministry-education.govmu.org>
  - (ii) [https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/jp/smap\\_stopj-applicationsruts.html](https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/jp/smap_stopj-applicationsruts.html)

## **6. Mode of Application**

- 6.1 Applications must be made on the 2020 Application Form for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (Research Students) available for download from the following websites:
  - (i) <http://ministry-education.govmu.org>
  - (ii) [https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/jp/smap\\_stopj-applications\\_research.html](https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/jp/smap_stopj-applications_research.html)

- 6.2 The completed application form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Embassy of Japan in Mauritius, as per contact details below to reach it by **Friday 28 June 2019** at latest.

The Embassy of Japan in Mauritius  
Level 12  
One Cathedral Square  
Jules Koeing Street  
Port Louis

- 6.3 Applicants are reminded that the final awards for scholarships would be made by the Japanese Authorities.

**Scholarships Section  
Ministry of Education and Human  
Resources, Tertiary Education and  
Scientific Research  
MITD House, Pont Fer  
Phoenix - 73544**

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