

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT SCHOLARSHIP) FOR 2021

1. The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan is inviting applications from International students who wish to study in Japan as Undergraduate Students, Specialised Training College Students and research Students (either regular students or non-regular students).

2. The Scholarship Scheme is tenable for enrolment in the following:

(i) *Research Students*

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);

(ii) *Undergraduate Students*

In an undergraduate course at a university or who are receiving preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subject prior to placement at the universities;

(iii) *Specialised Training College Students*

In a postsecondary course at a specialised training college, or who are receiving preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subjects prior to placement at the specialized training college.

3. **Sectors of Study**

(i) *Research Students*

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;

More details on the field of study is available on the following websites:

https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap_stopj-applications_undergraduate.html

(ii) *Undergraduate Students*

Those who apply for an undergraduate student must choose a "Field of Study" ("Social Sciences and Humanities" or "Natural Sciences"), "Course" and "Major(s)". Applicants may enter a first, second and third choice; More details on the field of study is available on the following websites:

https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap_stopj-applications_specialized.html

(iii) *Specialised training College Students*

Those who apply a specialized training college student must choose a field of study in accordance with the following procedure and fill in "Preferred field of Study and subject in Japan" on the application form.

More details on the field of study is available on the following websites:

https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap_stopj-applications_research.htm

- 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 following websites:

https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap_stopj-applications_undergraduate.html

https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap_stopj-applications_specialized.html

https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap_stopj-applications_research.htm

A copy of the guidelines for the MEXT Scholarship is also available for consultation from the Ministry's website:

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

- 4.2 Applicants must have been born on or after 2 April 1996 for undergraduate and 2 April 1986 for research students.
- 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 website:
(i) https://www.mu.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/mext2021.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:
https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap_stopj-applications_undergraduate.html
https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap_stopj-applications_specialized.html
https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap_stopj-applications_research.htm
- 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 **31st July 2020** at latest.

The Embassy of Japan in Mauritius
Level 6, Tower C
1 Cybercity
Ebéne 72201

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

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