

## JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP Research Students for 2025 by University Recommendation

**Application Deadline (in Japan time) of scanned copies: Friday, December 13, 2024**

**Application Deadline (in Japan time) of the original documents: Friday, December 20, 2024**

- For doctoral course applicants, consult with the ICU faculty members who can supervise a doctoral course and have his/her approval to be your advisor upon acceptance via email prior to application. If their email address cannot be found on linked “Researcher Information Database” from our faculty list (<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/academics/gs/faculty/>), send us an email\*
- Send us ICU GS Entry Form via email\* by **Friday, December 13, 2024**. (see attached document for information).
- Scanned copies of all documents must reach ICU via email\*.
- The original documents must reach ICU by registered express mail\*.

\*See No. 6 for our email/mailing address

**No late submission is acceptable.**

*Dear Partner universities, it is appreciated if you would nominate one applicant per university.*

### 1. Conditions:

1. Stipend: (Reference from AY2024)

Master’s Course / Regular Student: 147,000 YEN per month

Doctoral Course / Regular Student: 148,000 YEN per month

2. Matriculation Fee: Waived by ICU

3. Tuition Fee: Waived by ICU

4. Travel expenses: An economy class, non-transferable air ticket between a major international airport nearest to the student's current address and an international airport used by the host university as its normal route in Japan (The ticket will be available only from/to the international airport in the country where student has nationality. Students must return to their country by the specified date after finishing their study period.)

Note) Please note that travel expenses will not be covered if you depart from a country of nationality that has not applied to the MEXT.

### 2. Scholarship Term:

Master’s Course/Regular Student:

From September 2025 to July 2027\* (according to the academic calendar of ICU)

Doctoral Course/Regular Student:

From September 2025 to July 2028 (according to the academic calendar of ICU)

\* Those who have shown academic excellence and fulfill the certain conditions may be able to extend the duration after successfully passing a certain selecting procedure for ICU doctoral course. In this case, application fee will not be covered by the scholarships, so please pay on your own at the time of application.

### 3. Student Eligibility:

**Students can only apply for one university with this scholarship.**

**Those who have applied/are applying to other universities with this scholarship are not eligible.**

## Japanese Government Scholarship 2025

1. Excellent students newly seeking to study at ICU (at the graduate level), **who are officially recommended by their home institution (exchange partner of ICU).** **One nominee per exchange partner only.** For further information on the exchange partner, please refer to [https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/academics/global/partner\\_institutions.html](https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/academics/global/partner_institutions.html)
2. **Students who hold nationality of a country listed on “Translation of a list of priority countries under MEXT strategy”.**
3. Students who have received/are expecting to receive a degree equivalent to Japanese Bachelor’s (or Master’s) degree\* before they begin their study at ICU.  
\*For more information on eligibility, please contact the Graduate School Group at [icu-mextscholarship@icu.ac.jp](mailto:icu-mextscholarship@icu.ac.jp).
4. Students who were born on or after April 2, 1990.
5. Students who are in good health both physically and psychologically.
6. Students who have a study plan in a field offered at ICU. (This field should be related to one’s major at the university. Refer to <https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/academics/gs/ma/>)
7. Students who wish to study Japanese language/literature/history/law etc. must be proficient in Japanese Language.
8. Students who will be able to arrive in Japan by September 1, 2025.
9. Students who are not engaged in any type of military service.
10. Students who have been a Japanese government scholar within last three years are NOT eligible. Those who have been a Japanese government scholar more than 3 years ago should have 3 years or more experience of research/education.
11. Students who do not receive any scholarship from organizations other than Japanese government (including scholarship from your home country).
12. Students who are applying to or expected to receive any type of scholarship offered by Japan Student Services Organization, Japanese government, or other universities after October 2025 are NOT eligible.
13. Students who have already been accepted to a Japanese university for 2025 are NOT eligible.
14. Students are not allowed to transfer to other universities while receiving this scholarship.

## 4. Required Documents:

1. Completed “Application for Japanese Government Scholarship Research Students for 2025” (**double-side printing**).
2. Completed “Field of Study and Study Program” (**double-side printing**).  
*Please be specific about your research topic, objective, background, method, its significance, reasons for choosing ICU, etc. This is different from course planning. The content should meet the international academic standard.*
3. Proof/document that shows your language ability of either English or Japanese which meets either of the following minimum standards:

<u>Japanese</u>	1) Those who have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) level N2 or above, 2) Those who have completed an educational program that meets the qualifications for admission to a master's, doctoral, or doctoral program of ICU graduate school, using Japanese as the primary language
<u>English</u>	1) Those who have a score equivalent to B2 or higher of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in English, 2) Those who have completed an educational program that meets the qualifications for admission to a master's or doctoral program of ICU graduate school, using English as the primary language * Submission of English proficiency document is not required if applicants fall under the following categories: - Applicants' native language is English. - Applicants have completed (or are expected to complete) their undergraduate course / master's course where the language of instruction is English.
4. Certificate of graduation or prospective graduation of the last school attended or attending. Title of the degree and (expected) graduation date (month and year) should be written clearly (*issued within 3 months*).
5. Official transcript of the last school attended (*issued within 3 months*).
6. Certificate/Document/Transcript that shows the applicant has outstanding academic accomplishment in terms of GPA or other academic ranking. *Information on evaluation/grading system in the school should be attached.*
7. Copy of your passport
8. Copy of family register or certificate of nationality (i.e. passport copy, birth certificate, national ID card, etc.)
9. Recommendation letter from the Dean / Division Chair of the home university addressed to the President of ICU.
10. Photo, taken within 6 months, 4.5cm x 3.5cm, front faced, upper half of the body, with no cap or hat (Please write your name and nationality on the back and attach on the application forms. Electronic data is acceptable.)

11. Summary of the graduation thesis or, if not required, an official letter that explain about the exemption and submission of the equivalent report (Please explain the points clearly and briefly.) *The content should meet the international academic standard.*
12. (For those who wish to apply for our doctoral course) Copy of the master's thesis. If you were exempted from writing a master's thesis or have not completed your master's thesis yet, submit a substitutional academic paper. If you did not write a thesis or academic paper in English, please arrange its summary in English along with the thesis/paper in the original language.

\* All application documents should be written/translated in Japanese or English.

\* No submitted documents can be returned.

## 5. Others:

1. This scholarship will be terminated under the following conditions.
  - \* If there is any false statement found on submitted documents.
  - \* If students violate their pledge to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
  - \* If students cannot complete their study within the designated period\* because of their poor academic performance, suspension or of any other reasons (\*Master's Course: 2 years; Doctoral Course: 3 years).
  - \* If students are expelled from the university.
  - \* If students withdraw from the university or transfer to another university.
  - \* If students lose the "Student" visa.
  - \* If students receive other scholarships (except for designated scholarships for research purposes.)
  - \* If students are admitted in higher-level course without approval of MEXT on extending the duration of this scholarship.
2. Students who cannot obtain a "Student" visa by September 1, 2025 will lose the right to receive the scholarship.  
**(Applicants are encouraged to obtain the passport well in advance.)**

If you were in Japan with a visa status other than "Student" at the time of selection, you must change your visa status to "Student" by the end of the month prior to the month in which the scholarship payment is scheduled to begin.

The applicant should understand that even if he/she applies for "Permanent Resident" or "Long Term Resident" status again after the termination of his/her status as a government-sponsored foreign student, it may not be granted.

Since there are countries where the Japanese government conducts pre-entry tuberculosis screening, please follow the instructions of the embassy or consulate of your country of nationality in obtaining a visa.

3. If students take a leave of absence or a long absence from the university, the scholarship will be suspended.
4. The result of the selection for this scholarship will be notified to applicant's home university through ICU around the beginning of June 2025.

## 6. Contact information:

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