

**Basic requirements for the application to
2024 JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR
OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS (UNIVERSITY-
RECOMMENDED MEXT SCHOLARSHIP)
〔Special Program:
International Graduate Course for Data-driven and
Hypothesis-driven Science (IGC-DHS)〕**

1) Nationality: Applicants must have a nationality of a country with which Japan established diplomatic relations. This scholarship is open to all qualified international students, however, preference will be given to applicants from Southwest and Southeast Asia.

An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible for this scholarship program. However, if you are an overseas-based Japanese national with dual (or multiple) nationalities, you may apply for the scholarship on the condition that you renounce your Japanese nationality and opt for foreign nationality before you arrive in Japan (or before the enrollment date at the host university).

2) Age

Applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1989. (An exception to this general rule concerns the students who completed the MEXT Young Leaders' Program (scholarship) and enroll in a doctoral degree program.)

3) Academic background: Applicants must have academic abilities equal to or more advanced than those of a Japanese university graduate or master course of graduate school.

4) Field of Study

The Graduate School of Science consists of 4 departments. Applicants should have sufficient knowledge and experience undertaking research in these fields.

- Mathematics,
- CosmoSciences
- Condensed Matter Physics
- Natural History Sciences
 - Earth & Planetary System Science
 - Earth & Planetary Dynamics

- Seismology and Volcanology
- Biodiversity
- Science Communication)

5) Academic record requirements:

Applicants who are currently regular students in a university/college must have an academic record score[#] of 2.30 or higher in their degree program. Applicants who are working adults must have an academic record of a score[#] of 2.30 or higher in their previous university/college.

#How to calculate the academic record score

For current students, calculate the academic record score for the program in which they are currently enrolled.

For working adults, calculate the academic record score for the last university/college attended.

Calculation Procedure

Classification	Evaluation Grading				
		Excellent	Good	Passing	Failing
4 level scale		A	B	C	F
		100~80	79~70	69~60	59~
	S	A	B	C	F
5 level scale	A	B	C	D	F
	100~90	89~80	79~70	69~60	59~
	Evaluation point	3	2	1	0

(Formula of the academic record score)

$$\frac{\{(\text{"Evaluation point 3 credits"} \times 3) + (\text{"Evaluation point 2 credits"} \times 2) + (\text{"Evaluation point 1 credits"} \times 1) + (\text{"Evaluation point 0 credits"} \times 0)\}}{\text{Total registered credits}}$$

(Note 1) If the credit system is not used for classes taken, the number of credits should be calculated by replacing the number of credits with the number of courses.

(Note 2) If the student is a transfer student, the number of credits after transfer should be used.

(Note 3) Evaluations that are not included in the above table (e.g., "Approved", "Passed", etc.) should not be included.

(Note 4) If a fractional number appears in the academic record score, it should be rounded down to two decimal places.

(Note 5) For grades not included in the above table (e.g., "8", "10", etc.), the official conversion table (e.g., 100-point conversion table) of the university that issued the student's transcript and the local government or other official organization should be used to calculate the academic record score, if available.

6) English proficiency requirements:

Applicants must have a score equivalent to or higher than English level B2^{##} of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) at the time of application.

or

Applicants must have completed an educational program that meets the qualifications for admission to a master's or doctoral course program at a graduate school in Japan with English as the primary language.

##Applicants with the English level B2 of the CEFR are those who;

- can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in their field of specialization.
- can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party.
 - can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

Examples of the equivalent score on language test of the same level of B2

Cambridge ESOL	160-179
IELTS	5.5-6.5
TOEFL iBT	72-94
TOEIC L&R	L(400~) + R(385~)
TOEIC S&W	S(160~) + W(150~)

7) Health

You must be physically and mentally capable of pursuing studies in Japan.

8) Arrival in Japan

For enrolling in October, arrive in Japan on one of the days designated by your host university between 14 days before (could be in Sep or Oct) and 14 days after the first day of 2nd semester.