

## 2019 Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (University Recommendation Students)

Note to Readers:

This is an English translation of the important points regarding the MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) Scholarship, prepared by Keio University with explanatory remarks.

### 1. Eligibility and Requirements

- The applicant who wishes to study at Keio University as a regular student in a bachelor degree program through the Admissions for Overseas Students (GIGA Program) must have maintained a GPA of 3.40 or above in the previous two years and be expected to maintain it. The student must display excellence and be arriving to Japan from abroad for the purpose of being admitted to the university.
- The applicant's nationality must be of a country that has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government.
- The applicant must have been born on or after April 2, 1994, and be physically and mentally healthy enough to pursue study at the university.
- The applicant must fulfil any of the following English ability requirements.
  1. The applicant must have acquired a qualification or score equivalent to level B2 or higher on an English language proficiency test defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) by the time of admission.
  2. The applicant must have completed secondary education where the medium of instruction was English and must be qualified to enroll in a Japanese University.
  3. The applicant must be recognized by the receiving university to have English language proficiency that is equivalent to or higher than the level in requirement 1 above.
- The applicant must be able to leave for and arrive in Japan within two weeks of the date set by the receiving university for the beginning of the semester (in principle, in September).  
Excluding cases in which MEXT deems it unavoidable, the applicant will be required to withdraw from the scholarship if they cannot arrive in Japan by the end of the specified period. Travel expenses will not be provided if the applicant chooses to travel to Japan before these set dates due to personal reasons.
- In principle, the applicant must obtain a Student visa from the Japanese Embassy/Consulate General in the country of his/her nationality prior to arriving in Japan.
- The applicants who meet any of the following conditions are not eligible. If it is identified that any of these conditions are met after the selection of the scholarship, the applicant will be required

to withdraw from the scholarship.

(a) The applicant is an active member of the military or a civilian employed by the military at the time the scholarship period is due to begin.

(b) The applicant is unable to travel to Japan within the dates set by the receiving university.

(c) The applicant was a recipient of a MEXT Scholarship in the past.

(d) The applicant applies for multiple MEXT Scholarship that will start in Academic Year 2019.

(e) The applicant is already in Japan or is going to stay in Japan as a privately-financed international student in Academic Year 2019 and will continue to stay after the fall semester.

(f) The applicant is already the recipient of a scholarship from an organization (including a governmental organization in their country of origin) other than the Japanese government (MEXT).

(g) The applicant is expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the qualifications and the conditions related to their academic background by the specified date.

(h) The applicant is a dual national and is unable to prove their renouncement of Japanese nationality before arriving to Japan.

(i) The applicant intends to participate in fieldwork or an internship in countries other than Japan, or a temporary leave of absence, for a long period of time after applying for the scholarship.

- **Other**

While the recipients are studying in Japan, they should contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at local schools and communities with the aim of contributing to Japan's globalization. They should also make efforts to promote better relations between their home country and Japan by maintaining close ties with university after graduation, taking surveys and questionnaires after their return home, and cooperating with all relevant projects and events conducted by Japanese government establishments in the applicant's country.

## **2. Period of Scholarship**

The period of the scholarship is up to four years.

## **3. Details Concerning the Scholarship**

- The scholarship amount for living expenses in 2019 is 117,000JPY per month.

※Please note that these amounts are subject to change each year depending on the annual budget.

※The scholarship will not be paid for periods of temporary leave of absence or other long absences from the university.

- **Traveling Costs**

- Transportation to Japan:

In principle, MEXT determines the travel schedule and route, and provides an economy class airline ticket at the most affordable price for a flight from the international airport closest to the recipient's residence (in principle, the country of nationality) to the international airport on the normal route to the university they are accepted. The recipient should bear at their own expense all costs related to domestic travel from their residence to the closest international airport, including airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including transit), and travel insurance expense, etc.

- Returning to your home country:

In principle, MEXT will provide an airline ticket to recipients who graduate from Keio University and return to their home country by the end of the final month of the period of scholarship specified in section 2 above. Based on the application from the recipient, MEXT will provide an economy class airline ticket at the most affordable price from the international airport used on the normal route from the university they were accepted to the international airport closest to the recipient's residence (in principle, in the country of nationality). The recipient should bear at their own expense all costs related to domestic travel from their residence to the closest international airport, including airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including transit), and travel insurance expense, etc. If the recipient returns to the home country before the end of the scholarship period due to personal reasons, MEXT will not pay for the return travel expenses. If the recipient continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended, they will not be paid travel expenses to return to their home country for a temporary return.

- The application fee, admission fee and academic fees for the first year (2019 Fall semester and 2020 Spring semester) will be covered by Keio University. The recipient may renew the scholarship for the second year onwards through a screening process based on their GPA and so on.