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JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP-2016

Ministry of Human Resource Development is inviting online applications from Indian nationals residing in India for the award of scholarships for Research Student/Master's Course/ Ph.D. course in Japanese Universities offered by Government of Japan under its Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology [MEXT]) Scholarship Program for the year 2016. Applicant can apply online at <http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/> . No scholarship will be offered for Post-Doctoral studies (After Ph.D or at final stages of Ph.D). The subjects in which scholarships will be awarded are given below:

FIELDS 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.

The applicant can apply in the following subjects:

(1) Japanese Language & Literature (2) Japanese Studies (3) Management (4) Environmental Science (5) Aerospace Engineering (6) Civil Engineering / Earthquake Engineering (7) Architecture (8) Bio-Technology (9) Electrical Engineering (10) Electronics & Communications Engineering (11) Information Technology/ Optical Fiber communication (12) Physics/Laser Technology (13) Material Science / Engineering (14) Quality & Reliability Engineering (15) Mechanical Engineering / Robotics (16) Agriculture (17) Fisheries.

DURATION: Two Years (in case of starting in April, 2016) or one and a half year (in case of starting in October, 2016) Extendable under a certain condition. The period includes a 6-month Japanese language training period for grantees who require such training.

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP: Each grantee will be provided 143,000yen (Research Students(non-regular students), 144,000yen (regular students in Master's courses or professional graduate courses), or 145,000yen(regular students in doctoral courses) per month. (In case that the recipient research in a designated region, 2,000 or 3,000 yen per month will be added. The monetary amount each year may be subject to change due to budgetary reasons.) .

TUITION AND OTHER FEES: Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition at universities will be paid by the Japanese government.

TRAVELLING COSTS:

- **Transportation to Japan:** The recipient will be provided, according to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT, with an economy-class airplane ticket from the international airport nearest to his/her home country residence * to the New Tokyo International Airport or any other international airport that the appointed university usually uses. Expenses such as inland transportation from his/her home address to the international airport, airport tax, airport usage fees, special taxes on travel, or inland transportation within Japan will NOT be covered. (*The address in the country of the recipient's nationality stated in the application form is in principle regarded as the recipient's "home country residence.")
- **Transportation from Japan:** In principle, the recipient who returns to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of his/her scholarship will be provided, **upon application**, with an economy-class airplane ticket for travel from the New Tokyo International Airport or any other international airport that the appointed university usually uses to the international airport nearest to his/her home address.

AGE LIMIT: Applicant must have been born on or after **2 April 1981 (Below 35 years as of 1 April 2016).**

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:

1. For Research Student / Master's Degree

Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field with minimum 65% marks. The candidates should obtain their mark sheet and degree on or before **1 April 2016**.

2. For Ph.D. Degree

Master's degree in the relevant field with minimum 65% marks. Candidate having practical research/teaching/work experience after obtaining the prescribed qualification as on 1 April 2016 would be preferred.

3. For Research Student/Master's degree in Japanese Language

a) Students who have completed Bachelor's degree / Master's degree course in Japanese Language from a recognized university.

OR

b) Students who have completed Bachelor's degree course in any subject from a recognized university and obtained N2 Certificate of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) conducted by the Japan Foundation.

4. For Ph.D. degree in Japanese Language

Students who have completed Master degree course in Japanese Language from a recognized university.

5. For Management Field

Candidates who want to apply under the Management field must possess a minimum GMAT score of 650 or CAT score of 95 percentile at the time of application.

6. All applicants must have graduated throughout in regular courses (not correspondence or distance learning).

7. The number of shortlisted candidates in each subject should be restricted to 30.

In the subjects where more than 30 applications are received, in such a scenario, the candidates should be shortlisted on the basis of marks obtained in the last qualifying exam.

Japanese Language Ability: 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 in Japanese and adapt to living in Japan.

Health: Applicants must be free from any mental or physical disabilities that would impede the pursuit of study at Japanese graduate school.

Arrival in Japan: In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan between the 1st and 7th of April 2016, or by the date specified by the accepting university, which will fall within two weeks of the starting date for each semester (in general, in September or October) in that year designated by the accepting university.

Any applicant who meets any or all of the following conditions is ineligible. If identified after the start of the scholarship period, the applicant will be required to withdraw from the scholarship.

- ① Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan;
- ② Those who cannot arrive in Japan during the period designated by MEXT or the accepting university;
- ③ An applicant who is a previous recipient of a Japanese government scholarship, but does not have educational research experience exceeding more than three years from the first day of the month following the final payment of the previous scholarship to the beginning of the payment of this scholarship, as of April 1, 2015. This does not apply to the past recipients of Japanese studies scholarships and Japan-Korea Joint Government Scholarship Program For The Students In Science And Engineering Departments who have graduated or are going to graduate from universities in their home countries and past participants in the Young Leaders Program;
- ④ Those who are currently enrolled at a Japanese university with a College Student (ryugaku) residence status; those enrolled, or scheduled to be enrolled, at a Japanese university as a privately financed international student during the period when the scholarship application was filed in the home country until prior to the start of the provision of the scholarship; This does not apply to current self-financed international students at Japanese universities who will complete their courses of study and return to their countries before the end of the current fiscal year;
- ⑤ Recipients of scholarships from institutions other than MEXT (including government institutions in their home countries) that overlap with the Japanese Government Scholarship (Prospective beneficiaries are included);
- ⑥ Applicants who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the qualifications and the conditions related to academic background by the deadline given;

- ⑦ Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan; or
- ⑧ Applicants who wish, from the time of application, to conduct fieldwork or participate in an internship outside of Japan, since this scholarship program is intended for overseas students who wish to enroll in a Japanese university and do graduate research in Japan.

NOTES:

1. The following must be uploaded while applying online:
 - (a) Self-attested copy of the mark-sheet of the qualifying examination; and self-attested copy of the certificate certifying the date of birth.
 - (b) Self-attested copies of all other degrees/diplomas/certificates etc.
 - (c) Where grades are mentioned, the candidate must upload the conversion formula adopted by the University/Institution.
 - (d) Self attested copy of N2 Certificate or higher of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).

2. The Japanese Diplomatic Mission in India will conduct a primary (preliminary) screening of applicants by means of submitted application documents, written examination language (Japanese Language & English Language) Test and interview. The Japanese and the English language examinations must be taken by all applicants.
 - The result of the Japanese language examination will be used as reference data for placement at a university and for Japanese-language education to be provided upon the applicant's arrival in Japan.

 - In particular, if an applicant with limited proficiency in Japanese desires to pursue studies in fields such as Japanese linguistics, Japanese literature, Japanese history, or Japanese law —fields that require sufficient knowledge of the Japanese language — he/she will not be selected as a grantee unless there are exceptional circumstances.

MEXT will conduct a secondary screening based on the results of the primary screening conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission, and select applicants as MEXT scholarship grantees whose placement at a university of their choice has been decided.

- Applicants who have passed the primary screening at a Japanese diplomatic mission are not necessarily accepted as MEXT scholarship grantees.
 - Applicants who were not accepted by any universities which the applicants named in their Placement Preference Form will not be selected as MEXT scholarship grantees.
3. The best score of either English or Japanese test will be considered as written examination score. Interviews will be conducted by Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education) by committee of experts in various subject fields followed by the Embassy of Japan on the same day or as decided by Mission. Candidates whose written examination score does not satisfy a required standard will not be interviewed by the Embassy.
 4. The medium of instruction in most of Japanese Universities is "Japanese Language" hence candidates are required to go under six months Japanese Language Course in Japan, which is included in this program, before commencement of their main studies.
 5. Any candidate who desires to move on to a regular graduate course after studying as a Research Student or to move on from a master's course or a professional graduate course to a doctoral course can move on to a higher education through passing an entrance examination given by the university concerned.
 6. Equivalent foreign degrees will be considered.
 7. M. Phil will be treated as one year's research experience unless a certificate from the University is enclosed stating the duration of the M.Phil Course in that University.
 8. Candidates who have already been abroad for study/research/training for more than six months at a time either on a scholarship or on their own, are eligible to apply only

if they have been in India for at least two consecutive years after their return from abroad. Applications of candidates, who are staying abroad, will not be considered.

9. Master's degree means M.A./M.Sc./M.Tech./M.E./M.B.A./M.Fisheries. B.Sc (Engg.), B.Tech, B.E. etc are treated as equivalent to Bachelor Degree.
10. Candidates should have adequate knowledge of geographical situation, culture and heritage of Japan and India.
11. Applications in subject-fields, other than those specified, will not be considered. A Candidate can apply only in **one subject**.
12. Employed candidates must obtain 'No Objection Certificate' from their employer. In case of Government servant, cadre clearance is a must.
13. **Essential:-**
All Candidates must attach with the application a description in at least 600 words of his project/proposal of study/research to be undertaken in Japan.
14. In case no communication is received by a candidate and his name is not display on the Dep't. Website, who applied in response to the advertisement by **31 August 2015.**, it may be presumed that he/she has not been nominated for the scholarship. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
15. Applications, which are incomplete, will not be considered.
16. Husband & wife both can apply for the scholarship
17. Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidature of the applicant.
18. Scholars are recommended to bring approximate US\$ 2,000 or equivalent to cover immediate needs after arrival in Japan
19. Candidates who do not possess the essential qualifications need not apply.

20. THE DECISION OF SELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL BE FINAL. NO REPRESENTATION IN THIS REGARD WILL BE ENTERTAINED.
21. The final Selection of the nominated candidates rests with the Government of Japan.
22. Mere fulfillment of minimum requirements as laid down in the advertisement does not qualify a candidate for interview.
23. It is very important that applicants who are in employment to which they wish to return should have an assurance that if their nomination is successful, they will be granted sufficient leave of absence.
24. Scholars may require knowing the difference between the Japanese Law and the Law of Home country.
25. **The candidate must obtain the Degree certificate before 1 April 2016.**

The applications received after closing date will not be considered.

Format for online Application

1. Name of the Scholarship Scheme : Japanese Government Scholarship, 2015-16
2. Course/Level :
3. Subject :
4. Personal Details:

Name of Candidate (in block letters) :

* Add your photograph, signature & create password

Present Address :

Permanent Address :

Mobile No. :

Telephone No., if any :

Email: :

Father's Name: :

Sex: :

Marital Status :

Nationality :

Date of birth :

5. State to which the candidate belongs :

Academic record starting from High School/Higher Secondary (copy of the mark sheet/transcript should be uploaded)

Name of the University/ Board/Institution	Examination(s) Passed	Degree Obtained	Year of Passing	Secured marks/ Maximum marks	Percentage of marks	Major subject	Document to be uploaded
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Note : Where no Division/Class is awarded and only grading is done, the conversion formula adopted must be uploaded.

6. **Other details:**

- i) Proficiency in Japanese Language: Upload the certificate N2 and above.
- ii) Score obtained in the followings:

GMAT: Provide the score
CAT: Provide the score
- iii) Details of proposed plan of study in at least 500 words:
Research proposal must contain the followings:
 - (a) Title
 - (b) Objectives
 - (c) proposed methodology
- iv) Number of paper published, specify subject(s), year(s), journal(s) etc. in which it/they has/have been published.
- v) Nature of the present employment with date of appointment, designation and the name and address of the employer, if any:
- vi) Have you been abroad? If so, give full particulars :
 - (a) Country/Countries visited :
 - (b) Period of Stay :
 - (c) Date, month and year of return to India :
 - (d) Purpose of visit :
- vii) Have you applied earlier for any Government scholarship in last 3 years, if so, the details thereof:-
- viii) The details may be given on the following points :
 - a) The work at presently engaged in :
 - b) Future plans/proposals after the study/research/training and its prospectus :
 - c) What are the benefits to your home country :
- ix) Have you been received any academic awards/credential. If yes, provide the name of the award and upload the document.

Declaration

I certify that foregoing information is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and nothing has been concealed /distorted. I understand that if at any time I am found to have concealed/distorted any material information; my selection shall be liable to be terminated without notice and compensation.

Signature of the candidate

Place:

Date :