

Open External Scholarships

*Academic year for scholarships starts in April.

*Please apply directly to the organization offering the scholarship.

*Most organizations require the candidates to have a strong command of the Japanese language.

*The scholarship information below, such as stipend and application period, is subject to change.

● Atsumi International Scholarship Foundation <small>*Cannot be combined with other scholarships</small>	
Eligibility	●Ph.D. students including 4+ years Ph.D. students ●Students residing and conducting research in the Kanto region
Stipend	¥ 200,000/month
Application Period	Previous year in September
Scholarship Period	1 year
Purpose of Scholarship	This scholarship was founded by the bequest of the late Takeo Atsumi, honorary chairman of the Kajima Construction Corporation. Through providing assistance to outstanding international students, the foundation aims to promote international understanding and friendship

● INOAC International Education and Scholarship Foundation <small>*Cannot be combined with other scholarships</small>	
Eligibility	●Undergraduate Students, Graduate Students
Stipend	¥ 5,000/month
Application Period	October of Previous Year
Scholarship Period	Between 1 and 2 years
Purpose of Scholarship	This scholarship was founded by the INOAC corporation to provide financial support to foreign students of outstanding ability and develop human resources capable of flourishing on the global stage.

● Ito Foundation for International Education Exchange <small>*Cannot be combined with other scholarships</small>	
Eligibility	●Students scheduled to enter Master's programs or enrolled in previous years's Fall semester
Stipend	¥ 180,000/month
Application Period	Period Prior year in October
Scholarship Period	Up to 2 years
Purpose of Scholarship	This scholarship was established at the bequest of the late high priest Shinjo Ito and founder of the Shinyoen religious organization. By providing financial aid, the Ito Foundation hopes to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and other countries and foster individuals that can contribute to the world.

● The Iwakuni Foundation for Scholarship

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Eligibility	●Undergraduate (1 st year)
Stipend	¥ 250,000/year
Application Period	April
Scholarship Period	2 years
Purpose of Scholarship	This scholarship was established by Shuichi Iwakuni, one of the founders of Seven-Eleven Japan Co., Ltd., with the purpose of supporting students filled with a challenging spirit, but in need of financial support

● Okamoto Scholarship Foundation

*Cannot be combined with other scholarships

Eligibility	●Undergraduate (4th year)/Graduate students ●Residents of the Chiba Prefecture
Stipend	¥ 80,000/month
Application Period	Prior year in December
Scholarship Period	1 year
Purpose of Scholarship	This foundation provides financial aid and housing support for international students studying at a university campus in Chiba or residing in Chiba.

● College Women's Association of Japan

*Cannot be combined with other scholarships

Eligibility	●Female Graduate students ●Students proficient in both English and Japanese
Stipend	¥ 2,000,000/year
Application Period	Prior year in October
Scholarship Period	1 year
Purpose of Scholarship	CWAJ was established in 1949 to provide assistance, in terms of travel expenses, to Japanese students studying abroad. CWAJ is a volunteer group that assembles women from countries around the world for exchanges and cultural activities. The Graduate Scholarship for non-Japanese women to study in Japan is for female international students enrolled in a Japanese graduate school.

● Jissen Women's Educational Institute Alumnae Group International Foundation

*Cannot be combined with other scholarships

Eligibility	● Undergraduate students/ Graduate students (including 4 years Ph.D students) ● Female students
Stipend	¥ 40,000/month
Application Period	April
Scholarship Period	1 year
Purpose of Scholarship	This scholarship was established in commemoration of the late Ms. Mihoko Nishiyama, a member of the Jissen Alumnae. Ms. Utako Shimoda, the founder of the Institute began accepting students from China during the Meiji Period. This scholarship is provided to overseas students and to local students who wish to study abroad.

● Takaku Foundation

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Eligibility	● Ph.D. students (including 4+ years Ph.D. students) ● Residents of Tokyo, Kanagawa, Saitama, or Chiba
Stipend	¥ 100,000/month
Application Period	Prior year in November
Scholarship Period	1 year
Purpose of Scholarship	This scholarship was established by a donation from the husband and wife founders of Taka-Q Corporation. It is targeted to students with outstanding academic performance and character who are in need of economic assistance.

● Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JLPT Scholarship)

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Eligibility	● Undergraduate/Graduate students ● Students majoring in Japanese Language, Japanese Literature, and Japanese Culture ● Students who have passed Level 1 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test taken in Japan the previous year and who have obtained a score above the required minimum
Stipend	¥ 50,000/month
Application Period	April
Scholarship Period	2 years
Purpose of Scholarship	This scholarship aims to promote the spread of the Japanese language overseas and to nurture foreigner Japanese language instructors. As such, scholarships are awarded to privately funded international students who are specializing in areas of Japanese language instruction at a Japanese university and who scored well on the Level 1 Japanese Language Proficiency Test taken domestically.

● **Nitori International Scholarship Foundation**

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Eligibility	● Undergraduate (3rd or 4th year) students/Master's (1st or 2nd year) students
Stipend	¥ 110,000/month (¥ 150,000/month for the students with outstanding academic performance)
Application Period	Previous year in November
Scholarship Period	2 year
Purpose of Scholarship	This scholarship is funded by Nitori CEO, Mr. Akio Nitori, to assist Asian youth in realizing their educational dreams in order to promote better relations with Asian nations, to develop human resources, and to aid exchanges among international students by supporting exceptional undergraduate and graduate students.

● **Nomura Foundation**

*Cannot be combined with other scholarships

Eligibility	● Graduate students ● Majors in the humanities and social sciences ●35 years of age or under
Stipend	¥ 150,000/month
Application Period	Prior year in November
Scholarship Period	2 years
Purpose of Scholarship	This foundation was established by Nomura Holdings to realize true mutual understanding in international society. The scholarship is provided to international students with the expectation that they will contribute to building a bridge between Japan and other countries.

● **Honjo International Scholarship Foundation**

*Cannot be combined with other scholarships

Eligibility	● Graduate students ● Master's students under 30 years of age, Ph.D. students under 35 years of age ● Application in English is accepted
Stipend	¥ 200,000/month for 1-2 years; ¥ 180,000/month for 3 years; OR ¥ 150,000/month for 4 to 5 years
Application Period	Prior year in October
Scholarship Period	Minimum standard years for Ph.D. degree
Purpose of Scholarship	This scholarship was established by a donation from Masanori Honjo, the president of the Itoen Corporation. Its purpose is to provide financial aid to outstanding international students from developing nations who are motivated to succeed and who will act as a cultural bridge between Japan and other countries in the future.

● Masuda Education Foundation *Cannot be combined with other scholarships	
Eligibility	●Graduate students ●Students majoring in humanities, social sciences and Interdisciplinary areas of study ● Residents or students in Kanagawa prefecture
Stipend	¥ 150,000/month
Application Period	Prior year in April
Scholarship Period	1 year (up to 2 years for outstanding academic performance)
Purpose of Scholarship	This scholarship provides financial aid to graduate-level international students living in or enrolled in a graduate school in Kanagawa prefecture.

● Yamada Osamitsu Foundation *Cannot be combined with other scholarships	
Eligibility	● Undergraduate or Graduate students ●Under 35 years of age
Stipend	¥ 120,000/month
Application Period	Prior year in November
Scholarship Period	1 year
Purpose of Scholarship	This scholarship was established in order to contribute to the world peace and global economic growth, and for the well-being of people worldwide, by promoting projects to nurture human resources that play active roles in the international community.