

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO:MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2010

POSTGRADUATE (RESEARCH STUDENTS)

The Monbukagakusho: MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan) offers scholarship to Malaysian students who wish to study at Japanese universities as research students under the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship Program for the academic year 2010. Applicants must be Malaysian citizens and meet the qualifications below:

1. FIELD OF STUDY

Humanities and Social Sciences: Literature, History, Aesthetics, Laws, Politics, Economics, Commerce, Pedagogy, Psychology, Sociology, Music, Fine Arts, Business Administration **& et cetera.**

Natural Sciences: Pure science, Engineering (Biomedical Eng, Civil Eng, Environmental Eng & etc.), Agriculture, Fisheries, Pharmacology, Medicine, Dentistry, Home Economics **& et cetera.**

- Students majoring in medicine or dentistry shall not be allowed to carry out their clinical studies by conducting medical examinations or performing operations, unless they are permitted by the Ministry of Health and Welfare under the provisions of the Japanese laws concerned.
- Fields of study must be one of those available at Japanese universities. Practical training given by factories or companies are excluded.

2. TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The tenure of scholarship is for two years from April 2010 to March 2012, or one and a half years from October 2010 to March 2012. Applicants can choose either course. (The tenure shall include a six-month intensive course of the Japanese Language, to be given to those whose knowledge of the language is insufficient to pursue their studies). For those who have been permitted to enter in a regular course of graduate schools (whether Master's or Doctoral) and have excellent academic records, their durations could be extended upon the judgment within the budget. Those who wish to enter master's or doctoral program of a graduate school must sit for and pass the entrance examination imposed by the university concerned after having studied at least for six months as non-degree research students. Failure in the examination will result in reenrollment as non-degree research students.

3. QUALIFICATIONS

- ***Age:*** Applicants must be under 35 years of age as of 1st April 2010 (i.e. born on or after 2nd April 1975)
- ***Academic Background:*** Applicants must be university or college graduates, ideally a first class or second upper honours degree holder (**Distinction, B or CGPA 3.2 & above**). (Those who will graduate from a university or college by March or September 2009 may apply). Applicants wishing to enter Master's or Doctoral program must have completed a regular course of study of Sixteen (16) year's formal school education (**Excluding remove class**).
- ***Language Proficiency:*** Applicant must have good command of Japanese language AND/OR English language, preferably those possessing **valid TOEFL, IELTS or TOIEC** certificate.
- ***Study Area:*** The study area must be in the same field as the applicant has studied (or is now studying) or in a related field.
- ***Japanese Language:*** Applicants must (be willing to) learn Japanese language and (to) receive university instruction in Japanese.
- ***Others:***

* Applicant whose spouse has already won a Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship will not be selected as a grantee, and likewise in the case of a couple applying at the same time.

- * The applicant who has been awarded a Japanese Government Scholarship in the past will not be selected as a grantee unless he / she has spent at least *three years research or teaching* experience after returning to his / her home country. However, former "Japanese Studies" scholarship students may apply for admission to the Research Student program once they have completed the undergraduate program after returning to their home countries.
- * The applicant who has already enrolled in a Japanese university is not eligible to apply for admission. Military men and military civilian employees registered on the active list are not eligible.
- * **Applicant must be in their HOME COUNTRY when he / she apply for the scholarship.**

4. ALLOWANCES

Estimated monthly allowances of *170,000 Yen* (subject to change) will be given to each grantee during the tenure of his / her scholarship. Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation and tuition at universities will be exempted.

5. **EXAMINATION: Only qualified applicants will be notified** to sit for English AND Japanese language (**BOTH are selecting criteria**) examination in Kuala Lumpur tentatively on **31st May 2009** (subject to change).

6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND IMPORTANT NOTE

- **Field of Study:** Applicants must fill in the field of study in **Item No.7** in application form by referring to the **example** in **item 1 "FIELD OF STUDY"** given above.
- **Educational Background:** Please fill in **ALL** columns, **DO NOT** leave any column **BLANK**.
- **Number of Submission: ONLY ONE (1)** application per individual, double submission will be disqualified.
- **Attachments:** a) CERTIFIED (by issuer) *Undergraduate Transcript in ENGLISH or JAPANESE only.*
b) VALID ENGLISH LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE (TOEFL, TOIEC or IELTS) if any.
c) FULLY COMPLETED application form, in ENGLISH or JAPANESE language only.
(Other than the above mentioned documents NEED NOT submit)
- **Closing Date:** Your application form must reach the Embassy of Japan **before 4:00 pm 7th April 2009 (Tuesday) to qualify.** ***THOSE WITHOUT CERTIFIED UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPT and LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.***
- **Submitting of Application Form:** The applications for **NON-GOVERNMENT SERVANTS** should be submitted directly to:

Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan
No.11, Persiaran Stonor, Off Jalan Tun Razak, 50450 Kuala Lumpur

Applications for Malaysian **GOVERNMENT SERVANTS ONLY** to be submitted to: -
Public Service Department Malaysia, In Service Unit II, Human Capital Development Division,
Parcel C, Block C1, Level 5,
Federal Government Administration Centre, 62502 PUTRAJAYA

(Not later than 30th March 2009)

- Envelope containing application form must indicate "**JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP – POSTGRADUATE**" on the top left-hand corner.
- No correspondence can be entered into as to why an applicant has not been short-listed.