

## 2010 Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship for Research Students

**Note to Readers: This is an English translation of major points of the Monbukagakusho (MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) Scholarship announcement prepared by Keio University with explanatory remarks. Refer to the official announcement in Japanese for full and exact details. The official announcement is available at: [http://www.mext.go.jp/a\\_menu/koutou/ryugaku/1287991.htm](http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/1287991.htm) (Japanese Only)**

The Japanese Government offers this scholarship to international graduate level students wishing to study at Keio University as a non-degree research student or as a regular degree-seeking graduate student, and traveling from a foreign country.

### I. Eligibility and Requirements

1. Applicants must have nationalities of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.
2. Applicants with Japanese nationality, including dual citizenship are not eligible.
3. Applicants who were born on or after **April 2, 1975**, and in good mental and physical health.
4. Applicants must **have completed equivalent of Japanese university level education at the time of arrival in Japan.**
5. Applicants are expected to pursue graduate studies in academic disciplines that they specialized in their undergraduate studies and also in the academic fields that appropriate academic and research supervision is available at Keio University.
6. Applicants must have a high level of proficiency in Japanese if they desire to specialize in Japanese Studies, such as Japanese Literature, Japanese Language, Japanese History, or Japanese Law, etc.
7. **Scholarship recipients must arrive in Japan within two (2) weeks before or after the beginning of the first day of the fall semester, i.e. September 22, 2010, and during the period specified by Keio.**
8. Successful applicants **must hold a college student visa to enter Japan.** If their status changes in the middle of the scholarship period, they must give up the scholarship.
9. Following individuals will not be selected for the scholarship:
  - a) who are on active military duty or in military services
  - b) who cannot arrive during the period specified by the host university
  - c) who receive other scholarships such as a scholarship from the government of their country of origin or from other foundations
  - d) **who apply to the scholarships offered by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) and the Monbukagakusho Scholarship at the same time**
  - e) who submit the application for this scholarship to two Japanese universities simultaneously
  - f) **who are applying for the Monbukagakusho scholarship through the Japanese Embassy/Consulate in their country are not allowed to submit the scholarship application through Keio University**

- g) who are currently enrolled or plan to start studying at Keio from April 2010 as privately financed students.

## II. Conditions

**Candidates must be accepted by a graduate school of Keio University as regular students in the Master's Program, Doctoral Programs, or Professional Degree Programs, or as a research student, and nominated by his/her graduate school. All of the application documents must be received by the deadline specified by the nominating graduate school.** As the scholarship will be granted from October 2010, applicants must arrive in Japan in the middle of September, as specified by Keio University if they are selected as scholarship recipient.

If the scholarship student who is accepted as a research student requires further Japanese language training upon arrival in Japan, the student can first enroll in the Japanese Language Program offered by the Center for Japanese Studies. He/she may take the entrance examination to the Graduate School of Keio University. If the student succeeds in the entrance examination within the period covered by the scholarship, extension of the scholarship to cover the period for their degree programs may be possible. Extension of the scholarship will not be granted if the student is applying for a university other than Keio University.

## III. Other Details Concerning the Scholarship

Contents of the scholarship:

1. Monthly Scholarship: The amount is not decided for the 2010 academic year. The scholarship for the 2009 academic year was ¥154,000 - ¥158,000 per month, varied depending on what his/her status (Research / Master / Doctor Course) and the location of his/her campus. The tuition fees at Keio University will be borne by Keio University.  
\* Please note that the monthly scholarship may be reduced due to budgetary constraint.
2. Air Ticket: Two economy class one-way tickets from and to the applicant's home country will be provided through a travel agency designated by the Monbukagakusho. Ticket reservations and applications will be made through Keio University. Return tickets can be arranged either upon completion of the enrolled program or at the end of scholarship tenure. Otherwise the tickets must be returned to the Monbukagakusho.
3. Tax, local transportation, and travel insurance must be paid by the scholarship recipient. (The applicant must be a national of the country where he/she is flying from. If you have a dual citizenship, you have to use the right passport to apply for this scholarship and student visa, and enter Japan. For example, if you have a dual citizenship from the UK and France, and if you decide to use your French passport, please write "French" in the application form and apply for student visa in France and fly to Japan from France.)

## IV. Requirements for Application

Please refer to "Check List" on the Web site;

[http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/study/mext/university\\_nominated.html](http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/study/mext/university_nominated.html)

**Notes:**

1. Applicants are advised to prepare all the documents either in Japanese or in English; Japanese translations must be attached to the originals otherwise. It is strongly requested that the documents be typed or be printed on A4.
2. Application materials will not be returned.
3. Incomplete applications and applications received after deadline will not be accepted.
4. Applicants are expected to be available for internet / e-mail / telephone / interviews by Keio faculty.
5. In principle, withdrawal from the scholarship would not be allowed once the scholarship is granted.

V. Announcement of the Scholarship Award

Keio University receives the screening results from Monbukagakusho in late June.

VI. Miscellaneous

Recipients of the Mongukagakusho scholarship may apply for off campus university accommodation for Keio students. However, we cannot guarantee that the students will be assigned to the room that they requested. Please note, that number of facilities for married couples are extremely limited.