

## 2012 Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship (University Nominated 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/boshu/1313348.htm](http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/boshu/1313348.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 student on a graduate degree program, and who will travel from a foreign country.

### I. Eligibility and Requirements

1. Applicant who wishes to study at Keio University as a non-degree research student or as a regular student on a graduate degree program must **have maintained a GPA of 2.30 or above in the previous two years.**
2. Applicant must have the nationality of a country which has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government. Applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application will not be eligible.
3. Applicant must have been born on or after **April 2, 1977**, and be physically and mentally healthy enough to pursue study at university.
4. Applicant must be a graduate from a Japanese university or have academic ability equal or superior to that of a Japanese university graduate. A person will be deemed to have academic ability equal or superior to that of a university graduate, if he/she (1) has completed or will complete a 16-year school curriculum in a foreign country (or an 18-year school curriculum if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course in the field of medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty); or (2) is or will be aged 22 or older and has taken an individual entrance qualification examination and has been judged by a graduate school as being equal or superior in academic ability to a university graduate (or 24 or older if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course in the field of medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty).

Note: Eligible applicants include those who otherwise satisfy or will satisfy qualification requirements for admission to a Japanese graduate school. As a general rule, a person who has completed a doctoral course may not apply unless he/she seeks to obtain a degree.

5. Applicant should apply for the field of study he/she studied at the previous university or any related field. Applicant must choose a field on which he/she can receive education and perform research at the university of his/her choice.
6. Applicant must have a high level of proficiency in Japanese if he/she wishes to specialize in Japanese Studies, such as Japanese Literature, Japanese Language, Japanese History, or Japanese Law, etc.

7. 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 or October). Travel expenses will not be provided if the Applicant chooses to travel to Japan before this set period.
8. Selected Applicant must obtain a College Student visa on the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of his/her nationality, in principle, prior to his arrival in Japan. Applicant who changes his/her resident status to any status other than “College Student” after his/her arrival in Japan will immediately lose his/her status as a MEXT Scholarship Student.
9. Any applicant who meets any or all of the following conditions is not eligible. If identified after the start of the scholarship period, 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) If the Applicant was a grantee of a MEXT Scholarship in the past. Unless he/she has had at least three years of research or teaching experience between the completion of the first scholarship and the start of the second scholarship period. This exclusion will not apply to a research-student applicant, who (1) as an international student in Japan received training in Japanese studies at a university but graduated from his/her home university, or who (2) was an international student in Japan under the Japan-Korea Joint Government Scholarship Program for the Students in Science and Engineering Departments.
  - (d) The Applicant is already the grantee of a scholarship from an organization (including a governmental organization in his/her country of origin) other than the Japanese government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology – MEXT).
  - (e) The Applicant applies to the scholarships offered by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) and the MEXT Scholarship at the same time
  - (f) The Applicant submits the application for this scholarship to two Japanese universities at the same time
  - (g) The Applicant applies to the MEXT Scholarship (Embassy Nominated Students) through the Japanese Embassy/Consulate in his/her country and this MEXT Scholarship (University Nominated Students) through Keio University at the same time
  - (h) The Applicant is already in Japan or is going to stay in Japan before the fall semester begins. (This who is enrolling as a privately-financed international student in the 2012 academic year and continuing to stay after the fall semester.

## II. Conditions

**Candidates must be accepted by a graduate school of Keio University as regular students in a Master’s Program, Doctoral Program, or Professional Degree Program, or as research students, and be nominated by their graduate school. All of the application documents must be received by the deadline specified by the nominating graduate school.**

If applicant is selected as a grantee of MEXT Scholarship, he/she should aim to arrive in Japan in early September because of the orientation and registering for classes. Applicant should be aware that the scholarship will be granted from October 2012, even if his/her arrival month is September.

The term of scholarship will differ as follows depending on the course a grantee takes in Japan:

In a case where grantee will enroll as a research student, his/her scholarship will be payable for 18 months from October 2012 through March 2014.

If grantee enrolls in a master's course, doctoral course, or professional graduate course after coming to Japan, regardless of the time of his/her arrival in Japan the scholarship will be payable for a period necessary for grantee to complete his/her regular course (standard course term).

If grantee desires to proceed to a regular graduate course from a Research Student course, or to a doctoral course from a master's course or a professional graduate course, he/she may have the term of his/her scholarship extended upon successful examination by MEXT provided that he/she has outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria. (grantee as Research Student cannot have the term of his/her scholarship extended. If grantee proceeds to a higher level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the term of the scholarship, the scholarship will be cancelled). Extension of the MEXT Scholarship will not be granted if a grantee of MEXT Scholarship is progressing to a university other than Keio University.

### III. Other Details Concerning the Scholarship

#### Contents of the Scholarship:

1. Monthly Scholarship Amount: The amount is not decided for the 2012 academic year. The scholarship amount for the 2011 academic year was ¥150,000 - ¥156,000 per month, and this varied depending on the scholarship grantee's status (research student/Master's Program student/Doctoral Program student) and the location of the scholarship grantee's campus. The tuition fees at Keio University will be borne by Keio University.

Please note that these amounts are subject to change depending on the annual budget of each year. Scholarship will be cancelled for a grantee in the following cases. Furthermore, if scholarship payments were made during the period the following cases applied, the grantee may be ordered to return scholarship payments received during that period.

- (a) If any of his/her application documents is found to be falsely stated;
- (b) If he/she is in breach of his/her pledge made to the Minister of MONBUKAGAKUSHO(MEXT);
- (c) If he/she is subjected to disciplinary action, such as expulsion or removal from register, taken by his/her university;
- (d) If it becomes definitive that he/she will not be able to complete his/her course within the standard course term because of his/her poor academic achievement or suspension;

- (e) If he/she withdraws from his/her academic institution or transfer to another graduate school of university.
- (f) If his/her resident status of “College Student” a provided for in Paragraph 1-4 of Appendix to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act changes to any other status;
- (g) If he/she is provided with another scholarship (except for a scholarship designated for research expenses); or
- (h) If he/she proceeds to a higher level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the term of the scholarship.

## 2. Traveling Costs:

### (Transportation to Japan)

Each grantee will be provided, according to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT, with an economy class air ticket from the international airport closest to his/her place of residence to Narita International Airport. Expenses such as inland transportation from his/her place of residence to the nearest international airport, airport tax, airport usage charges, special taxes on overseas travel and travel expenses within Japan will be borne by the grantee (the place of residence of the grantee shall in principle be the address stated in the application form). Air travel from a country other than the grantee’s nationality will not be covered.

If the grantee departs from his/her home country before the determined date (early September, 2012), the airline ticket will not be provided by the Monbukagakusho.

### (Transportation from Japan)

The grantee who returns to his/her home country within the last-payment month of his/her scholarship will be provided, upon application, with an economy class air ticket for a flight from Narita International Airport to the international airport closest to his/her place of return.

Insurance premiums for travel to/from Japan shall be borne by the grantee. The airport the grantee departs from or returns to must be an airport of the country of his/her nationality.

## IV. Requirements for Application

Please refer to “Check List” on the website below:

[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. Applicant is advised to prepare all the documents written in either Japanese or English. A document written in any other language must be attached with a Japanese or English translation. It is strongly requested that the documents be typed or be printed on A4 paper.
2. Application materials will not be returned.
3. Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

## V. Announcement of the Scholarship Award

Keio University will receive the screening results from the Monbukagakusho at the early May (Schedule).

## VI. Miscellaneous

Grantee of the MEXT Scholarship needs to arrange accommodation by him/her.