

The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students  
Language proficiency requirements (from AY 2019)

From AY 2019, the following will be added to the Japanese or English language proficiency requirements. (※Excluding students enrolled in the Japanese Language Program, University Preparatory Courses, and Japanese Language Institutes.)

**【Japanese】**

- Those who have passed the N2 level or higher of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)
- Those who have a score of 200 or more in the Japanese language subjects (reading comprehension, listening comprehension, and listening and reading comprehension) of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)
- Those who are at or above the required level of other language proficiency standards recognized by JASSO:
  - Those who have a score of 400 or more for the BJT Business Japanese Proficiency Test
  - Those who can confirm through documentation that they have received 3 years or more of upper secondary education (high school level) where Japanese was the primary language of instruction
  - Those who can confirm through documentation that they have acquired a degree in a program where Japanese was the primary language of instruction
  - Those who can be judged to have a Japanese language proficiency equivalent to JLPT N2 or higher from their results provided through documentation of other Japanese language proficiency tests (in cases where the N2 level or higher can be confirmed through a comparison table, etc., provided by the testing organization)

**【English】**

- Those who can be deemed to be at a B2 level or higher in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):
    - TOEFL iBT: 72 points or higher; IELTS: 5.5 or higher; TOEIC L&R: 785 points or higher; etc.
- Please refer to the “Comparison table between each qualification/proficiency test and CEFR” published by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology for a comparison table of scores between CEFR and various language proficiency tests, etc., to confirm whether or not your language proficiency is at or higher than the CEFR B2 level.  
[http://www.mext.go.jp/b\\_menu/houdou/30/03/1402610.htm](http://www.mext.go.jp/b_menu/houdou/30/03/1402610.htm)
- In cases where the test taken is not listed in the above comparison table, those whose English proficiency level can be confirmed to be at CEFR B2 or higher through an official comparison table or other evidence provided by the testing organization.
  - Those who can confirm through documentation that they have received 3 years or more of upper secondary education (high school level) where English was the primary language of instruction
  - Those who can confirm through documentation that they have acquired a degree in a program where English was the primary language of instruction