



A Guide for Prospective students!

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Study in Japan Global Network Project

□ 32 Japanese institutions offering English-based programs

Osaka University
Kyoto University
Kyoto University of Advanced Science and Technology
Kobe Institute of Information Science and Technology
Doshisha University
Nagoya University of Commerce
University of Hyogo
Ritsumeikan University
Shibaura Institute of Technology
University of Tsukuba
Sophia University
Chiba University
Tokai University
The University of Tokyo
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology

Tokyo University of the Arts
Tokyo Institute of Technology
Yamanashi Gakuin University Yokohama National
Waseda University
Osaka Culture International School,
Human Academy Japanese Language School
Osaka College of Design
University of Aizu
Tohoku University
University of Niigata
Tottori University
Hiroshima University
Eikei University
Fukuoka Women's University
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Saga University



	Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Embassy Recommendation	Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship University Recommendation
Program	Undergraduate・ Research Students	Undergraduate・ Research Students
Field of Study	Any Field but Related to Applicant's college Diploma	Limited (Only universities/programs have university recommendations for MEXT Scholarship)
Age	35	Graduate 35 Undergraduate 24
Japanese Ability	Not Required	Not Required
Application Registration	Announcement on Japanese Embassy's website/SNSs etc.	Apply for the scholarship with your university application
Contact	Embassy of Japan in your home country	Universities in Japan (Admission office etc.)

*The number of recommendation slots varies by institution.

Are tuition fees expensive in Japan?

Tuition per Year	JPY(¥)	USD
National University (82)	535,800	3,622
Local Public University (93)	538,700	3,641
Private University (607)	889,000-3,730,000	6,009-25,032

*As of May 9th, 2024 1USD=155.59 JPY

2. Potential courses / supervisors

Japanese University Website

Undergraduate Schools / **Graduate Schools (e.g. Engineering)**



Departments



Laboratories Research projects



Professors (Supervisors)



Research students, Master students, Doctoral Students,
Postdoctoral students

How can I apply for universities? (Postgraduate Program • Self funded)

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Admission procedures differ depending on universities, so applicants should read the admission guidelines carefully.

Step 1 Find

Find a Universities and professor at the university website/database who specializes in the field you are interested in.

Step 2 E-mail

Contact the professor directly by e-mail to ask for permission to your participation in his/her laboratory with your CV and Research Proposal

Step 3 Prepare Submit

Prepare the application documents:
make sure to have ALL the required documents ready before the application period

*Note: Universities have different schedules, so be sure to check with the Admissions Office for application timelines.

2. Potential courses / supervisors

Strategy #1

Define your research **keywords**.

Search for the laboratory working on the **same / very close** topic.

Strategy #2

Adjust your research plan to the laboratory main **focus**.

You can check the **Google scholar / Publications** profile of the professor.

Read carefully the published scientific papers of the professor.

It is important to refer to the previous research works in your research plan.

Read carefully the methodology section in the published papers.

Make sure to have a **novel research idea**.

3. Research proposal

[Research Plan Title]

Strategy # 3

Understand the problem.

What has been done before.

Why it is not solved yet?

Why it is important to solve it.

What are you going to do to solve it?

3. Research proposal

[Research Plan Title]

Make sure to include these parts, [following the template of the application](#).

Background / Problem / Solution / Method / Purpose

You can use a table where you highlight the main tasks and the estimated period of each task (optional).

Time	Task to do	Keywords / notes
Oct.2024 – Dec.2024	Literature review	
Jan.2025 – Mar.2025	Experiments / simulation / paper writing, etc.	

It is recommended to describe the expected results and to add the reference section.

3. Research proposal

Strategy #4

- Why your research proposal is important?
- How your research plan addresses the gap, or builds upon existing knowledge?
- How your research links to the department / laboratory that you are applying for?

What separates a good research proposal from a great application is the ability to **show versus tell**.



Cover Letter / Intent

Make the application easy for the Japanese university / supervisor to see how your experience/research interest connect to the application/position.

The applicant has to show who is the person as a candidate.

3. Research proposal

Cover letter

- List your contact information
- Pick a greeting
- Write your introduction
- Explain your qualifications
- Conclude your letter
- **Review**

Strategy # 5

Things to avoid

Being superficial: the applicant can tell that he wants something, but without mentioning the true reasons.

Exaggerating emotions and lack of support: the “why” you are committed to do “X” is what matters.

Using words like “keenly interested”, “intrigued” and “committed” is easy. Having an ongoing interest, Being committed to pursuing research is tough to demonstrate.

4. The interview exam

Focus on

Writing down your thoughts and organizing them

Don't forget...

Be prepared to any questions based on the contents of your application.

You need to make sure you **remember** what you wrote in your application.

Prepare your **own reasons** to the questions.



“Why did you decide to take the entrance exam of this university?”



“What do you plan to do after graduation?”



“Why did you choose this university over the other universities?”

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Train yourself to
explain your
thoughts on how
you are going to
make use of what
you learn at the
university in a
consistent
manner

Please **check**
the **website** of
the university
you are
applying for.

Avoid
memorizing the
whole content of
your application
and just reciting
what you wrote.

4. The interview exam

Strategy # 6

Relax, you'll interview better this way.

Prepare to speak in your own words.

Make each sentence short and **answer briefly**.

Try to use the conjunctions in a way that is easy to understand.

Have a strong mindset and be **confident**.

Prepare your own questions in advance.

→*Think about how you can stand out*

4. The interview exam

Additional tips

1. Arrive early
2. Check Wi-Fi connection
3. Dress appropriately
4. Practice with a friend/in front of a mirror
5. Remember to bring any additional documents.
6. Be sure to say **Arigato gozaimashita** (Thank you very much)” when you leave the interview.
7. Take a deep breath and smile!



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