

2022 University Recommended Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (General frame)

2021.12.22

* An applicant may not file MEXT scholarship programs of other universities at the same time. If it is found that the applicant has applied to more than one university, he / she will be disqualified.

1. Recruitment Capacity

2 students.

2. Eligibility

International students with outstanding academic records (*) who wish to enter Japan in September, 2022 as a new student to study in the Master's or Doctoral Program at the Graduate School of Science.

* Applicants who have already graduated from their latest degree program should have a final grade point of 2.30 or higher, while current students should have a grade point of 2.30 or higher for their current courses, and both should be expected to maintain the same academic standards during the course of the scholarship program. Grade points shall be calculated according to a formula specified by MEXT. Furthermore, students must meet one of the criteria given under “(7) Language Proficiency” given below.

3. Nationality

We are only able to nominate an applicant who holds one of the nationalities specified by MEXT.

This year's nationality provisions have yet to be announced (the announcement is expected to reach us after the application period has closed), however, in the last round, only those who hold a nationality found on MEXT's list of Priority Nationalities below were eligible for nomination.

The list of Priority Nationalities:

http://www.fedu.uec.ac.jp/en/future_students/2020/12/The%20list%20of%20Priority%20NationalitiesMEXT.pdf

Also, applicants must have the nationality of a country with diplomatic relations with the Japanese government. Applicants who have Japanese nationality at the time of application are ineligible. However, Japanese nationals that reside outside of Japan at the time of application, having dual citizenship with another country, and plan on relinquishing their Japanese nationality before arrival, may apply.

4. Age

In principle, the program is limited to those who were born after April 2, 1987.

Exceptions are limited to cases in which MEXT deems that the applicant could not apply within the eligible age limit due to the situation or circumstances of the applicant's country (military service obligation, loss of educational opportunities due to disturbances of war, etc.) Personal circumstances (financial situation, family circumstances, state of health, circumstances related to applicant's university or place of employment, etc.) will not be considered for exceptions.

5. Academic background

Applicants must have the necessary qualifications to be admitted to the Graduate School of Informatics and Engineering, the University of Electro-Communications as a Master's or a Doctoral Program student.

6. Field of Study

Applicants must apply for the field of study that they studied at their previous university or a related field.

7. Language Proficiency

The following language skills are required either for English or for Japanese.

1. Japanese: one of the following conditions to be met.
 - a) Those who have passed Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level N2 or higher.
 - b) Those who have obtained an academic degree using Japanese as the main language.
 - c) Those who are recognized by the UEC as having language skills equivalent to the conditions in a) above.
2. English: one of the following conditions to be met.
 - a) Those who have qualifications and scores equivalent to B2 of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
 - b) Those who have obtained an academic degree using English as the main language.
 - c) Those who are recognized by the UEC as having language skills equivalent to the conditions in a) above.

CEFR	Cambridge English Scale	IELTS	TOEFL iBT	TOEIC L&R	
				Listening	Reading
C2	230 200	9.0 8.5			
C1	199 180	8.0 7.0	120 95	490~	455~
B2	179 160	6.0 5.5	94 72	400~	385~
B1	159 140	5.0 4.0	71 42	275~	275~
A2	139 120			110~	115~
A1	119 100			60~	60~

Unofficial excerpt/translation based on the chart announced by MEXT in March 2018
https://www.mext.go.jp/b_menu/houdou/30/03/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2019/01/15/1402610_1.pdf

*** Please be sure to ask prospective supervisor about qualifications and conditions.**

8. Health

Applicants must be physically and mentally healthy enough to pursue their studies.

9. Arrival in Japan

Applicants must be able to leave their country and arrive in Japan by the date specified by the UEC Tokyo. If an applicant is unable to travel to Japan within the designated period, he or she must decline the scholarship offer. If, for personal reasons, an applicant arrives in Japan outside the designated period, travel expenses for coming to Japan cannot be paid to the applicant.

10. Visa Requirements

Applicants must enter Japan with the resident status of "Student", having obtained the visa anew prior to traveling to Japan. The visa is to be issued by the Japanese embassy or consulate in the applicant's country of nationality. Those who already have another residency status (permanent resident, long-term resident, etc.) will be required to return to their country of nationality, change their status to that of "Student" and then back to Japan. Note that there is no guarantee that an application to change your resident status back to that of "permanent resident" or "long-term resident" etc. will be approved once you have completed your time as a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship recipient.

Applicants should be aware that the scholarship will be cancelled if he/she arrives in Japan without

a newly obtained "student" visa.

11. Non-eligibility

Those who meet any one of the following conditions are ineligible. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, he/she must withdraw from the scholarship:

- Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of the scholarship.
- Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT or UEC Tokyo.
- Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship programs (including those who withdrew from the scholarship program after arrival in Japan). This does not apply to: those who have educational or work experience exceeding more than three years from the month following the period of the previous scholarship to the estimated first month of the payment of this scholarship; and the past grantees of Japanese Studies Students program who have graduated or are going to graduate from universities in their home countries, Japan-Korea Joint Government Scholarship Program for the Students in Science and Engineering Departments and Young Leaders' Program. The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students is not included in the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Programs.
- An applicant who is also applying for a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for another AY2022 program.
- Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a residence status of "Student," or who are going to be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution as a privately-financed international student between the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant's country and the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship.
- Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including government organization of the applicant's country) on top of the scholarship money provided by MEXT after the start of the scholarship payment period.
- Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given.
- Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan.
- Those who plan to, at the time of application for the MEXT scholarship program, engage in long-term research (such as fieldwork or internship) outside Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from the university.
- Those who have completed a Doctoral program and does not plan on obtaining another degree.

12. Period of Scholarship

(1) Non-regular students:

The scholarship period will last from October 2022 until the end of March 2024.

(2) Regular students enrolled in master course or doctoral course:

- Master's Program : October, 2022 – September, 2024 (2years)
- Doctoral Program : October, 2022 – September, 2025 (3years)

13. Extension of Period of Scholarship

Non-regular students wishing to advance to a regular degree course in a graduate school as a regular student, or regular students in a master's course wishing to proceed to a doctoral course, with outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria may apply for extension of the scholarship period for advanced study and may have the scholarship period extended upon a successful examination by MEXT. Followings are some points to note:

- A) The extension of the scholarship period will be permitted only if the successful student has passed an entrance examination for a regular degree course at a graduate school in which they wish to enroll and expresses his/her intention to enroll in the course.
- B) Non-regular students cannot extend the scholarship period as they stay in non-regular courses.
- C) Students who are admitted to advanced courses without receiving approval for the extension of the scholarship period for advanced study cannot be granted the extension of the scholarship period. (In such cases, it is possible for the students to be enrolled in advanced courses as a privately-financed student.)
- D) Students who are admitted to other graduate schools or other universities graduate schools are not allowed to extend the scholarship period.

14. Scholarship Benefits

(1) Allowance

The amounts listed below shall be paid depending on the course enrolled in. A supplemental regional allowance of 2,000 yen or 3,000 yen per month will be added to the monthly scholarship amount for the grantees studying or conducting research in specially designated regions. Due to the situation of the Japanese Government's budget, the amount of payment may be subject to change each fiscal year. If the scholar's annual GPA falls below 2.30, he/she will lose his/her qualification as a MEXT scholar.

Admission & tuition fees waiver is granted.

Master's course : 144,000 JPY per month

Doctoral course : 145,000 JPY per month

* According to MEXT regulations, scholarship will start from the month you enter Japan. MEXT will not provide scholarship for the months when you can't enter Japan. For example, if you enroll in

October and enter Japan in November, you cannot receive the scholarship for October.

(2) Traveling Costs

A) Transportation to Japan:

Recipients awarded travel allowance will be provided, according to the itinerary and route designated for them by MEXT, with an economy class air ticket from the international airport closest to their place of residence to one of the international airports of Tokyo (Narita (NRT) or Haneda (HND)) (or an international airport the recipient's host university normally uses). Please note that the following costs are in the sole responsibility of the recipient: transportation from the recipient's residence to the nearest international airport; airport tax and surcharges; other special local taxes incurred by travelling; local travel expenses within Japan (including any costs if transferring by air); travel insurance premiums; baggage and unaccompanied baggage.

MEXT or the university will provide an economy class air ticket to Narita International Airport (NRT) or the closest international airport to the university from a third country through which the applicant obtained their "Student" visa, if Japan does not have an overseas diplomatic establishment in their country of nationality. However, any costs incurred in travelling to the third country, travels within the third country and cost of accommodations incurred are in the sole responsibility of the recipient. The recipient's residence is taken to be the current address given in the application. However, if a change of address is known beforehand (limited to within the recipient's home country), residence will be taken as the latter. Moreover, an air ticket will not be provided if the recipient travels to Japan from a country other than that of their nationality. Air tickets will not be provided for travel from a third country for any reasons other than for obtaining visas.

B) Transportation from Japan:

In principle, MEXT will issue airline tickets to recipients who return to their home country within the final month of the scholarship period as specified in "2. Period of Scholarship" above upon application following their graduation from university or completion of their research. Recipients will be provided with an economy class air ticket for a flight from Narita International Airport (or an international airport the recipient's university normally uses) to the international airport closest to their place of return (in principle, within their home country). Please be aware that the following costs are in the sole responsibility of the recipient: transportation from the recipient's residence to the nearest international airport in Japan; airport tax and surcharges; other special local taxes incurred when travelling; local travel expenses within Japan (including any costs if transferring by air); insurance premiums for travel to Japan; sending baggage as well as unaccompanied baggage.

Recipients who return to their home country before the end of the scholarship period for personal reasons or because of items as stipulated in "13. Suspension of Payment of Scholarship" below will not be provided with return airfare.

Note:

Traveling expenses will not be included in the travel allowance if a recipient decides to remain in Japan (for example; continuing the education at a higher level or entering employment in Japan) after the period of scholarship ends and temporarily leaves Japan.

15. Required documents

The following documents must be prepared and submitted in consultation with the prospective supervisor.

1) Application for admission (2022 Version, **double sided printing**)

* Please read "INSTRUCTIONS" carefully before filling in the form. In particular, make sure that the academic record period and language proficiency score are correct. Do not insert rows and columns.

** Digital signature is not acceptable.

2) "Field of Study and Research Program" (**double sided printing**)

* Please be sure to consult with your prospective supervisor before filling in the form.

3) A copy of the student's passport (The page with photo). If you do not have a passport, please submit a copy of the family register, or the citizen (resident) register.

4) For Graduated: Certificate of University Academic Record, authorized by the University which you graduated from as a student.

For Prospective graduate: Certificate of University Academic Record, authorized by the University which you belong to and graduated from as a student.

5) Certificate of University graduation, diploma or degree, authorized by the University which you belong to or graduated from as a student.

6) Certificate of a higher rank of academic records at the University. (Certificate of GPA, ranking etc)

* If the GPA is listed on the Academic Record, you do not need to submit it.

7) Letter of recommendation from "**the dean or higher**" to which the applicant belongs as a student, or has recently graduated from.

* This letter must fulfill all of the following conditions:

1. The name of the addressee stated in the letter must be "To the President of the University of Electro-Communications"
2. The letter must be printed on your university's letterhead.
3. The letter must be written by and signed by the dean or higher.

8) Photograph data of passport size (4.5×3.5cm) taken within the past 6 months.

* The upper half of the body: front face: without a hat. Even if it is covered with a cloth, it does not matter as long as the face is clearly visible.

** Please submit a clear color photo data. After the screening, it will be used for the student ID card.

9) Summary of a graduation thesis. (should be concise and to the point).

10) List of academic paper(s) and book(s) for MEXT Scholarship Program.

* Please fill in the information regarding your academic paper(s) or book(s). Please also attach a copy of academic paper(s) or a copy of the title page of book(s) listed below.

11) Certificate of language ability. (TOEFL, TOEIC, Japanese language proficiency test etc).

Please submit the score sheet which has been taken after December 15, 2019. If you cannot submit the original score sheet with your application documents, your application will not be accepted. If you do not have a language proficiency certificate or a degree in English or Japanese as your main language, please submit a document that can prove it. This document only accepts official documents issued by the University which you belong to or graduated from as a student.

*Please use designated form for 1) and 2). Do not insert rows and columns for the form 1).

**These documents should be typewritten if possible, or neatly handwritten in block letters, on the paper of the size 29.7 cm × 21.0 cm.

***These documents must be written in either Japanese or English, or accompanied by a translation in either of these languages.

16. Application procedure

Step 1)

Please download the application sheets.

http://www.fedu.uec.ac.jp/en/future_students/mich/

Step 2)

Search for and contact directly to UEC faculty members by e-mail or ZOOM to consult about research contents and plan. Also, please send the transcript and the grade evaluation of your university to your prospective supervisor. UEC Tokyo will calculate your GPA and will check if it meets the requirements.

< How to find an academic supervisor of UEC? >

Firstly, please go to the website listed below, or simply use Google search with your interested words, such as "Laboratory", "UEC" and your research field.

1) Lab Search

* Japanese Text only. Use google translation or similar software to translate contents into your language.

> <https://cf.arc.uec.ac.jp/labsearch/>

2) Researcher Information of the UEC (English/ Japanese Text)

> <http://kjk.office.uec.ac.jp/scripts/websearch/kani.htm?lang=en>

Step 3)

If your GPA meets the requirements and receive the permission, please follow your prospective supervisor's instructions to prepare the required documents.

Step 4)

Please use the check sheet to check if there are any mistakes with the application documents, and then send it as data to your prospective supervisor.

17. Life at UEC

Student dormitories, located on or near Campus, are available for international students.

<https://www.uec.ac.jp/eng/life/dormitory.html>

*More Information>> <https://www.uec.ac.jp/eng/life/>

18. Contact Information

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