

2021 University Recommended Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (General frame)

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* An applicant NEVER file other universities MEXT scholarship programs for 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, 2021 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

Applicants must be born on or after April 2, 1986.

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 University of 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 will not be paid to the applicant.

10. Visa Requirements

Applicants must enter the country 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 travel 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.
- 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.

- Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system. This includes the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2020 and for which the final selection results have not been decided yet, and the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2021.
- 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. However, this stipulation does not apply to privately-financed international students who, even though they are enrolled, or are planning to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution, verifiably complete their studies before the start of the scholarship payment period, return to their home country at the time of the scholarship application, and newly acquire the “Student” residence status and come to Japan.
- 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 course and have no intention to obtain a degree.

12. Period of Scholarship

(1) Non-regular students:

The scholarship period will last from October 2021 until the end of March 2023.

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

- Master's Program : October, 2021 – September, 2023 (2years)
- Doctoral Program : October, 2021 – September, 2024 (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 a grantee is absent from the university for an extended period, the scholarship shall be suspended for that period.

- Research students (non-regular students): 143,000 JPY per month
- Master's course : 144,000 JPY per month
- Doctoral course : 145,000 JPY per month

(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 cost of 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; are the sole responsibility of the recipient.

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 is 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 costs incurred for 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; are the sole responsibility of the recipient.

Recipients who return to their home country before the end of the scholarship period for personal reasons or because of items as stipulated in 4. Suspension of Scholarship Payment 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 (2021 Version, double face 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 Study Program (double face printing)

* Please be sure to consult with the 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) Certificate of University Academic Record, authorized by the University.

5) Certificate of University graduation, diploma or degree, authorized by the University.

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 "dean or above" to which the applicant belongs, 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 "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 a dean or above. Digital signature is not acceptable.

8) Photograph data of passport size (4.3×3.5cm) taken within the past 6 months.

*The upper half of the body: front face: without a hat.

*Please submit a clear color photo data.

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

10) Certificate of language ability. (TOEFL, TOEIC, Japanese language proficiency test etc). If you do not have a language proficiency certificate and have 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.

*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. 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.

Secondly, contact directly to UEC faculty members by e-mail or ZOOM to receive his/her permission.

- Lab Search (Japanese Text only. Use google translation or similar software to translate contents into your language)

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

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

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

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

International Student Office: iso@office.uec.ac.jp