

## FAQ and Useful information for MEXT Scholarships

**【ER】** Embassy Recommendation (recruitment every year)

**【UR】** University Recommendation (general frame) (recruitment every year)

**【GECHA】** Special frame of MEXT scholarship (recruitment (enrollment) year; 2024,2025,2026)

**【FGIP】** Special frame of MEXT scholarship (recruitment (enrollment) year: 2026, 2027, 2028) \*

\*Please note that the numbers in this frame are tentative as it is undergoing MEXT review.

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: How many students will UEC recruit annually?

A:

Program	Recruits No.	Nationalities	Preparatory course*	Screening result
ER	Ask to Japanese Embassy in your home country			
UR	1-2 either Doctor or Master	Only from Focus countries**	max1.5 years	Jun. 2026
GECHA	6 Doctor 2 Master	From Focus and Non-focus countries	None	Jun. 2026
FGIP	6 Doctor 2 Master	From Focus and Non- focus countries	None	Jun. 2026

\*See below for the information on preparatory course

\*\*See below for the information on focus countries (to be announced).

### **【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: Are these “student exchange program”, or “degree course program”?

A: These MEXT programs are NOT “student exchange program”. These programs are for students who seek master’s or doctoral Degree.

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: I have a Ph.D already in home country. Can I apply for doctoral course?

A: Yes. Application for master’s course is also acceptable even if you have a master’s degree.

### **【UR】**

Q: I am planning to go on to a master's course. Can I apply for the UR (general frame)?

A: According to the regulations of MEXT, students who are planning to go on to the master's course can apply for the general frame. However, UEC preferentially nominate students who are planning to go on to doctoral course according to UEC regulations. So, we recommend that you apply for a Special frame for your first choice.

If you want to go on to a master's course through a preparatory course, we recommend that you apply for ER (Embassy Recommendation). If you pass the ER, you can go on to our master's course through the preparatory course (0.5 - 2years). Please contact the Japanese Embassy in your country/region for more information.

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### **【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: I'm planning to join in "Double Degree (DD) Program" between UEC and my home university. Can I also apply for MEXT scholarship as a DD student?

A: Yes. Please note following conditions of DD programs with MEXT scholarship:

- 1) You can get scholarship for the duration of only physically presence in Japan.
- 2) Application periods for DD program and MEXT scholarship usually do not coincide, however you have to apply for MEXT scholarship this time as a DD applicant for next October.

UEC has three DD programs with China, France and Mexico. Please note that China and Mexico are not listed in the "Focus Countries" list, and limited number of students from non-Focus Countries are recruited. You can find information on Focus Countries below.

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: Can I apply for different research fields other than the field of my previous academic degree?

A: In accordance with MEXT scholarship regulations, we will not accept application of completely different research fields and no relation with previous research. However, if you find a prospective supervisor who will accept you in their lab and if you show there is a relationship between the previous research and the new research field, you can apply for different research field from your previous one. Please talk thoroughly about your research plan with the prospective supervisor.

### **【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: I am living in Japan now. Can I apply?

A: Those who live in Japan at the time of application are basically ineligible for application to MEXT scholarship programs. However, there are some exceptions for applicants of special programs ([GECHA][FGIP]) who are privately-financed international students in Japan. Those who are applying for GECHA or FGIP must complete their current studies before the start of the scholarship payment period. Please contact ISO if you are residing in Japan.

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: I can't graduate in standard years of my degree course (master's course in 2 years and doctoral in 3 years), and the scholarship period is over. Can I extend scholarship?

A: No. Scholarship period cannot be extended.

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: I will apply for MEXT scholarship of master's course and I want to go on to doctoral course after graduation of the master's course. Can I extend scholarship period when I go on to the doctoral course?

A for [ER][UR]: It may be possible, but very competitive and limited. Obtain the GPA 2.8 at least in maximum 3.0 scale and GPA over 2.9 is preferable, and UEC is able to recommend one student (with the highest GPA) to MEXT in a scholarship category every year.

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A for [GECHA] [FGIP]: If your GPA is 2.5 or higher (out of 3.0 scale), you have a high chance of extension of scholarship period as long as UEC has the succeeded special program.

Note that [UR], [GECHA] and [FGIP] students are not allowed to transfer to or enroll in another university as MEXT scholars.

### **【ER】**

Q: I'm looking for the details of MEXT scholarship Embassy Recommendation.

A: It depends on the country/region where you will apply. Ask Japanese Embassy in your home country/region. University do not have details of screening, schedule, deadline, eligibility, requirement etc.

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: I have my family. Can I bring my family to Japan with me when I enter Japan?

A: You can invite your family AFTER you enter Japan. You cannot bring them with you at the same time of your first arrival. You need to apply for family VISA by yourself to immigration office after entering Japan and it takes few months for VISA(s) issuance. Ask the immigration office to check what documents you need to obtain in your country before coming to Japan.

Immigration Office Information Center: <https://www.isa.go.jp/en/consultation/center/index.html>

Note that UEC do not recommend you to bring your family in the first semester, until you figure out the cost of and the adoptability of their lives in Japan.

### **【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: Can I apply for two or three MEXT scholarship programs of UEC?

A: Yes, you can apply for all three programs of [UR], [GECHA] and [FGIP] at same time.

Your prospective supervisor in UEC informs ISO the priority order of your applications, so please discuss how many programs you apply for and about the priority order.

Q: Do I have to find two or three supervisors to apply for two or three MEXT programs?

A: No. Do not find more than one prospective supervisor even if you apply for two or three MEXT programs. If you find several supervisors, it will cause confusion.

### **【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: How do I prepare for two or three programs?

A: We have two sets of application forms for MEXT scholarship; "Application for general frame" is only for 【UR】, and "Application for special frame" is common forms of 【GECHA】 and 【FGIP】. In summary, if you apply;

Your Application(s)	You have to prepare following form(s)
Only for 【UR】	One set of forms of "Application for general frame.zip"
-Only for 【GECHA】 -Only for 【FGIP】 -for both [GECHA] and [FGIP]	One set of forms of "Application for special frame.zip" even if you apply for both.
-for both 【UR】 and 【GECHA】 -for both 【UR】 and 【FGIP】 -for all 【UR】 【GECHA】 and 【FGIP】	One set of forms of "Application for general frame.zip" and one set of forms of "Application for special frame.zip", even if you apply for all programs.

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### **【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: Do I have to submit two or three copies of same certificate, when I apply for two or three programs?

A: No. We can share one set of certificates for two or three applications.

### **【ER】**

Q: I passed the first screening for MEXT scholarship of “Embassy Recommendation [ER]” and have not yet passed second-final screening. Can I apply for [UR], [GECHA] or [FGIP]?

A: No. If you are applying for [ER] and not yet fixed final result, you can not apply for any of [UR], [GECHA] or [FGIP].

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: Can I apply for UEC MEXT programs and other university’s MEXT programs?

A: Definitely NO. If MEXT finds out you are applying for MEXT scholarships to more than one university, you will lose eligibility to all applications.

### **【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: What is the “Focus Countries”?

A: Japanese government decides “Focus Countries” to recruit MEXT scholarship students.

See below page for the list of “Focus Countries”.

For [UR], only the nationalities of “Focus Countries” can apply for [UR].

For [GECHA] and [FGIP], all the nationals of both “Focus Countries” and “Non-Focus Countries” can apply for our special programs. However, it is required that the number of nominated students from “Focus Countries” is more than 75 % from UEC. Therefore, UEC will nominate more than 6 students from “Focus Countries” in each special programs.

### **【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: I am from a country listed in “Focus Countries” and graduated from a university in the country listed in “Non-Focus Countries”. Am I considered from the Focus Country?

A: Yes, you are from “Focus Countries”. It depends on “nationality”, not the country of graduated university.

### **【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: How to prove my language proficiency?

A: You must meet one of following condition below.

Condition-1: To prove by the official certificate. TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC, JLPT etc.

Condition-2: To prove that the educational language of your graduated university is English or Japanese. Please submit a letter to prove educational language from a dean or head of department of your university.

Condition-3: UEC accredits that your language proficiency is enough. But for this Condition-3, you must submit a kind of evidence, for example, expired old TOEFL certificate, a score sheet of university’s own English test and letter from English teachers, a score sheet of English test unique to your home country with reasonable score conversion table by the third party. Please contact ISO in advance.

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### **【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: How to convert my score of language proficiency to CEFR standard?

A: See the table attached in our ‘Call for applications brochures. In case of TOEIC, you have to take Speaking & Writing test along with Listening & Reading.

### **【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: I have a certificate of language proficiency, but expired of validation period.

A: For Condition-1 mentioned above, you cannot use the expired certificate. However, you can use the certificate as evidence of Condition-3. Please contact ISO in advance.

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: What kind of Language proficiency is required for master’s course in UEC?

A: Although most of the master’s course lectures in UEC are taught in Japanese, each department guarantee that the international students who are able to study in English are implemented to take many of major subjects in English. It may be difficult to have academic-related administrative procedures conducted in Japanese, but with the support of those around you, you will be able to survive in such an environment.

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: What kind of Language proficiency is required for doctoral course in UEC?

A: Only English. All academic activity including lectures and research can be implemented in English.

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: Is Japanese language skill important to get job in Japan after graduation?

A: If you want to enter Japanese company, it’s very important for almost all kinds of professions. If you want employment in foreign-affiliated company in Japan, it depends on companies and positions.

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: What is “preparatory course” and which programs offer preparatory course?

A: Before you go on degree course (master’s or doctor one), you can enter 0.5 to 1.5 years of “preparatory course”. You can take intensive Japanese language course and prepare for research activities. This “preparatory course” is only available for [ER] and [UR], NOT available for [GECHA] and [FGIP].

### **【ER】 【UR】**

Q: Is MEXT scholarship paid during enrollment in “preparatory course”?

A: Yes, you also get scholarship under “preparatory course”. Also, you can extend scholarship period for the degree course.

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### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: What is “GPA in JASSO regulation” and how is it calculated?

A: See the table attached in our ‘Call for applications’ brochures. “GPA in JASSO regulation” is to evaluate your academic excellence. All of MEXT scholarship requires 2.3 out of 3.00 points or more in “GPA in JASSO regulation” for application. Try to calculate by yourself and then contact us (iso@office.uec.ac.jp) with transcript to verify your GPA point. Please do not forget to send the transcript with the official information of evaluation and grade scales, such as “Excellent” to “Fail”, “A” to “D (Fail)” or “100” to “0” (60 or under (Fail))”, etc. When calculating, ignore credits without grade. We use only credits with grade to calculate GPA.

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: I graduated without any credits with grade in home country and I can’t calculate GPA.

A: In case that you graduated without any credits, your GPA for this application cannot be calculated. To prove your academic excellence, you must submit “recommendation letter” signed by dean or higher position including the statement that you are within the TOP 30% of the student population.

### **【ER】 【UR】 【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: Which of my transcript is used to calculate GPA?

A: Full academic period of your most recent academic history.

Applying to	Previous degree	Calculation period
Master’s	Bachelor’s	Full academic period of bachelor’s course
Doctoral	Master’s	Full academic period of master’s course
Doctoral	Joint/Integrated Bachelor’s and Master’s *1	Full academic period of master’s course, if your joint/integrated course separately give you the degree at different time. For example, your educational system is 5 years in total, and you received the bachelor degree at 3rd or 4th year and receive(d) the master at graduation.
Doctoral	Joint/Integrated Bachelor’s and Master’s *2	Full academic period of both bachelor’s and master’s courses, if your joint/integrated course give you both degrees at the graduation of the course. For example, your educational system is 5 years in total, and you receive(d) both degrees at the same time of graduation.

### **【GECHA】 【FGIP】**

Q: Is “GPA in JASSO regulation” important only for application?

A: For [GECHA] and [FGIP], “GPA in JASSO regulation” is essential to keep scholarship in the MEXT special frame program. You are evaluated by the GPA every year and if your annual GPA falls below 2.3, then you lose the eligibility of scholarship from the next academic year.

Note: It is very important to discuss with your supervisor which lectures you take every semester, because if you register too many lectures in a semester and give up some of them, your final GPA might fall below the minimum criterion.

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For [ER] and [UR], “GPA in JASSO regulation” is only utilized at screening of the application. You can keep scholarship at least for standard academic periods (2 years for master’s course and 3 years for doctoral course) even with low GPA.

### **[ER] [UR] [GECHA] [FGIP]**

Q: I cannot find any supervisors.

A: We are sorry but we DO NOT introduce any supervisors. You have to find them by yourself.

Q: What kinds of language is acceptable for certificate?

A: Either in English or Japanese only. If you can’t prepare it in English or Japanese, we need translation for each certificate. Please contact with ISO in advance.

Q: I only have the transcript of previous academic degree in English and it is not JASSO scale for GPA calculation.

Do I need to ask my university to make new transcript with GPA in JASSO regulation?

A: No. You do not need to submit any certificate of JASSO GPA.

Q: What is the “Certificate of high academic performance”?

A: We need objective proof to show your academic excellence, such as “GPA” of your home university, your academic rank among the other students of your home university, or the proof to show that only excellent students belong to your course/class/group, etc.

If your transcript includes GPA, you don’t need any documents for “Certificate of a higher rank of academic records at the University”.

If your recommendation letter includes the information of your academic rank or the information of your exclusive and outstanding course/class/group, you don’t need any documents for “Certificate of a higher rank of academic records at the University”.

### **[UR] [GECHA] [FGIP]**

Q: Are scores other than GPA required for the academic requirements??

A: Supervisor may ask you to submit the result of your GRE (Graduate Record Examination) test. Please contact potential supervisor(s) to find out if the submission is necessary or not.

Q: What’s the “Diploma”, “Certificate” and “Notarized copy”?

A: “Diploma” is a special form of certificate and only issued once to prove or commemorate your graduation and/or degree.

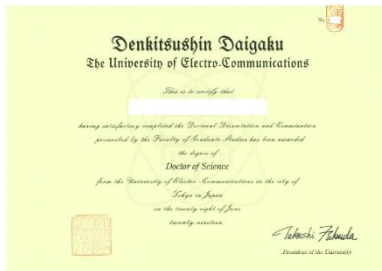
“Certificate” is issued multiple time upon request to prove your degree, graduation, etc.

“Notarized copy” is a photocopy of a diploma or certificate with notarization by the organization issuing original documents. Chinese universities often issue this type of document.

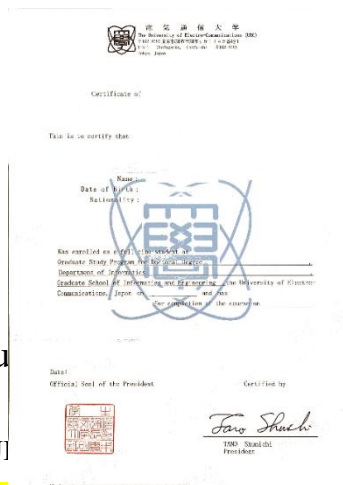
We accept these kinds of documents as certificate, but do not send diploma by regular postal mail. We have no responsibility for loss or accident of postal mail in any case.

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Diploma sample



Certificate sample



Sample of Notarized copy  
by Chinese University



## Contact Information and useful

Introductory WEB page for [ER] and [U]

[https://www.fedu.uec.ac.jp/en/future\\_students/scholarship/overview.html](https://www.fedu.uec.ac.jp/en/future_students/scholarship/overview.html)

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University website

<https://www.uec.ac.jp/>

International Education Center of UEC (IEC)

<http://www.fedu.uec.ac.jp/en/>

Website of MEXT (only in Japanese)

[https://www.mext.go.jp/a\\_menu/koutou/ryugaku/06032818.htm](https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/06032818.htm)