

2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES (FOR AUSTRALIAN)



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INPEX SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (the FOUNDATION) was established as a non-profit organisation in Japan in March 1981 in order to promote mutual understanding, friendship and goodwill between Indonesia and Japan through an exchange of students by means of scholarship awards.

Commencing in 2022, the FOUNDATION has expanded its focus to include Australia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Scholarships will be offered to promising Indonesian, Australian and UAE students who wish to study a Postgraduate the university course in Japan. The FOUNDATION is accepting applications for scholarships for 2025 under the following program.

1. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

All of the following conditions must be satisfied.

- (1) Those who have the nationality of the Commonwealth of Australia and are less than 30 years of age at the time of the submission of the application, and have an Undergraduate Degree from an Australian university with at least 16 years of school education and tertiary education, or equivalent academic background.
- (2) Those who have the aim to study and research a course of Natural Science or Cultural Science or Social Science in a Master's program at a Japanese university, and were permitted or are expected to be permitted to enter the university.
- (3) Those who have excellent results of their studies at the university (cumulative GPA of undergraduate: more than 3 on a scale of 4 or more than 5 on a scale of 7).
- (4) Those who have been permitted to receive the scholarship of the FOUNDATION by their belonging institutes, universities or companies.
- (5) Those who have interest in the friendly relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan and are prepared to contribute to the promotion of such relations.
- (6) Those who had not or have not been awarded similar scholarships in Japan for the Program.

2. NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS TO BE ACCEPTED

A maximum of two (2) students will be accepted for the 2025 scholarship program.

3. PAYMENT AND STOPPAGE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- (1) The payment of school and living expenses will be made to the scholarship students during their study in Japan, based on the Regulation of Scholarship Award of the FOUNDATION.
- (2) The scholarship award in 2025 is as follows.
 - 1) School expenses to be paid to the university such as entrance examination fee, entrance fee, tuition fee, etc. will be covered by the Scholarship.
 - 2) Monthly payment of Yen 160,000 is given to each student to cover living expenses, including lodging expenses, medical expenses, transportation fee, internet access fee, books, etc. Commuter pass expenses are separately covered by the Scholarship.

- (3) Return air ticket (economy class from any major Australian city to Tokyo, Japan) will be covered by the Scholarship. All other expenses necessary for travelling such as passport acquisition fee, visa fee for entering Japan, etc. are to be covered by the students.
- (4) A scholarship is awarded for a total period of up to two years and eight months.
- (5) The payment of the scholarship will commence from the date mentioned in the notification of acceptance, and will end on the date 30 days after the day of completion of study or research, the date leaving Japan or the expiration of 2 years and 8 months, whichever occurs first.
- (6) In case the date of commencement or termination of the scholarship is in the middle of the month, full amount will be given if the balance of days is more than half month, and half amount if the balance of days is less than half month.
- (7) The payment of the scholarship is stopped in the following cases.
 - 1) When it becomes impossible for the student to continue their research due to illness or failure in the examination to the Master's course or other reasons.
 - 2) When the results of the university record are poor to pursue the Program.
 - 3) When the professor in charge considers that the student is not qualified to continue studying or continue research.
 - 4) In case the student is improper in their conduct.
 - 5) When the student brings discredit to the FOUNDATION's prestige and reputation.
 - 6) When the student makes false report to the FOUNDATION, or disobeys the rules and/or regulations of the FOUNDATION.
- (8) Absence from Japan during grant period.

Scholarship students may leave Japan temporarily during the grant period if such absence does not interfere with the purpose of the grant.

4. SELECTION

- (1) The selection shall be made from the qualified applicants by examining application form, past school records, research plan, Letter of Recommendation (LOR), Letter of Acceptance (LOA), English proficiency test score and other documents.
- (2) Selection procedures are as follows.
 - 1) Primary Selection to be made by the Screening Committee of the FOUNDATION on examining the documents and interview the short-listed candidates.
 - 2) Final Selection to be made by the Board of Directors' Meeting of the FOUNDATION.
 - 3) All applicants will be notified of the results of the primary selection by early February 2025 and the final selection of the scholarship students by the end of March 2025.

5. APPLICATION METHOD

- (1) Applicants must complete the fixed forms (APPLICATION FORM FOR SCHOLARSHIPS 2025.pdf), and email to the following address, along with a photograph (standard graphics format such as jpg, pdf, gif) taken within the last six months, shoulders and above without a hat.

isf-foundation@inpex.co.jp

- (2) Applicants must bring or send (by registered mail) other required application documents, with the description of "APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS" on the envelope.

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- (3) Regarding the above, the following application documents must be submitted.
 - 1) Printed fixed forms (APPLICATION FORM FOR SCHOLARSHIPS 2025.pdf) with signature on the last page.
 - 2) Academic record issued by the university attended.
 - 3) Letter of Recommendation (LOR)
Confidential letter addressed to the FOUNDATION from either the president or the advisory professor at the graduated university, and/or from the present employer (if currently employed).
 - 4) Certificate of Graduation
Graduation certificate issued by the university attended.
 - 5) Letter of Acceptance (LOA)
Confidential letter addressed to the FOUNDATION from the advisory professor at the Japanese university which an applicant wishes to enter.
 - 6) Personal History and Personal Data (Curriculum Vitae)
 - 7) Health certificate issued by Medical Doctor to confirm ability to pursue the Program.
 - 8) Certificate of Japanese language proficiency (JLPT), if any.
- (4) The deadline for application is 31st October 2024. The email and the documents received with the postmark of the above date are also valid for application and accepted by the FOUNDATION.
- (5) All documents received with the application form will not be returned to the applicants.

6. COMMENCEMENT OF RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The recipients of the scholarship award should take up their scholarship during 2025 Japanese fiscal year (up to 31st March 2026). Extension of the scholarship beyond the specified period will not be considered.

7. ARRIVAL ALLOWANCE

Yen 60,000 will be paid to each student, who is awarded 2025 scholarships by the FOUNDATION, upon their arrival at Japan.

8. LODGINGS

The FOUNDATION has no lodgings to accommodate the scholarship students. Housing availability is rather limited in big cities in Japan, therefore, the student who is awarded the scholarship of the FOUNDATION should secure their lodgings beforehand through their advisors or acquaintances in Japan. The FOUNDATION will also help the scholarship student to find their suitable lodgings.

9. SCHEDULE FOR ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS FOR 2025

31st October 2024	Closing of application
early in December 2024	Interview with the short-listed candidates
February 2025	Decision of successful candidates from primary selection
March 2025	Decision of scholarship students
April/May 2025	Submission of application as Research Student by the above scholarship students
September 2025	Arrival of scholarship students from Australia to Japan
October 2025	Commencement of study of Research Student Program of the university
Q4 2025 to Q1 2026	Entrance examination to the Master's course
April 2026	Commencement of study at the Master's course of the university

INFORMATION

ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES

Several Japanese universities have had significant experience in hosting foreign students. At first, they admit their applicants as research students for six months, and let such students, whose knowledge of Japanese language is insufficient, mainly study Japanese language in the special course of the university. Then, at the end of the special course, the research student must take a special entrance examination to the Master's course, usually for academic intellectual faculty and Japanese/English language proficiency. The examination usually involves an interview by the professor in charge. Only those who passed such special entrance examination are admitted entering the university as a regular student of the Master's course. Even after admitted, many classes are taught in Japanese, some explained in English, and some conducted in mixed languages. The importance of studying the Japanese language throughout their campus life cannot be overemphasized in addition to improving English proficiency. The FOUNDATION encourages its scholarship students to study Japanese language and extends financial assistance by means of compensating Japanese language tuition fees immediately after selected.

Recently some of Japanese universities have opened a new course such as International Graduate Course or Global Course for international students. They place their entrance examination and hold classes in English. Even foreign students in International Graduate Course will need a certain level of Japanese language proficiency to fully enjoy their life in Japan. A recent study shows that the higher fluency in Japanese language a foreign student acquires, the more fruitful life they can spend in Japan.

MASTER'S DEGREE IN JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES

According to the educational system of Japan, the course for a Master's degree requires at least two years for study after graduation from a university (i.e., after completion of the whole course of 16 years conducted at school - 6 years in primary school, each 3 years in middle and high school and 4 years in faculty course of a university).

Those who have studied in such a course for the required terms of study, obtaining the necessary credits, and have passed the terminal examination after submission of their theses, will be given the Master's degree.