

2026 Scholarship Application Guidelines

for the Australian Applicants



INPEX SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (the Foundation) was established in March 1981 based on donation from Indonesia Petroleum, Ltd. the predecessor of INPEX CORPORATION. Since then, the Foundation has been engaged in activities aimed at fostering mutual understanding, friendship and goodwill between Indonesia and Japan through student exchanges.

From 2023, Australia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have also been added as eligible countries for scholarship support. As of March 31, 2025, the Foundation has awarded scholarships to a total of 149 international students and 67 Japanese students.

1. Scholarship Program Overview

The Foundation offers scholarships to outstanding Australian students aspiring to pursue postgraduate studies at Japanese universities. The 2026 scholarship program will accept up to two (2) scholarship students.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet **all** the following requirements:

1. Australian citizens, under 30 years old at the time of application submission.
2. Hold or to hold a bachelor degree from a prestigious Australian university with at least 16 years of formal education or possess an equivalent academic background.
3. Maintain a cumulative GPA of **3.00** / 4.00 or **5.00** / 7.00 or higher.
4. Receive permission from their respective institutions, universities, or employers to accept the Foundation's scholarship.
5. Demonstrate a commitment to fostering friendly relations between Australia and Japan and a willingness to contribute to these relations post-study.
6. Have not been awarded similar scholarships for studying in Japan for the current program cycle.

3. Scholarship Benefits

a. Financial Support

- Full coverage of university-related expenses, including entrance examination fees, admission fees, and tuition.
- 160,000 yen of monthly scholarship for living expenses (lodging, medical costs, transportation, internet, books, etc.). Commuters pass expenses are separately covered.
- Economy class round-trip ticket from any major Australian city to Tokyo, Japan.

b. Scholarship Duration

Up to **two years and eight months** including research student period. Monthly scholarship payment will start on the day the recipient leaves home country and will end (i) two weeks after the end of study, (ii) on the day the recipient returns home country or (iii) expiry of the Scholarship Duration, whichever comes earlier.

c. Additional Benefits

- **Arrival Allowance** : 60,000 yen upon arrival in Japan.
- **Japanese Language Support** : Financial assistance for Japanese language tuition fees before leaving Australia.

Note

1. If the start (end) date of a monthly scholarship falls in the middle of a month, the full amount will be paid if the period after (before) that date is more than half a month, and half the amount if the period is less than half a month.
2. If the recipient leaves Japan for reasons other than study for more than half a month, the monthly scholarship for that month will be halved.

4. Conditions for Scholarship Termination

Scholarship payments will be discontinued under the following circumstances:

1. Inability to continue studies due to illness, failure to pass Master's Program examinations, or other valid reasons.
2. Poor academic performance as determined by university records.
3. Recommendation by supervising professors that the student is unfit to continue.
4. Misconduct or actions that discredit the Foundation's reputation.
5. Submission of false information or non-compliance with Foundation rules and regulations.
6. Unauthorized absence from Japan during the scholarship period.
7. The scholarship may be suspended in whole or in part due to changes in the scholarship recipient's financial situation during scholarship period.

5. Application Process

a. Application Submission

- Send the Required Documents below via email to **isf-foundation@inpex.co.jp**. Attached files must be under 20MB per email. If larger, please split and send in multiple emails. Using cloud storage services is not accepted.
- **Deadline : October 31, 2025.**

b. Required Documents

1. **Application Form** : Complete and sign electronically the APPLICATION FORM FOR SCHOLARSHIPS 2026 available from <https://www.inpex-s.com/en/>.
2. **Academic Records** : Official transcripts from previously attended universities.
3. **Letter of Recommendation (LOR)** : Confidential letters from the university's president, an advisory professor, or current employer.
4. **Certificate of Graduation** : Official graduation certificate from the attended university. If the applicant has not yet graduated, submit a certificate of prospective graduation from the university.
5. **Letter of Acceptance (LOA)** : Confidential letter from the prospective Japanese university's supervisor.
6. **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** : Detailed personal history and academic background.
7. **Japanese Language Proficiency (if available)** : JLPT certificate.

Note : All submitted documents will **not** be returned to applicants.

6. Selection Process

1. **Application Review** : Evaluation of application forms, academic records, research plans, LOR, LOA, and other documents.
2. **Interview** : Short-listed candidates will undergo an interview conducted by the Foundation.
3. **Final Decision** : The Board of Directors of the Foundation will make the final selection.

Timeline

- **February 2026** : Primary selection results announced.
- **By end of March 2026** : Final selection results announced.

7. Commencement of Study

Recipients must commence their studies in either a Research Student Program or a Master's Program during the **2026 Japanese fiscal year** (by March 31, 2027). Extensions beyond this period will **not** be considered.

8. Accommodation

The Foundation does **not** provide lodging. Applicants are responsible for securing their own accommodation in Japan, preferably through advisors or local contacts.

9. Important Dates for 2026 Scholarship Cycle

- **October 31, 2025** : Application Deadline
- **Early January 2026** : Interviews with shortlisted candidates
- **February 2026** : Announcement of primary selection results
- **March 2026** : Final selection of scholarship recipients
- **October 2026** : Commencement of Research Student Program or Master's Program
- **April 2027** : Commencement of Master's Program in case of a Research Student

Please ensure all application materials are complete and submitted by the specified deadlines. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

We look forward to receiving your application and supporting your academic journey in Japan.

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