

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program

2021 Research Student (for Israeli Citizens)

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) of Japan offers scholarships to international students who wish to study in **graduate courses** at Japanese universities as Research Students (either non-degree or degree students) under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2021.

Important Notices:

1. **In some circumstances such as travel restrictions or curfew due to Covid-19 situation, there are possibilities that the selection process will be cancelled or applicants will not be able to come to Japan even after being selected as scholarship students.**
2. **As same as the above situation, grantees of this program will start the scholarship term ONLY from either September or October of 2021. There is no possibility to start scholarship term from April 2021.**

I. Application Guideline

Please read carefully the Application Guidelines provided by MEXT.

https://www.studyinJapan.go.jp/en/assets/pdf/app/research/2021_Guidelines_Research_E.pdf

The Embassy of Japan in Israel (EoJ) accepts applications only from Israeli applicants (a holder of an Israeli passport or an Israeli ID card).

II. Schedule & Procedure

1. Get your Application forms & other documents

EoJ will send you the application forms after confirming that you satisfy the qualification requirements. Please send the following information to study@tl.mofa.go.jp.

- (1) Full Name in English with "Ms." Or "Mr."
- (2) Nationality *Only Israeli passport/ Israeli ID holders can apply.
- (3) Date of birth *Applicants must have been born on or after **April 2, 1986**.
- (4) Name of the university you graduated / or will graduate, and the degree (Bachelor, Master, etc.) you received / or will receive. Please write your major as well.

2. Prepare and submit applications (submitting to the Embassy by August 14, 2020)

- (1) All required documents should be fully and correctly completed. Incomplete set of documents will be disqualified.
- (2) All documents submitted will not be returned. Art portfolios may be returned upon request only within a year after submission.
- (3) Documents must be submitted in English ONLY. In case your last graduated / graduating school does not issue the document in English, you must submit an English translation in addition to the original document. Documents in Hebrew or Arabic without English translation will not be accepted.
- (4) The application documents should be submitted by hand to the Press & Culture Section, Embassy of Japan in Israel.

DEADLINE: Friday, August 14, 2020 (until 14:30).

Address of Embassy of Japan in Israel

The Museum Tower, 19th Floor, 4 Berkowitz Street, Tel Aviv

Opening hours: 9:00-17:00 (Mon.-Thu.), 9:00-15:00 (Fri.)

***An appointment is required to submit the documents. Please contact in advance before your visit in the Embassy for applying.**

3. Written Examinations & Interview (the First Screening by EoJ)

- (1) The First Screening procedures will be handled by the 2021 Research Student Scholarship Candidates Selection Committee, organized by EoJ.
- (2) The result of documents screening will be announced to all applicants via email by around August 27, 2020. Only who passed the documents screening will be invited to written examinations, and only who got above minimum scores of the examinations will be invited to the interview.
- (3) Both written examinations and interview will be held at EoJ.

Written Examinations (English test and Japanese test): Friday, September 4, 2020

Interview (mainly in English): Thursday, September 17, 2020

***these dates might be slightly changed. Final dates will be informed to the applicants.**

*For your preparation for the test, the following past samples may be useful:

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarship/application/examination.html>

**There are no options of "On-line exams / On-line interview".

- (4) The result of the Embassy's First screening will be announced via email to the applicants by the Embassy in a few days after the interview.

4. Provisional Acceptance from Japanese universities and the Second Screening by MEXT

- (1) The candidates who passed the Embassy's first screening will need to contact Japanese universities of his/her choice from October to November 2020, and obtain "a letter of provisional acceptance" from those universities (with a special form given by the Embassy) and submit the letters to the Embassy. The candidates will also fill another document

("Placement Preference Application Form" which will be given also only to final candidates) and submit it to the Embassy (by end December 2020).

- (2) MEXT will conduct the Second Screening based on the results of the Embassy's First Screening, and it will decide which candidates will be granted to this program. Then MEXT will coordinate "university placement", to which Japanese university each granted candidate will be enrolled.

5. Final result announcement

The final result of Second Screening by MEXT and the university placement will be announced to the granted candidates during June and August of 2021.

For more details, please read carefully the Application Guidelines provided by MEXT.

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For any inquiry, please email to study@tl.mofa.go.jp.