

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program

2023 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 2023.

Important Notices:

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 granted as scholarship students.

I. Application Guidelines

Please read “**Application Guidelines**” provided by MEXT.

https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/mt/2022/05/2023_Guidelines_Research_E.pdf

The Embassy of Japan in Israel (=the Embassy) 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

The Embassy provides application forms by email, only to those who satisfies the qualification requirements. To get documents, please send the following information to the Embassy by email: 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, 1988**.
- (4) Name of the university you graduated / or will graduate, and the degree (Bachelor, Master, etc.) you received / or will receive. Please write Department name as well.

2. Prepare and submit applications (submitting to the Embassy by **Friday, June 10, 2022**)

- (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 university 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. Self-made translation in Word File is enough, no needs notary documents.
- (4) The application documents should be submitted by hand to the Press & Culture Section, Embassy of Japan in Israel.

DEADLINE: Friday, June 10, 2022 (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.). Sat. – Sun. are closed.

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

3. Document Screening, Written Examinations & Interview (“the First Screening” by the Embassy)

- (1) The First Screening procedures will be handled by the 2023 Research Student Scholarship Candidates Selection Committee, organized by the Embassy.
- (2) The result of **document screening** will be announced to all applicants by email around June 24, 2022. Only who passed the document screening will be invited to written examinations, and only who got minimum scores of the exams will be invited to the interview.
- (3) Both written examinations and interview will be held at the Embassy of Japan in Israel.

Written Examinations (English exam and Japanese exam): Friday, July 1, 2022

Interview (mainly in English): Tuesday, July 12, 2022

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

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

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarship/application/examination/index.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 final candidates who passed the Embassy's first screening will need to contact the Japanese universities of his/her choice from end of July to end of August 2022, 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 final 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 September 2022).

- (2) The Embassy will submit all the documents of the final candidates with recommendation comments to MEXT by October 2022.
- (3) In November 2022 MEXT in Tokyo 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 the Second Screening by MEXT and the university placement will be announced to the granted candidates during December 2022 and February 2023.

6. Departure to Japan

- (1) A granted candidate who wish to start studying for 2 years: departing in April 2023
- (2) A granted candidate who wish to start studying for 1.5 years: departing in September/October 2023

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