

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2025 (Japanese Studies Student) - for Israeli Citizens

The Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) offers scholarships to foreign students who wish to study for a period of 1 year at Japanese universities as Japanese studies student in order to deepen their understanding of the Japanese language, Japanese affairs and Japanese Culture.

The Embassy of Japan in Israel would like to encourage Israeli students interested in studying in Japan to apply to this program as follows.

I. Guidelines:

*Please read the following points as well as the **Application Guidelines** for more details from the link below:

https://www.mext.go.jp/content/20241217-mxt-kotokoku01-000039329_002.pdf

1. Term of Scholarship

The term of the scholarship is approximately 1 year from September/October 2025, the starting month of the study course. Extension of the term is not allowed.

2. Outline of Eligibility

(1) **Nationality:** Holder of Israeli passport or Israeli ID card.

(2) **Age:** Born between **April 2, 1995, and April 1, 2007**.

(3) **Academic Background:** Applicants must satisfy the following 3 conditions.

a. Applicants must be currently undergraduate student at Israeli universities, both at the time of arriving in Japan and returning to Israel from Japan.

b. Those who are majoring in fields related to the Japanese language and/or Japanese culture. On the other hand, those who are majoring in fields of study other than Japanese language & culture (such as engineering, economics, agricultural science, architecture, and art) and pursuing complementary studies in Japanese language & culture are ineligible.

c. Those who have studied the Japanese Studies at a university for a total period of 1 year or more as of September 1, 2025. Those who have studied Japanese Studies at another university should submit documents (transcript of grades at another university, etc.) which can verify that the applicant has studied Japanese Studies for a total period of 1 year or more at the attended universities including current university.

(4) **Japanese Language Ability:** Applicants must have Japanese language ability sufficient for receiving education at a Japanese university in Japan.

(5) **Health:** Applicants must submit a health certificate in the prescribed format signed by a physician that the applicant has no physical or mental conditions hindering the applicant's study in Japan.

(6) **Arrival in Japan:** Applicants must be able to arrive in Japan by the designated period (usually September/October) between the day two weeks before the course starts and the starting date of the

course. (See more in **Application Guidelines 1 (6)**).

(7) **Visa Requirement:** an Applicant shall, in principle, obtain "Student" visa at the Embassy of Japan in Israel, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student".

(8) **Non-Eligibility:** Any applicant who meets any or all of the following conditions is ineligible. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, he/she must withdraw from the scholarship:

Please read carefully about "Non-Eligibility" on **Application Guidelines 1 (8)**

(9) **Return & Continue to Study after the End of the Scholarship Period:** Applicants must assure that they return to Israel by the end of the final month of the scholarship period and continue to study Japanese language & culture at the undergraduate program of their home university which had enrolled at the time of arrival in Japan. However, if the grantees can keep taking the course of their home university with staying in Japan, for example, by participating in Double-Degree program or Joint-Degree program with their institution's partner universities in Japan, they don't necessarily have to return Israel. If a grantee does not satisfy these conditions, he/she may be ordered to return the entire amount of the scholarship paid during the scholarship period. Those who are uncertain about satisfying conditions mentioned above should not apply for this program.

II. Schedule & Procedure:

Get your application forms & other documents via email

The application forms are available only upon your email request to the Embassy: study@tl.mofa.go.jp

Please send by email the following personal data. Then the Embassy will send the application form & other documents by reply email after checking if you are eligible to apply:

- (1) Full Name (Ms. / Mr.)
- (2) Nationality (only Israeli passport or Israeli ID card holders can apply)
- (4) Year / Month / Date of birth
- (5) Name of the University & Department where you study as an undergraduate student, and the current study year
- (6) If you are planning to receive scholarship from other organizations (including a governmental organization of your country)

1. Prepare Applications

(1) Prepare 2 sets of documents and submit **only by hand** by the deadline.

All required documents are to be fully and correctly completed.

INCOMPLETE SET OF DOCUMENTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

All documents submitted will not be returned.

(2) Official documents must be submitted in ENGLISH ONLY. In case your university does not issue documents in English, you must submit an English translation in addition to a copy of the original-language document (No need to official notary translation, only your own translation in Word File is enough).

DOCUMENTS IN HEBREW / ARABIC WITHOUT ENGLISH TRANSLATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

2. Deadline for submitting applications

Please submit the above mentioned 2 sets of application documents **only by hand** to the Press & Culture Section, Embassy of Japan in Israel (19th Floor, The Museum Tower, 4 Berkowitz Street, Tel Aviv),

Deadline: Friday, February 7, 2025, till 14:30

The Embassy opening hours: 9:30-16:30 (Mon.-Thu.), 9:30-14:30 (Fri.) , closed (Sat.-Sun.)
Please contact via email (study@tl.mofa.go.jp) and make an appointment in advance.

3. The First Screening (Documents Screening, Written Examination & Interview)

The first screening procedures will be handled by the Selection Committee organized by the Embassy of Japan in Israel.

(1) **Documents Screening:** All the documents will be carefully screened and the result will be notified via email from the Embassy by **Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 16:00**. Only who successfully passed the documents screening will be invited to the written examination.

(2) **Written Examination:** Only who passed the documents screening will be invited to take Japanese exam (100 minutes) to be held at the library of the Embassy in the **mid-February, 2025**. The result, who will be invited to the Interview, will be notified to the examinees via email in a few days after the exam.

(3) **Interview:** Only who passed the written examination will be invited to the interview by the Candidates Selection Committee members at the library of the Embassy on **end-February, 2025**. The result of the interview, who will be selected as final candidates, will be informed via email in a few days after the interview.

Those who passed the interview will be recommended to MEXT as the final candidates for the MEXT 2025 Japanese Studies Student Scholarship Program.

4. The Second Screening

The Second Screening will be held by MEXT in Tokyo and the final result will be informed to all final candidates via the Embassy by email **during June and July 2025**.

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

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