

# Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program

## 2026 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 2026.

### I. Application Guidelines

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

[https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/\\_mt/2025/04/01-2026\\_Research\\_Guidelines\\_E.pdf](https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/_mt/2025/04/01-2026_Research_Guidelines_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](mailto: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, 1991**.
- (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 6, 2025**)**

- (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 & Cultural Section, Embassy of Japan in Israel.

**DEADLINE: Friday, June 6, 2025, 14:30**

Address of Embassy of Japan in Israel

The Museum Tower, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, 4 Berkowitz Street, Tel Aviv

Document receiving hours: 9:30-16:30 (Mon-Thu), 9:30-14:30 (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. E-mail: [study@tl.mofa.go.jp](mailto:study@tl.mofa.go.jp)

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

- (1) The First Screening procedures will be handled by the 2026 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 12, 2025.

\* 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, June 20, 2025**

**Interview (mainly in English): Early July, 2025**

**\*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/scholarships/mext-scholarships/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 to all applicants by email by **the middle of July 2025.**

### **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 between **July and early September, 2025.** 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 **the end of September 2025**).
- (2) The Embassy will submit all the documents of the final candidates with recommendation comments to MEXT by **the end of September 2025.**
- (3) In **November 2025** 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 **January and early March 2026**.

#### **6. Departure to Japan**

- (1) A granted candidate who start studying for 2 years: departing in April 2026
- (2) A granted candidate who start studying for 1.5 years: departing in September/October 2026

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