

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2026 (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 “Application Guidelines” provided by MEXT, especially the first page, **Section 1: QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS, before applying:**

https://www.mext.go.jp/content/20251222-mxt-kotokoku01-000046488_02.pdf

II. Schedule & Procedure:

Obtaining Application Forms and Required Documents

Please send the following personal information by email to the Embassy at the following address:
study@tl.mofa.go.jp

Upon receipt and careful review of the submitted information, the Embassy will determine your eligibility. If you meet the eligibility requirements, the application forms and related documents will be sent to you by reply email.

The Embassy will review your information and send the application forms and related documents to those who meet the eligibility requirements.

- (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
- (6) Current study year (must have studied Japanese Studies for one year or more as of Sep. 1, 2026)
- (7) If you are planning to receive scholarship from other organizations (including a governmental organization of your country)
- (8) Japanese Language Ability: JLPT level etc.(Only if you have)

***Japanese Language Ability:** Applicants must have a level of Japanese proficiency sufficient to pursue academic studies at a university in Japan. Accordingly, the Japanese written examination for this scholarship will be at a level equivalent to JLPT N2. Applicants with JLPT N3-equivalent proficiency who are motivated to take on the challenge are also welcome to apply.

1. Preparation of Application Documents

- (1) Prepare two complete sets of the required documents and submit them in person by the deadline.
Incomplete or incorrectly completed applications will not be accepted.
Submitted documents 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).

2. Application Submission Deadline

Please contact the Embassy in advance by email at study@tl.mofa.go.jp to make an appointment prior to submission.

Applicants must submit the above-mentioned two sets of application documents in person to the Press and Culture Section, Embassy of Japan in Israel.

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

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday: 9:30–16:30 / Friday: 9:30–14:30

Deadline: Friday, February 12, 2026

3. The First Screening

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 16, 2026.

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, difficulty level equivalent to JLPT N2) to be held at the library of the Embassy in the Friday, February 20, 2026. 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 early-March, 2026. 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 2026 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 2026.

For any questions regarding the application or required documents, please contact the Embassy at:
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