Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (Research Students) for 2027 via Embassy Recommendation

This paper provides information regarding the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for Research Students via Embassy Recommendation.

● Other MEXT Scholarships

MEXT Scholarships for Research Students via University Recommendation are not open to individual applicants. Students who are currently enrolled at one of Nihon University's partner universities should consult the international affairs office at your home university. If your university is not a partner institution of Nihon University, you cannot apply via University Recommendation. In that case, please consider applying via Embassy Recommendation instead.

Please note: Nihon University does not accept the following categories of MEXT Scholarship students:

- •Undergraduate Students via Embassy Recommendation
- •Japanese Studies Students via Embassy Recommendation

Application Procedure and Selection Schedule

Please follow the instruction by the Japanese Diplomatic Missions in your country.

Reference:Regarding the Application for 2027 Embassy-Recommended MEXT Scholarship (Research Students)(MEXT website)

1. Notes to apply for "Letter of Acceptance" from Nihon University.

(1) The application deadline is **September 1, 2026 (Japan time).** Applications submitted after this date will not be accepted under any circumstances.

(2) If Application Documents are incomplete (i.e., not all of Application Documents are submitted, documents that require a stamp of confirmation from the diplomatic mission do not have a stamp of confirmation, the text or photographs of the documents are unclear, or there are omissions in the documents), the application will not be accepted by the Office of Global

Initiatives, Nihon University. If Application Documents are complete, the application will be accepted and screening will begin.

(3) The Office of Global Initiatives, Nihon University will review Application Documents and contact the appropriate graduate school to inquire whether they can accept you as a research student. If the graduate school determines that it can accept you as a research student, a "Letter of Acceptance" will be issued.

(4) The screening process at Nihon University takes approximately 1 month from the start of the screening process. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you send your application documents much in advance. Please note that the screening process may take a longer period and it may take more than one month before you are notified of the results.

(5) You will be notified of acceptance or rejection by e-mail. In case that you are accepted by the graduate school of Nihon University, Letter of Acceptance will be attached.

(6) Receiving a Letter of Acceptance from Nihon University does not mean that you are formally admitted to Nihon University, since the final decision should be referred to the MEXT. You will hear the result in February of the next year.

2. Nihon University Faculty Information

(1) You can find information about faculty members affiliated with Nihon University through the following link:

- [Nihon University Researcher Guide (Japanese only)]

(2) **Please do not contact faculty members directly.** All requests for Letters of Acceptance must go through the Office of Global Initiatives.

3. Language of Entrance Exams and Classes

Entrance examinations, classes, and academic assessments at all Graduate programs at Nihon University are principally conducted in Japanese.

4. The first program in which foreign students will enroll at Nihon University

（1）At Nihon University, students awarded a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship via Embassy Recommendation will, in principle, enroll at the university as "Non-regular students". The enrollment period as a Non-regular student will be considered and determined by Nihon University based on the students' preferred period written on the Application Form.

（2）We assume it will be difficult for foreign students to enroll in the regular programs (Master's or Doctoral program) at the Graduate School of Nihon University from the very beginning of their visit to Japan, for the following reasons:

- The entrance examination of the regular program takes place before the decision to accept the MEXT Scholarship students. In addition, foreign students must take the entrance examination of the Graduate School of Nihon University in Japan.
- In the event that foreign students take an entrance examination before being awarded the MEXT Scholarship, they will have to bear expenses including travel, accommodations and exam fees. Also, fees for admission and part of the tuition will have to be paid in advance by the student.
- In the event that foreign students visit Japan for an entrance examination with a short-term VISA before being awarded the MEXT Scholarship, Nihon University cannot issue an invitation letter or the evidential documents of identity guarantee needed for the visa application.

（3）If foreign students hope to enroll in a regular program (Master's or Doctoral program), they will be required to pass the entrance examination of the preferred Graduate School after they enroll at the Nihon University as a Non-regular student. The regular program starts in April and the entrance examination takes place from Autumn to March in the previous academic year. The timing of the examination differs depending on the Graduate Schools.

Please note: Only doctoral programs (4 years) are available in the fields of Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, and Pharmacy.

5. Required Documents

After passing the First Screening by the Japanese Embassy/Consulate General, please send the following documents to the Office of Global Initiatives, Nihon University.

(1) Copy of a Passing Certificate of the First Screening issued by the Japanese diplomatic mission

(2) A set of copies of the following documents that have been stamped by the Japanese diplomatic mission and returned to the applicants.

① Application Form

③ Field of Study and Research Plan

④ Academic transcript for all academic year of university attended

⑤ Certificate of graduation or degree certificate of the university attended

⑥ Recommendation letter from the president/dean or the academic advisor at the current or last university attended

⑦ Medical Certificate

⑧ Abstracts of theses (*Only if submitted to the Japanese diplomatic mission)

⑨ Certificate of language proficiency (*Only if submitted to the Japanese diplomatic mission)

⑩ Recommendation letter from the present employer (*Only if submitted to the Japanese diplomatic mission)

⑪ Photograph(s) showing applicant's own works of art or a digitally recorded media of musical performance (*Only if submitted to the Japanese diplomatic mission)

(3) Additional Form: (Please download from here)

(4) Passport copy (Copy of the page with your name, nationality, birthday, picture and passport number)

*If you pass ASCOJA program, please attach a recommendation letter from ASCOJA as well and let us know when you submit application documents.

6. Submission Address

【E-mail Address】

Please e-mail us all the required documents to:

int@nihon-u.ac.jp

*The subject must be "(Application Form) MEXT Scholarship program".

【Postal Address】 *in case you cannot send the application documents by e-mail

The Office of Global Initiatives, Nihon University

4-8-24, Kudan-Minami, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8275 JAPAN

*Please write "MEXT Scholarship program" in red on the envelope.