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STUDY IN JAPAN



Top Five Benefits of Studying in Japan

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Not as Expensive as You Might Think

International students can access a wide range of scholarships in a lot of different fields. Scholarship opportunities are available to fit various circumstances requiring full or partial tuition coverage, living allowances and payment of other education related costs and fees. From Government of Japan (MEXT) Scholarships to many others offered by local governments, international organizations and private companies, search for the one that is a good fit for you.

Japan is also one of the few countries that allows international students to work part-time. Students can supplement their income by working up to 28 hours per week, as long as it does not interfere with their studies.

2

Experience a Unique Culture

One of the highlights for most students is being immersed in Japanese culture. From modern architecture to old temples, Shinkansen (bullet) trains to tea ceremony, Japan offers a dynamic blend of the modern and the traditional. And chances are, you will see and do things you never even knew existed in Japan.

Many universities provide high-quality instruction in Japanese language and culture before you start your regular program. Learning Japanese may not only help you with your studies, but offer you an insider view of the culture.

3

Safe and Comfortable

Live with peace of mind knowing that Japan has a low crime rate, modern infrastructure and a top-notch medical system. Available to most international students, National Health Insurance, covers 70% of the cost of medical bills.

University campuses strive to maintain an international student-friendly environment. Assistance is provided regarding academic matters, career planning, visas, financial support, housing, and any other difficulties and problems international students may face.

4

High Quality Educational Programs in Japanese and English

Be on the Leading Edge of Science, Technology and Medicine

Surround yourself with state-of-the art technology and innovative ideas in science and medicine. Students learn from some of the top professors in their fields and conduct research in some of the best university facilities in the world.

New Programs in English

With the introduction of the Global 30 Project, the best universities in Japan are now offering a range of courses and degree programs in English. The number of universities offering courses in English is growing every day! Check out their offerings on the Global 30 website: www.uni.international.mext.go.jp

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Create Connections

Interact with people from Japan and around the world. Join exchange activities for international students, such as homestays, extracurricular activities and conferences. Enhance your career through internships and other support that will connect you with Japanese companies keen on hiring international students after graduation. Expose yourself to diverse cultures and a broader, global view. About 180,000 international students from 170 countries and regions of the world are studying at higher educational institutions in Japan.

Japanese Government (*Monbukagakusho:MEXT*) Scholarships

www.vancouver.ca.emb-japan.go.jp/en/culture/mext.htm

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of the Government of Japan offers Undergraduate, Japanese Studies and Research Student Scholarships to foreign students who wish to study at Japanese universities. The scholarship covers full tuition, monthly allowance and round-trip flight between Japan and Canada.

The information below is only a basic guideline. Consult the downloadable guides on our website for details including complete eligibility requirements.

Undergraduate Scholarship

A five-year scholarship, including one year of preparatory, Japanese language studies. Applicants must be high school graduates, between 17 and 21 years old.

Applications are usually available in late March/early April, each year with a deadline to apply in May.

Japanese Studies Scholarship

A one-year scholarship, beginning in October, for undergraduate students interested in deepening their understanding of Japanese language, culture and affairs.

Applicants must:

- Have completed at least one full academic year of university studies by April of the scholarship year.
- Be an undergraduate at a foreign (non-Japanese) university at the time of arriving in Japan and returning to the same university, after completion of the scholarship, to complete a bachelor's degree. (Students transferring from one college/university to another, after completing the scholarship, are not eligible.)
- Be majoring in fields related to Japanese language and culture, and have taken at least one year of Japanese language and culture courses.
- Be proficient enough in Japanese language ability to receive education taught in Japanese.
- Be Between 18 and 30 years old.

Applications are usually available in January, each year, with a deadline to apply in March.

Research Student Scholarship

For university graduates, under 35 years of age, who wish to study as research students. The research study area should be the same, or related, field that the applicant has studied. The term of the scholarship is 18 months to two years, including six months of Japanese language training (as necessary).

Applications are usually available in late March/early April, each year, with a deadline to apply in May.

Resources

Study in Japan

www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/index.html

A comprehensive guide to studying at any level in Japan and information for former international students who have since returned to their own countries from Japan.

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

<http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/index.html>

Provides support programs for international students in Japan. Their site includes the Gateway to Study in Japan and Student Guide to Japan, which walk people through the process of planning to study in Japan. Find links and information for Japanese Universities and Colleges, as well as scholarships.

Japan Study Support

www.jpss.jp/en/

Information about studying in Japan's universities and graduate schools.

Global 30

www.uni.international.mext.go.jp

The best universities in Japan are now offering degree programs in English. Find out more on their website.

The Association for the Promotion of Japanese Language Education

www.nisshinkyo.org/english/index.html

Find an approved Japanese Language Institute in Japan.

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Fellowships

www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/index.html

JSPS provides fellowships for qualified researchers to conduct joint research activities with colleagues at Japanese universities and research institutes.

Japan Foundation

www.jpf.go.jp

Japan Foundation, Toronto

www.jftor.org

Offers funding and exchange programs to those wishing to further their study of Japan. Support programs are offered to scholars, researchers, doctoral candidates, artists, cultural properties specialists and teachers of Japan related studies.

For further information:

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