

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program 2023 Research Student (for Palestinian 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 2023.

Important Notices:

In some circumstances such as travel restrictions or curfew due to Covid-19 situation, there are possibilities that the selection process will be cancelled or applicants will not be able to come to Japan even after being granted as scholarship students.

I. What is a “Research Student Scholarship”?

1. Being a “Research Student” in a Japanese university graduate school, writing research papers
2. Applicable to Bachelor Graduates, or to graduating students this year, or currently a Master student
3. Research term: for 2 years or 1.5 years (from April 2023 or September/October 2023)
4. There are possibilities to continue Master/Doctoral courses upon passing University Entrance exam in Japan.

II. Application Guideline

Please read “**Application Guidelines**” provided by MEXT before applying:

https://www.studyinJapan.go.jp/en/mt/2022/05/2023_Guidelines_Research_E.pdf

The Representative Office of Japan to Palestine (RoJ) accepts applications from Palestinian applicants who have a Palestinian ID or Jerusalem ID and have a valid travel document like a (Palestinian passport or Jordanian Passport or Temporary Jordanian Passport)

III. Schedule & Procedure

1. Get your Application forms & other documents

(RoJ) will send you the application forms after confirming that you satisfy the qualification requirements. Please send the following information to study@rm.mofa.go.jp

- (1) Full Name in English with "Ms." or "Mr."
- (2) Nationality (Type of Passport & ID Card):
- (3) Age: *Applicant must be born after April 1st, 1988
- (4) Name of University/ies Graduated From:
- (5) Degrees Received (Bachelor, Masters ...):
- (6) Major of Study:
- (7) E-mail Contact:
- (8) Cell Phone:

(9) Place of Residence:

(10) How did you hear about us? :

2. Prepare and submit applications (**Submitting to RoJ by Thursday, June 9, 2022**)

- (1) All required documents should be fully and correctly completed. Incomplete set of documents will be disqualified. **Please do not wait till the last day to submit your application.**
- (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 school does not issue the document in English, you must submit an English translation in addition to the original document. Documents in Arabic or any other language without English translation will not be accepted.
- (4) The application documents should be submitted by hand to the Press & Culture Section, Representative Office of Japan to Palestine (RoJ).

DEADLINE: Thursday, June 9, 2022 (until 16:30)

Address of Representative Office of Japan to Palestine:

Abraj House building, 8th Floor, 15 Tokyo Street, Ein Monjed Quarter, Ramallah

Opening hours: 9:00-17:00 (Sunday -Thursday)

***An appointment is required in advance for submission of documents.**

- (5) For Gaza students, please follow instructions in the E-mail with Applications sent to you.
- (6) Please use paper clips and DO NOT use staples. ممنوع تكبيس أوراق الطلب

3. First Screening (Document screening, Written Examinations, Interview)

- (1) The First Screening procedures will be handled by the 2022 Research Student Scholarship Candidates Selection Committee, organized by RoJ.
- (2) The result of documents screening will be announced to all applicants via email by June 28th, 2022. Only those who pass the application screening will be invited to written examinations, and only those who pass the exams will be invited to the interview.
- (3) Both written examinations and interview will be held at RoJ and Liaison Office in Gaza.

Written Examinations (English exam and Japanese exam): Tuesday, July 5th, 2022

Interview (in English): Thursday, July 14th, 2022

*For your preparation for the test, the following past samples may be useful:

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarship/application/examination/index.html>

****There are no options of "On-line exams / On-line interview".**

- (4) The result of the First screening will be announced via email to the applicants by (RoJ) in a few days after the interview.

4. Provisional Acceptance from Japanese universities and the Second Screening by MEXT

- (1) The final candidates who passed RoJ first screening will need to contact the Japanese universities of his/her choice from end of July 2022 to end of August 2022, and obtain "a letter of provisional acceptance" from those universities. Final Candidates will receive a special form given by the Embassy to apply for Japanese universities. The final candidates

will also fill another document ("Placement Preference Application Form" which will be given also to only final candidates) and submit it to the Embassy (by end of September 2022).

- (2) The Embassy will submit all the documents of the final candidates with recommendation comments to MEXT by October 2022.
- (3) In November 2022 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 December 2022 and February 2023.

For any inquiry, please email to study@rm.mofa.go.jp and send us your cell phone as well. We will call you back.