

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program 2026 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 (for Masters and PhD studies) under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2026.

I. What is a “Research Student Scholarship”?

1. Being a “Research Student” in a Japanese university graduate school, writing research papers
2. Bachelor degree holders or students about to graduate in 2025, or holders of Master degree can apply.
3. Research term: for 2 years or 1.5 years (from April 2026 or September/October 2026)
4. A University Entrance exam in your field of study must be passed in Japan to enter the Master/Doctoral studies.

II. Application Guideline

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

https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/_mt/2025/04/01-2026_Research_Guidelines_E.pdf

***Kindly apply directly to the Representative office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah (ROJ).**

****NO FEES are required to apply. Avoid being scammed at all times.**

*****Applicants MUST be holders of (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** **DEADLINE: Thursday, June 05, 2025 (until 16:30)**

ROJ will send you the application forms once it confirms that you meet 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, 1991
- (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? :

- (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 05, 2025 (until 16:30)
 Address of Representative Office of Japan to Palestine:
 Abraj House building, 8th Floor, 15 Tokyo Street, Ein Monjed, Ramallah
 Opening hours: 9:00-16:30 (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 DO NOT use staples. ممنوع تكبيس وتدبيس مرفقات أوراق الطلب

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

- (1) The 1st Screening procedures will be handled by the 2026 Research Student Scholarship Selection Committee organized by ROJ.
- (2) The result of documents screening will be announced to all applicants via email by **June 23, 2025**. 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.

Written Examinations (English exam and Japanese exam): Late June 2025

Interview (in English): early July 2025

*For your preparation for the test, 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 from abroad".**

- (4) The result of the 1st screening will be announced via email to the applicants by (ROJ) in a few days after the interview.

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

- (1) The **FINAL** candidates who passed ROJ 1st screening will start contacting two Japanese universities of his/her choice from July 2025 to September 1, 2025 and obtain a "Provisional Acceptance Letter". Final Candidates will receive a special form given by ROJ 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 ROJ (by end of September 2025).

- (2) ROJ will submit all the documents of the final candidates with recommendation comments to MEXT by October 2025.
- (3) In November 2025, MEXT will conduct the 2nd Screening based on the results of ROJ's First Screening, and it will decide which candidates to grant this program. Then, MEXT will coordinate "University Placement" for the granted candidate.

4. Final result announcement

The final result of the 2nd Screening by MEXT and the university placement will be announced to the granted candidates during **January and early March 2026**.

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