

Outline from the Embassy of Japan in Tonga
Japanese Government (MONBUKAGAKUSHO:MEXT) Scholarship for 2017
(Research Students)

The Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom of Tonga will conduct the orientation and the primary screening of applicants of the Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology: MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2017 as follows. As for the field of study, qualifications and conditions, and the details of the scholarship, please refer to the application guidelines.

1. Orientation

The Embassy of Japan will hold an orientation for those who wish to study in graduate courses at Japanese universities as research students under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2017.

(1) Date and time: Saturday, 11th June, 9:00-10:00

(2) Place: SUITE 2, 3rd Floor, National Reserve Bank of Tonga Building

*Note: Please call the Embassy by 10th June for the purpose of security clearance, required by the National Reserve Bank of Tonga Building.

2. Application procedure

Applicants must submit the following documents to the Embassy by the required date. The submitted documents will not be returned.

(1) Period: from Monday, 20th June to Thursday, 23rd June

(2) Place: Embassy of Japan, the 5th floor of National Reserve Bank of Tonga Building

(3) Documents to be submitted

	Original	Copy
① Application Form (a prescribed form)	1	2
② Placement Preference Form (a prescribed form) *only for those who pass the primary screening	1	
③ Field of Study and Research Program Plan (a prescribed form)	1	2
④ Certified grade transcript for each academic year from the last university attended (issued by that university)	1	2
⑤ Graduation certificate or degree certificate of the last university attended (or an attested document certifying that the applicant will graduate from the school, where applicable)	1	2
⑥ Recommendation from the president/dean or the adviser of the last university attended	1	
⑦ Recommendation from the present employer (if currently employed)	1	
⑧ Medical certificate (prescribed form) *only for those who pass the primary screening	1	2
⑨ Abstracts of theses (only for those who have wrote theses)	1	2
⑩ Photograph(s) showing applicant's own works of art or a recorded CD of musical performance (only for those majoring in fine arts or music)	1	2

Note 1: These documents must be written in Japanese or English, or translations in either of these languages should be attached.

Note 2: Photographs (4.5×3.5 cm, taken within the past six months, upper body, full-faced, uncapped. Write your name and nationality on the reverse and paste them onto the Application Form and Placement Preference Form) attached to the original application must be originals; copies are not acceptable. It is acceptable to paste the data of photo on each application form and print it. (To print your photos and paste it on the application form is not allowed.)

Note 3: The Field of Study and Research Program Plan should describe concretely and in detail the applicant's own research program because it will serve as important material for placement of the applicant at a university.

Note 4: The academic transcripts of the last university attended should show the grade scale applied and the grades earned by the applicant in all the subjects studied for each year of study at a university department/faculty and graduate school. (A degree certificate or a graduation certificate simply showing the ranking of the applicant at graduation will not substitute for academic transcripts.)

Note 5: The graduation certificate and the degree certificate obtained from the last university attended may be photocopies provided that the copies are attested by an authorized person of the university.

Note 6: For abstracts of the theses, abstracts of the graduation thesis and any presented papers will suffice. Please note that these abstracts will be used as basic data for evaluation of the applicant's academic ability.

Note 7: Number the documents(① through ⑩) in the right upper corner.

3. Primary screening

The Embassy of Japan will carry out the primary screening of applicants by means of an interview, a written examination, a review of the submitted documents.

(1) Written examination

Written examinations will be English and Japanese language tests. The Japanese and the English language examinations must be taken by all applicants. The result of the Japanese language examination will be used as reference data for placement at a university and for Japanese-language education to be provided upon the applicant's arrival in Japan. In particular, if an applicant with limited proficiency in Japanese desires to pursue studies in fields such as Japanese linguistics, Japanese literature, Japanese history, or Japanese law —fields that require sufficient knowledge of the Japanese language — he/she will not be selected as a grantee unless there are exceptional circumstances.

① Date: Monday, 27th June, 9:00-17:00

② Subject

English: 9:00-10:00

Japanese: 15:00-17:00

③ Place: Tupou Tertiary Institute

④ Notification of the result of the written examination

The Embassy of Japan will call the applicants who pass the written examination on Friday, 1st July between 13:30 and 16:30.

(2) Interview

① Date: Wednesday, 6th July, 14:00-17:00

② Place: Embassy of Japan, the 5th floor of National Reserve Bank of Tonga Building

(3) The notification of the results of the primary selection

The Embassy of Japan will call the applicants who pass the primary screening on Friday, 8th July between 13:30 and 16:30. Applicants who pass the primary screening will be recommended by the Embassy to Japanese Government, MEXT.

4. After the primary screening

- (1) The Embassy of Japan will send the following documents to the applicants who pass the primary selection.
 - ① Passing Certificate of the Primary Selection (a prescribed form)
 - ② Letter of Provisional Acceptance (a prescribed form)
 - ③ The set of submitted documents that have been attested by the Embassy of Japan.
 - ④ Certificate of Health (a prescribed form)
 - ⑤ Placement Preference Form for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship (a prescribed form)
- (2) Each person who has passed this primary screening is required to contact directly the Japanese university of his/her choice in order to obtain admission as a regular student for a degree or as a Research Student (non-regular student) in a graduate course, or a letter of provisional acceptance as a research student (hereinafter referred to as "Admission") by the 31st of August. In order to obtain the Admission, candidates can gain information regarding the contact office for international students of each university etc. from the Embassy and the following websites of universities and researchers. Candidates are not allowed to contact Japanese universities after the 1st of September.
 - Researchmap
<http://researchmap.jp/>
 - The International Priority Graduate Programs
http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/kokuhi/tokubetu/1287234.htm
 - Program for Leading Graduate Schools
<http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-hakasekatei/saitaku.html>
 - Re-Inventing Japan Project
<http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-tenkairyoku/kekka.html>
- (3) Submission of Certificate of Health (Original: 1, Copy: 2)
 - ① Deadline: Friday, 29th July
 - ② Place: Embassy of Japan, the 5th floor of National Reserve Bank of Tonga Building
- (4) Submission of Placement Preference Form for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship
The applicant is supposed to fill in the names of the universities in which he/she would like to enroll on the basis of his/her status of obtained Admission from the universities. However, the applicant is not supposed to fill in the names of the universities which he/she has requested for Admission but has been declined.
 - ① Deadline: Friday, 23rd September
 - ② Place: Embassy of Japan office at the 5th floor of National Reserve Bank of Tonga Building

5. Secondary screening and the placement of the university

- (1) MEXT will conduct a secondary screening based on the results of the primary screening conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission, and select applicants as MEXT scholarship grantees whose placement at a university of their choice has been decided. Applicants who have passed the primary screening at a Japanese diplomatic mission are not necessarily accepted as MEXT scholarship grantees. Applicants who were not accepted by any universities which the applicants named in their Placement Preference Form will not be selected as MEXT scholarship grantees.
- (2) Placement of a grantee at a university will be made following a relevant request which was made to the university by the applicant who has passed the primary screening and obtained Admission to the university. MEXT will request the universities listed in the Placement Preference Form to accept the grantee, and place him/her in the requested course upon its approval in principle (candidate who has received admission to a regular course for a

degree will be placed directly in such course without needing to pass through a Research Student (non-degree period).

6. Notification of the selected applicants

The Embassy of Japan will call the applicants who are accepted as MEXT scholarship grantees between January 2017 and March 2017.