Higher Education in Japan

Current Higher Education Policy and Key Features of Japanese Universities

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Flow of Presentation

• Current Higher Education Policy in Japan
• Key Features of Japanese Universities
• Scholarship Programs
Number of inbound students to Japan

- Total number
- Undergrads
- Graduates
- Japanese language institutions
- Professional colleges

Year: 2011 to 2022
Number of outbound students from Japan

Japanese students
Number of student exchange between Japan and the U.S.

Source: Open Doors, 2022 Annual Data Release
Summary of PM Kishida’s statement at the Cabinet Education Meeting

Starting in spring 2023, Japan is prioritizing the following:

- Formulation of a new plan for accepting and sending students abroad with a focus on increasing exchange post-COVID

- Further internationalization of Japanese universities and creating educational and living environments that are attractive to students and to an international work force

- Setting students up for success by increasing the retention rate of skilled technical graduates from overseas and supporting the smooth employment of Japanese students abroad

September 29, 2022
At the May 2022 Cabinet Education Meeting, the following initiatives were identified as necessary to respond to the global trends of digitalization and decarbonization:

- Support to universities for setting up departments in these emerging fields, both for initial investment and ongoing operation
- Establishment by MEXT of a $2.2b fund to support these efforts
Inter-University Exchange Project
*Forming university exchanges with the U.S. and other countries*

FY2023 budget amount: $4.1 million (new)

Outline of the project (subsidy period: maximum of 5 years from 2023 to 2027)

- Promote university exchanges with a focus on the **United States**, and jointly develop projects between Japan and the United States
- Build a state-of-the-art international educational exchange infrastructure that utilizes quality online education methods such as COIL/VE
- Enhance the value of actual travel while aiming for well-balanced, **two-way interactions** for 50,000 people including online exchange
- Promote **STEAM education** and tackle problems beyond the boundaries of humanities and sciences
International Students as Proportion of Total Enrollment

Japan
Total # of Institutions: 1,169
*3,974 including professional training colleges

United States
Total # of Institutions: 4,100

United Kingdom
Total # of Institutions: 169

Australia
Total # of Institutions: 190

Source: Open Doors, 2022 Annual Data Release
MEXT, School Basic Survey 2019
International Student Profile: Field of Study

International Students Hosted by Japanese Graduate Schools

International Students from the U.S. to Japan

Source: Open Doors, 2022 Annual Data Release
JASSO, International Student Survey 2019
Impact Rankings from Times Higher Education

Source: Times Higher Education, Impact Rankings 2022
Average Tuition In Japan and The U.S. For 1 Year

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*the standard tuition for national universities is set by the government


Comparison of Tuitions for International and Domestic Students

Tuition fees are the same for Japanese and international students.
This following list of scholarships is an informational resource only. For details about a particular program, please contact the sponsoring organization.

**Japanese Government Scholarships**
- [Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for U.S. Citizens](#)
- [Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students](#)
- [Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-term Study in Japan)](#)
- [Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan](#)

**Japanese Private Foundation Scholarships**
- [List of Scholarships Including Those Offered by Private Foundations](#)
JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) Website

Menu by type of user

- For those who wish to study in Japan
- For those studying in Japan
- For those who finished studying in Japan
- For educational institutions
- For Japanese companies
- Details of the statistics of international students

Find Schools

- Search schools
- Search scholarships
- Search short-term program
Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship

- Created in 1954
- More than 115,000 students from around 160 countries have participated
- Scholarship types: research, undergraduate, Japanese studies

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Application Timeline (Research)

- **Application Open**: April 2023
- **Departure**: April 2024 // October 2024
- **Benefits**: Round Trip Airfare, Tuition & Fees, Accommodation, Monthly Stipend for Living Expenses

### Timeline

- **June**: First Screening (Interview)
- **July-Aug**: University Application Process
- **Sep**: Acceptance Letters Submission
- **Oct-Dec**: Second Screening / Placement
- **Jan-Feb**: Final Result

**JAPAN!**
JSPS Fellowship Programs

Career Stage of Researchers

- Ph.D.
- 6 years after Ph.D.
- Mid career
- Professor

Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Standard
  - 1 - 2 years

Invitational Fellowships

- Long-Term
  - 2 - 10 months
- Short-Term
  - 14 - 60 days

- Open to ALL Fields of Research
- Fully-funded Fellowships
What is JET Program

WHAT IS JET?

• One of the world’s largest English teaching programs
• A paid, full-time job opportunity, **NOT** a study abroad or volunteer program
• Increase mutual understanding between the people of Japan and the people of other nations.
• Promotes international exchange between Japan and other countries at the grass roots level
TYPE OF POSITIONS WITH JET

Assistant Language Teacher (ALT)

Coordinator for International Relations (CIR)
Thank you for listening!

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