

FY2021 Scholarship Application Season Begins

The Cultural Section at the Embassy of Japan in the Sultanate of Oman now opens the application for the Japanese Government (MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) Scholarship for 2021 (Research Students).

[Overview of the Scholarship]

- Japanese government's scholarship for postgraduate studies.
- No restriction on the field of study as long as related to your major.
- Path is open to obtaining the master's / doctor's degrees.
- Studies begins at a Japanese university from September / October 2021.

Note: Spring enrolment is NOT selectable!

[Eligibility]

The applicants must be...

- an Omani national
- born on or after 2nd April 1986
- a holder of a bachelor's degree (Expected graduates are accepted.)
- willing to learn Japanese and deepen their understanding of Japan

Note: Eligibility and non-eligibility stipulated in the "guidelines" below shall be given priority.

[Application Process]

1. Download the "guidelines" and documents from the following website. Past exams are also available.

https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap_stopj-applications_research.html

Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have rescheduled the whole procedure; please disregard the time schedule mentioned in this website and refer to [Selection Process] below.

2. Complete and submit the necessary documents by hand or by post before the deadline.

[Submission Deadline]

No Later than Saturday, 1st August 2020.

We accept ONLY COMPLETED DOCUMENTS that arrive BEFORE the deadline.

The documents submitted shall not be returned.

[Selection Process]

The details of the following are to be announced to the successful candidates by 10th August.

1. Primary Screening (conducted by the Embassy)
 - (1) Document screening: Second week of August (Subject to change)
 - (2) Written examinations: Third week of August (Subject to change)

(3) Interview: Fourth week of August (Subject to change)

2. Final Screening (conducted by the MEXT)

[FAQ]

Q. Is there any change in the schedule this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

A. Yes. We have rescheduled the whole procedure, delaying it by around two months this year. Consequently, your flight to Japan is fixed to September / October 2021. Be sure to refer to the “guidelines” for “2021”, not previous years.

Q. Can I apply for this scholarship even though I don't speak Japanese?

A. Yes, of course! You will be attending a Japanese language course at a designated university for an initial six-month period (scholarship paid) when deemed necessary, as is stipulated in the “guidelines”. We are waiting for passionate Omani applicants (you!) who are willing to learn the Japanese language and deepen their understanding of Japan.

Q. I am a non-Omani resident here and find it hard to go back to my home country. Is it possible for me to apply to the Embassy of Japan in Oman?

A. Unfortunately, no. However long you have been living in Oman, or whatever the situation may be, we cannot bend the rule for the sake of fairness among the candidates from all over the world. Please make an inquiry at the Embassy of Japan in your country of nationality.

Q. I am an Omani currently studying abroad. Is it possible for me to apply to the Embassy of Japan in Oman from abroad?

A. Yes. However, you shall be screened out of the process if you miss the written exams and the interview that we will conduct within the premises of the Embassy of Japan in Oman. If you are currently studying in Japan, please confirm your eligibility referring to the “guidelines” “3. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS”.

Q. After I am selected as a successful candidate finally by the MEXT, can I get any kind of support from the Embassy?

A. Yes! It is our pleasure, in addition to the arrangement of the visa and the air ticket, to offer you an opportunity to interact with former Omani students who studied in Japan with this scholarship programme where you can ask freely about study and life there. We also hold annual reception for the alumni, so you can keep in touch with them and get stimulated for your whole life! We conform to the regulations to combat with the COVID-19 pandemic and any gatherings are yet to be set, but we promise you to do our best to eliminate your concern before your flight.

[Related websites]

- Japan Student Services Organization

https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/index.html

- Japan Study Support

<https://www.jpss.jp/en/>

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Note: Please refer to the section number from the “guidelines” when making an inquiry.