

Japanese Government (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) Scholarship for 2026 **Research Students**: Notes for Application

- ❖ Download the guideline and all the necessary application forms from the link below.
<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap-stopj-applications-research.html>
- ❖ Applicants without sufficient documents will not be considered. In case you cannot submit the required documents such as certificates issued by a university, kindly submit a document mentioning its reason.
- ❖ All applicants are required to send the application documents in PDF format by email until our submission deadline. Applicants those who pass the interview will be requested to submit to the Embassy either the original documents or certified copies with official stamps of the Grade Transcripts, Graduation Certificate, Prospective Graduation Certificates, Recommendation Letters, Application Form, Health Certificate
- ❖ The minimum grade of a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a doctor's degree accepted is "Very Good" / GPA 3 out of 4 / 75% or above.
- ❖ Those who hold a doctor's degree cannot apply unless he/she seeks to obtain the Doctor's degree in Japan again.
- ❖ Selection as a nominee by our embassy for the MEXT Scholarship for research student does not guarantee university acceptance. Applicants need to apply to their desired universities after passing all our screening conducted by the Embassy of Japan in Egypt.
- ❖ Each document must be attached separately, and all application documents must be sent together in one email, however the total file size must be less than 10MB. If you cannot make the file size smaller, divide the files into 2 mails and indicate it when you email us. **We cannot receive the documents if the total size of all documents exceeded more than 10 MB.**
- ❖ All documents must be written **in English or Japanese**. If any documents are written in Arabic, a certified English or Japanese translation is required.
- ❖ All documents must be scanned in **PDF format**. Scanned documents should meet the following criteria:

- No part or page of the document is missing.
- Clear and legible with good alignment.
- Documents must not be obstructed by a shadow, page must not be tilted, and text must not be blurred nor disappear into the margin.

Unreadable documents will not be examined.

- ❖ Student who studies medicine, dentistry or welfare science will not be allowed to engage in clinical training such as medical care and operative surgery until he/she obtains a relevant license from the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare under applicable Japanese laws.
- ❖ Those studying traditional entertainment arts such as Kabuki and classical Japanese dances, or subjects that require practical training in specific technologies or techniques at factories or companies are excluded from the field of study under this scholarship program.

① Application Form (use FY 2026 form):

a) Fill out the forms with computer preferably. As of April 1, 2026.

b) Write your name correctly in the application forms as follows:

- The last name is “**Surname**”, the first name is “**Given name**”, and another for “**Middle name**” as written on your personal ID card or your passport.

Omar Ahmed Mohamed Ibrahim Shehata
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Shehata Omar Ahmed Mohamed Ibrahim
Surname Given name Middle name

- If you have a passport, write your name **exactly it appears on your passport** (for other required documents also).
- The hyphenated names (e.g. Abdel-Rahman or Alaa El-Din) are considered as one name.

c) Educational Background (Application Form No.11.) As of April 2026

- “Graduate Level” means master’s course and doctorate course.
- “Year and Month of enrollment and graduation”: Do not forget to fill in “Month” as well.

- If you are expected to obtain bachelor's or master's degree before traveling to Japan, please mention the expected year and month in the column "status".
- Do not forget to fill in "Total years of schooling attended as of April 1st, 2026".

d) Photograph

- Paste photograph with glue (do not staple) to the original Application Form. (Size 4.5×3.5 cm, taken within 6 months, upper body, full-face, no hats. Write your name and nationality on the back of the photographs.) The photograph data can be pasted to the Application Form and printed out.

② **Placement Preference Application Form (use FY 2026 form):**

- Fill in the document **by typing** preferably.
- Search for and choose three universities and professors and fill in the form.
- You don't need to obtain an acceptance letter at this stage. Applicants who pass the first screening conducted by the embassy will be required to obtain the acceptance letters from the universities of your choice.

③ **Field of Study and Research Program Plan (use FY 2026 form):**

- Fill in the documents **by typing**.
- "Past and present field of study": Describe briefly and clearly, not only by one word or the name of your field of study.
- "Research theme and plan in Japan": Explain specifically and in details about your own research program that you would like to conduct in Japan, including (1) Clear title indicating the research objectives, (2) Abstract of the research work including its outcomes, (3) A clear description for the material and methods and the steps of the work in accordance with the specific timeframe of the scholarship in.
- Additional sheets of your full research plan may be attached if necessary, and should be mentioned in the Field of Study and Study Program Form that your full research plan is attached.

④ **Grade Transcript for Each Academic Year from the Last University Attended:**

- Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:
 - **Applicants who have already graduated from a university's undergraduate program:** Academic transcript of the program.
 - **Applicants who have already completed a master's program at a graduate school:** An academic transcripts of both the undergraduate and the master's programs.

- **Applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree:** An academic transcript that covers from the year of enrollment to the term for which grades have been determined at the time of application for the scholarship.
 - **Applicants who are pursuing a master's degree:** An academic transcript of the undergraduate program and an academic transcript of the master's program at the graduate school that covers from the year of enrollment to the term for which grades have been determined at the time of application for the scholarship.
 - Those who are pursuing an undergraduate or a master's degree must also submit a transcript when he/she graduates from that program by the time selection results are finalized.
- b) The certificate issued by your university should show the grades (GPA, % or Excellent, Very good) for each subject taken in all the academic years of your attendance. A degree certificate or graduation certificate simply showing the rank of the applicants at graduation will not be accepted. Final grade must be above 75%.
- c) Those who pass the interview will be requested to submit the originals or the copies attested by an authorized person of the university with an official stamp.
- d) If the certificate is written in Arabic, a certified translation in English or Japanese must be attached.

⑤ Graduation Certificate or Degree Certificate of the Last Attended University or Prospective Graduation Certificate:

- a) Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:
- **Applicants who have already graduated from a university's undergraduate program:** A certificate of graduation from the undergraduate program;
 - **Applicants who have already completed a master's program:** Certificates of graduation from both the undergraduate and the master's programs;
 - **Applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree:** A certificate of prospective graduation from the undergraduate program. The certificate must note the expected graduation month and year ;
 - **Applicants who are pursuing a master's degree:** A certificate of graduation from the undergraduate program and a certificate of prospective graduation from the master's program at the graduate school. The certificate must note the expected graduation month and year;

- Those who are pursuing an undergraduate or master's degree must also submit a certificate of graduation when he/she graduates from that program by the time selection results are finalized.
- b) Those who pass the interview will be requested to submit the originals or the copies attested by an authorized person of the university with an official stamp.
- c) If the certificate is written in Arabic, a certified translation in English or Japanese must be attached.

⑥ Recommendation Letter from the president/dean or the adviser of the last university attended: Free format (sample format is available from the link).

- a) A recommendation letter must be **signed by handwriting** and stamped by a recommender. An electronic signature will not be accepted.
- b) We will request to submit the original recommendation letter to the passed candidate.
- c) Please mention whether the recommendation letter is from your last attended university or your workplace.
- d) If the letter is enclosed in the envelope and sealed, please open it and scan only a letter.

⑦ Medical Certificate (the designated 2026 form):

You can fill in the form by yourself and not necessary to have x-ray exam at this document screening stage. However, the applicants those who pass the interview will be requested to have all the medical check mentioning in the health certificate including x-ray exam at any hospital or clinic either private or governmental and submit an original medical certificate.

⑧ Abstracts of theses written (If applicable):

For abstracts of the theses, abstracts of the graduation thesis and any presented papers will be acceptable. These abstracts will be used as basic data for evaluation of the applicant's academic ability. Make sure the applicant's name is on the first page.

⑨ Photograph(s) showing applicant's own works of art or a recorded musical performance. (Only those major in fine arts or music):

⑩ Recommendation Letter from the present employer (If the applicant is currently employed): Free format (sample format available from the link).

- a) A recommendation letter must be **signed by handwriting** and stamped by a recommender. An electronic signature will not be accepted.
- b) Those who pass the interview will be requested to submit the original letter.

- c) Please mention whether the recommendation letter is from your last attended university or your workplace.
- d) If the letter is enclosed in the envelope and sealed, please open it and scan only a letter.

⑪ Copy of photo page of your passport / personal ID card (if you do not have a passport)

⑫ Check Sheet (Download it from our website)