Application Guidelines for Japanese Government (MONBUKAGAKUSHO) Scholarship for 2027
Special Admissions for Research Students for Master's Course ＆ Doctoral Course

The Graduate School of Science and Engineering has had the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Special Priority Placement Program, which provides Japanese Government Scholarships for international students.
This is a cross-disciplinary educational program that teaches environmentally conscious design, focusing on decarbonization and green energy. Targeting international students, mainly from Southeast Asia, it aims to develop future leaders with knowledge in environmental science who will take on leadership roles in their countries and industries. If academic performance is equal, priority will be given to applicants from universities that have an MOU with Akita University. Please check the last page for the documents to be submitted.
Please note that the following conditions may be revised in accordance with the official conditions from MEXT

1． Target Students

Outstanding students from overseas to study abroad, as well as those already living in Japan.

- 2 students entering our master's program.
- 2 students entering our doctoral program.

2. Age: Applicants must have been born after April 2nd, 1992

3. Academic Background

Individuals eligible to enroll in a doctoral program or master's program at a Japanese graduate school, including those who are certain to meet this requirement at the time of enrollment.

4. Academic Grades

It is expected that currently working adults have a GPA (Grade Point Average: 1-3 scale/ calculation method is shown in hereinafter "15. Calculation Method of GPA") score of 2.30 or higher on their final academic records, or that current students have a GPA score of 2.30 or higher on their latest academic grades. At the same time, applicants will be required to maintain this score throughout the scholarship period.

5. Language Requirements

Applicants must meet one of the following language skill requirements (Japanese **or** English):
Japanese: Applicants must pass the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at level N2 or higher, or have completed an educational program where Japanese is the primary language

that qualifies for admission to the Master's or Doctor's Degree.

English: Applicants must achieve a B2 or higher score on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in English, or have completed an educational program where English is the primary language that qualifies for admission to the Master's or Doctor's Degree.

6. Arrival Date in Japan

In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan during the period designated by the accepting university, which is within two weeks either side of the first day of each semester in the same year (October).

7. Visa Requirements

Applicants shall, in principle, obtain a "Student" Visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission in their home country before departing for Japan and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student."

8. Exclusions:

The following applicants are not eligible for the scholarship. If he/ she is found out as a concerned student after being selected, he/ she must be withdrawn from the scholarship.

① Those who are actively involved in military service or are military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of scholarship.

② Those who are unable to arrive in Japan within the designated period by Akita University.

③ Those who were previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship programs.

④ Those who are currently applying to another program under Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship system.

⑤ Those who are already enrolled in a university or other schools in Japan with a residence status of "Student".

⑥ Those who are prospective to complete their study at university but unable to fulfill the requirements of academic qualification and background by the prescribed date.

⑦ Those who have dual nationality at the time of application and cannot prove that they have given up Japanese nationality by the time of arrival in Japan.

⑧ Those who are planning to be absent from graduate school for a long period due to internship, research activities and so on from the time of application.

⑨ Those who are not seeking a degree

9. Period of Scholarship

・Master's course：2 years

・Doctoral course：3 years

10. Scholarship Benefits Allowance

・Master's course：144,000 yen per month will be supplied.

・Doctoral course：145,000 yen per month will be supplied.

11. Traveling Costs

Only an economy-class air ticket from the nearest international airport to the recipient's residence to an international airport in Japan will be provided. The recipient must cover all other travel expenses. However, air tickets will not be provided to applicants recommended within Japan.

1. Transportation to Japan: The recipient will be provided with funds, according to his/ her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT or Akita University, with an economy-class airplane ticket from the nearest international airport to his/ her home residence (*) to the International Airport or another that Akita University designates. Expenses such as domestic transportation from his/her home address to the international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special travel taxes, or domestic transportation within Japan (including transit expenses) will NOT be covered. (* The home country address stated in the application form is regarded as the recipient's "home residence". But if it is clear that the address when the recipient arrived in Japan is different from the present address, the changed address is regarded.)
2. Transportation from Japan: The recipient who returns to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of his/her scholarship will be provided upon application, with an economy-class airplane ticket for travel from the nearest international airport.

   Note 1: The recipient shall pay for travel insurance to and from Japan.

   Note 2: If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended, he/she will not be paid travel expenses to return to the home country for a temporary return.

   Note 3: If the recipient returns to his/ her home country for his/ her personal reason or the reason based on "13. Scholarship Payment Suspension Matters" before the expiration month of his/ her scholarship, he/ she will not be paid travel expenses to return to the home country.

12. Admission and Tuition Fees

Admission and tuition fees will not be charged to the recipients.

(The host university will cover the cost)

13. Scholarship Payment Suspension Matters

The scholarship will be cancelled in principle in the following situations. If the recipient has been receiving the scholarship despite his/her falling under any of the following situations, the recipient shall be ordered to return the total/ partial amount of scholarship that he/she received during the period wherein he/she was involved with any of the following situations:

① The recipient is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application.

② When a student has violated a pledge made to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology（MEXT）.

③ The recipient violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced to imprisonment with or without work for life or for a period of exceeding 1 year.

④ The recipient is taken a disciplinary action such as expulsion, suspension and an official letter of censure officially published by the university, based on the regulations of the university.

⑤ It has been determined that it will be impossible for the recipient to complete the course within the standard education period because of poor academic grades, suspension or leave of absence.

⑥ The recipient arrives at Japan without valid student Visa, or the recipient's residence status has changed to one other than "Student".

⑦ The recipient has received a scholarship from another institution (excluding those specified for research expenditures).

⑧ The recipient has proceeded to a higher level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship.

⑨ The recipient has withdrawn from Akita University or has moved to another university/ college or another graduate school.

⑩ The recipient fails to keep a GPA of 2.30 or more at each end of the academic year, or the required grade level of Akita University.

14. Requirements for Completion of Program

- Complete the master's course by satisfying the completion requirements for the department you are entering.
- Complete the doctoral course by satisfying the completion requirements for the department you are entering.
- Take subjects specified by us.

  Compulsory subjects in the master's course are 8 credits in total, and compulsory subjects in the doctoral course are 2 credits in total.

15. Calculation Method of GPA (Grade Point Average)

Applicants shall calculate their own GPA at the time of their final academic background or the current academic record at their relevant course according to the calculation method below. Firstly, applicants shall determine "Assessment Point" based on the table shown in as follows, and then calculate by applying a formula indicated under the table.

Classification	Grade Assessment				
4-point scale		Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Failed
4-point scale		A	B	C	F
4-point scale		80% or above (Up to 100%)	70% or above – below 80%	60% or above – below 70%	Below 60%
5-point scale	S	A	B	C	F
5-point scale	A	B	C	D	F
5-point scale	90% or above (Up to 100%)	80% or above – below 90%	70% or above – below 80%	60% or above – below 70%	Below 60%
Assessment Point	3	3	2	1	0

The formula to be applied:

{("The number of credits of which "Assessment Point" is 3 × 3) + ("The number of credits of which "Assessment Point" is 2 × 2) + ("The number of credits of which "Assessment Point" is 1 × 1) +("The number of credits of which "Assessment Point" is 0 × 0)} /The total number of registered credits

Note 1: If credit system is not used for the lectures/ classes registered, the number of credits shall be calculated with being replaced with the number of subjects.

Note 2: Assessment that is not listed in the table above shall be excluded.

16. Nationality

●Priority Region: Southeast Asia and Southwest Asia.

Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Brunei, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives

Mongolia, Australia, Kiribati, Cook Islands, Samoa, Solomon islands, Tuvalu, Tonga, Nauru, Niue, New Zealand, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Fiji, Marshall islands, Micronesia, USA, Canada, Argentina, Uruguay, Ecuador, Guyana, Colombia, Suriname, Chile, Paraguay,

Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Bolivia, Iceland, Ireland, Azerbaijan, Albania, Armenia, Andorra, Italy, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, UK, Estonian, Austria, Netherlands, Kazakhstan, North Macedonia, Cyprus, Greece, Kyrgyzstan, Croatia, Kosovo, San marino, Georgia, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Turkmenistan, Norway, Hungary, Finland, France, Bulgaria, Belgium, Poland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Portugal, Malta, Monaco, Moldova, Montenegro, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Romania, Luxembourg, Vatican, Afghanistan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Israel, Iraq, Iran, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Algeria, Angola, Uganda Algeria, Angola, Uganda, Estewani, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Ghana, Cape Verde, Gabon, Cameroon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Cote d'Ivoire, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sao Tome and Principe, Zambia, Sierra Leone, Djibouti, Zimbabwe, Sudan, Seychelles, Equatorial Guinea, Senegal, Somalia, Tanzania, Chad, Central Africa, Tunisia, Togo, Nigeria, Namibia, Niger, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Benin, Botswana, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali South Africa, South Sudan, Mozambique, Mauritius, Mauritania, Morocco, Libya, Liberia, Rwanda, Lesotho

●Successful candidates for this program will need to take and pass the graduate school entrance examination scheduled to be held in 2027.

The recruitment information for this entrance exam has not yet been released, so please wait until it is updated. It will be posted at the following URL.
https://www.riko.akita-u.ac.jp/graduate/prospectus/
https://www.riko.akita-u.ac.jp/en/graduate/prospectus.html

★If you would like to participate in this program, please submit your application to the Academic Affairs at Graduate School of Engineering Science via email by 7 January 2027.

★Application:

https://www.riko.akita-u.ac.jp/en/examination/mext_scholarship.html

★[Submissions]　(Please submit all 1-3)

1. Attached Form 5: Application Form

*Please enter the necessary information into the attached application form as it will be used in the upcoming selection process.

Note Completing this application form does not guarantee recommendation.
Recommendation will be decided in the upcoming selection process.

2. Attached Form 6: Field of Major and Research Plan

*Please contact the faculty member you would like to supervise in advance and obtain their consent for research supervision.

3. Proof of Academic Background

(Graduation certificate, certificate of credits earned, etc., all educational background (higher education or above) listed on Form 5)

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