

Call for Japanese Government (MONBUKAGAKUSHO) Scholarship Applications for April 2023

“Program for Introduction into Sustainable Engineering” has been in practice from April 2022 by Faculty of Engineering Science, Akita University. Sustainable Engineering, which is assessed as the comprehensive and cross-disciplinary engineering, is majored in “Program for Introduction into Sustainable Engineering”. This program is conducted with collaboration of following courses of departments at Faculty of Engineering Science, Akita University: Applied Chemistry Course and Material Science and Engineering Course (Department of Material Science), Electrical and Electronic Engineering Course (Department of Mathematical Science and Electrical-Electronic-Computer Engineering) and Mechanical Engineering Course (Department of System Design Engineering).

This program aims to support the international students to develop their career and to contribute to the globalization of the local community through acquiring multidisciplinary knowledge about design for environment, utilization of renewable energy, motorization of power systems, and so on, in collaboration with the local business.

Since this special program has been assigned from April 2022 by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) to preferentially accept the recipients who have been awarded “MONBUKAGAKUSHO Scholarship”, Akita University is going to newly accept excellent applicants abroad.

Applicants for this program shall apply for the entrance examination for privately-financed foreign students under pre-arrival admission of Akita University either of the following courses: Applied Chemistry Course and Material Science and Engineering Course (Department of Material Science), Electrical and Electronic Engineering Course (Department of Mathematical Science and Electrical-Electronic-Computer Engineering) and Mechanical Engineering Course (Department of System Design Engineering).

Application period: From Tuesday, December 20 to Thursday, December 22 (Must be received)

Please refer to the detailed application guidelines from below (only in Japanese):

https://www.akita-u.ac.jp/admission/info/pdf/2023_shihi_yoko.pdf

Among those who have passed the entrance examination for privately-financed foreign students and wish to apply for this Program will be interviewed online later on, and finally the result shall be announced accordingly.

1. Period of scholarship

The scholarship period is effective for the standard total education period at the Faculty (four years).

2. Scholarship Benefits (in preparation)

1) Allowance

117,000 yen per month will be supplied. In case that the recipient does one's research in a designated region, 2,000 or 3,000 yen per month will be added. The monetary amount each year may be subject to change due to budgetary reasons. The scholarship shall be cancelled in principle if the recipient is absent from the university for an extended period.

2) Traveling costs

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 International Airport or another that Akita University designates. Expenses such as domestic transportation from his/ her home address to the international airport, airport tax, airport usage fees, special taxes on travel, or domestic transportation within Japan (including transit expense) 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 the address when the recipient arrived at Japan to be different from present address, 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: Travel insurance to and from Japan shall be paid for by the recipient.

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 “3. 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.

3. 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 The recipient violates any article of his/her pledge to 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 subject to disciplinary action by the university, including expulsion (The scholarship payment may be stopped during the period up until punishment is decided by the university, etc.);
- ⑤ It has been determined that it will be impossible for the recipient to complete the course within the standard course period because of poor academic grades or 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 When the student has withdrawn from Akita University or has moved to another university/ college or another graduate school.
- ⑩ It is necessary for recipient to keep GPA more than 2.30 at each end of the year.

4. Admission and tuition Fees

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