

## **Application Guidelines for Japanese Government (MONBUKAGAKUSHO) Scholarship for April 2024**

### **Special Admissions for Research Students for Master's Course**

Since Akita university's "International Education Program for Design for Environment" having been in practice from April 2022 (referred to as "Program" hereinafter) 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 3 applicants abroad.

This Program is conducted with collaboration of following 5 departments at Graduate School of Engineering Science, Akita University: Department of Life Science, Department of Material Science, Department of Mathematical Science and Electrical-Electronic-Computer Engineering, Department of System Design Engineering and Cooperative Major in Sustainable Engineering, and applicants for this program shall be assigned either one of these departments.

This Program aims to acquire multidisciplinary knowledge about design for environment mainly about the idea of de-carbonization and green energy.

#### **1. Target Students**

Applicants shall be the residents outside of Japan currently and will be newly enrolled into Master's Course at Graduate School, Akita University in April 2024.

#### **2. Nationality: As shown in hereinafter "17. Nationality"**

#### **3. Age: Applicants must have been born after April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1989.**

#### **4. Academic Background**

Applicants shall have completed their study at university as Bachelor, or will prospectively complete their study at university by March 2024.

#### **5. Academic Grades**

It is expected for currently working adults to have GPA (Grade Point Average: 1-3 scale/ calculation method is shown in hereinafter "18. Calculation Method of GPA") score at 2.30 or more on their final academic backgrounds, or for current students to have GPA

score at 2.30 or more on their latest academic grades. At the same time, applicants shall be requested to maintain the score even during the scholarship period.

#### 6. Language Requirements

Applicants shall meet either one of the following requirements about the language skill (Japanese or English).

- Japanese: Applicants shall pass the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) level N2 or higher, or have completed an educational program in which Japanese is the primary language that meets the requirements for admission to the Master's Degree.
- English: Applicants shall have a score of B2 or higher on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in English, or have completed an educational program in which English is the primary language that meets the requirements for admission to the Master's Degree.

#### 7. Arrival Date in Japan

In principle, applicants shall arrive in Japan between April 1st and April 7th, 2024. The departure date from applicants' resident countries shall also be April 1st, 2024 or later.

#### 8. Visa Requirements

Applicants shall, in principle, newly obtain a “Student” Visa at Japanese diplomatic mission located in each country of nationality before leaving for Japan, and enter Japan with the residence status of “Student”.

#### 9. 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.

#### 10. Period of Scholarship

The scholarship period is effective for the standard total education period at the Department (two years).

#### 11. Scholarship Benefits Allowance

144,000 yen per month will be supplied.

#### 12. 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 “17. 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.

### 13. Admission and Tuition Fees

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

### 14. 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 Japanese laws and is sentenced to imprisonment with or without work for life or for a period of exceeding 1 year.
- ③ 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.
- ④ 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.
- ⑤ The recipient arrives at Japan without valid student Visa, or the recipient's residence status has changed to one other than “Student”.
- ⑥ The recipient has received a scholarship from another institution (excluding those specified for research expenditures).
- ⑦ The recipient has proceeded to a higher level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship.
- ⑧ The recipient has withdrawn from Akita University or has moved to another university/ college or another graduate school.
- ⑨ The recipient fails to keep GPA at 2.30 or more at each end of the academic year, or required grade level of Akita University.

### 15. Requirements for Completion of Program

- (1) Complete Master's Course at Akita University with satisfying all the requirements at the relevant Department.

(2) In addition to the requirements referred to in (1), register and obtain credits for specific subjects (5 subjects) prescribed by Program.

#### 16. 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:

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

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.

## 17. Nationality

India, Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Philippines, Brunei, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Maldives, Mongolia, Laos, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Moldova, 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, 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, Swaziland, Seychelles, Equatorial Guinea, Senegal, Somalia, Tanzania, Chad, Central Africa, Tunisia, Togo, Nigeria, Namibia, Niger, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Benin, Botswana, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, South Africa, Mozambique, Mauritius, Mauritania, Morocco, Libya, Liberia, Rwanda, Lesotho, South Sudan, USA, Argentina, Uruguay, Ecuador, Guyana, Colombia, Suriname, Chile, Paraguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Bolivia, Albania, Ukraine, Austria, Cyprus, Greece, Croatia, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland, Macedonia, Liechtenstein, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo

Applicants who fulfill these requirements shall take the Special entrance examination for foreigners (secondary recruitment)

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Those who wish to apply for the Program will be interviewed online at a later date and the result shall be announced accordingly.

● Master's Courses 2024 April ( Spring ) Special entrance examination for foreigners (secondary recruitment)

[https://www.riko.akita-u.ac.jp/assets/files/nyushi2023/M202404\\_secondary.pdf](https://www.riko.akita-u.ac.jp/assets/files/nyushi2023/M202404_secondary.pdf)