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## **2020 Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Guidelines** **(University Recommended Students)**

This is an English translation of the important points regarding the MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) Scholarship, prepared by Keio University with explanatory remarks. Please read it carefully.

### **1 Eligibility and Requirements**

(1) Applicants who wish to study at Keio University as a regular student in a bachelor degree program through Admissions for Overseas Students (GIGA Program) **must have maintained a GPA of 2.3 or above in the previous two years in high school, and be expected to maintain it during studies at Keio University.** The student must display excellence and be arriving to Japan from abroad for the purpose of being admitted to the university.

※How to calculate average grade points for the MEXT scholarship:

| Grading System  | Grade                   |           |          |          |          |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                 |                         | Excellent | Good     | Average  | Fail     |
| 4 Level Grading |                         | A         | B        | C        | F        |
|                 |                         | 100-80    | 79-70    | 69-60    | below 59 |
|                 | S                       | A         | B        | C        | F        |
| 5 Level Grading | A                       | B         | C        | D        | F        |
|                 | 100-90                  | 89-80     | 79-70    | 69-60    | below 59 |
|                 | <b>Grade Point (GP)</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> |

$$\frac{[(\text{No. of GP3 Credits}] \times 3) + (\text{No. of GP2 Credits}] \times 2) + (\text{No. of GP1 Credits}] \times 1) + (\text{No. of GP0 Credits}] \times 0)}{\text{Total No. of Credits Registered}}$$

(2) The applicant's nationality must be of a country that has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government. In principle, those with Japanese nationality are not eligible.

(3) The applicant must have been born on or after April 2, 1995, and be physically and mentally healthy enough to pursue study at the university.

(4) The applicant must fulfil **ANY** of the following **English ability requirements.**

1. The applicant must have acquired **a qualification or score equivalent to level B2 or higher on an English language proficiency test** defined by the CEFR by the time of admission.
2. The applicant must have completed secondary education where the medium of instruction was English and must be qualified to enroll in a Japanese University.

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3. The applicant must be recognized by the receiving university to have English language proficiency that is equivalent to or higher than the level in requirement (4) 1. above.

(5) The applicant must be able to leave for and arrive in Japan within two weeks of the date set by the receiving university for the beginning of the semester (in principle, in September). The university will determine the date that the applicant will arrive to Japan. Excluding cases in which MEXT deems it unavoidable, the applicant will be required to withdraw from the scholarship if they cannot arrive in Japan by the end of the specified period. Travel expenses will not be provided if the applicant chooses to travel to Japan before these set dates due to personal reasons.

(6) In principle, the applicant must obtain **a student visa** from the Japanese Embassy/Consulate General in the country of his/her nationality prior to arriving in Japan.

(7) Applicants who meet any of the following conditions are **NOT** eligible. If it is identified that any of these conditions are met after being selected for the scholarship, the scholarship will be revoked.

(a) The applicant is an active member of the military or a civilian employed by the military at the time the scholarship period is due to begin.

(b) The applicant is unable to travel to Japan within the dates set by the receiving university.

(c) The applicant was a recipient of a MEXT Scholarship in the past.

(d) The applicant applies for multiple MEXT Scholarship that will start in Academic Year 2020.

(e) The applicant is already in Japan or is going to stay in Japan as a privately-financed international student in Academic Year 2020 and will continue to stay after the fall semester.

(f) The applicant is already the recipient of a scholarship from an organization (including a governmental organization in their country of origin) other than the Japanese government (MEXT).

(g) The applicant is expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the qualifications and the conditions related to their academic performance by the specified date.

(h) The applicant intends to participate in fieldwork or an internship in countries other than Japan, or a temporary leave of absence, for a long period of time after applying for the scholarship.

(8) Other

While the recipient is studying in Japan, they should contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at local schools and communities with the aim of contributing to Japan's globalization. They should also make efforts to promote better relations between their home country and Japan by maintaining close ties with university after graduation, taking surveys and questionnaires after their return home, and cooperating with all relevant projects and events conducted by Japanese government establishments in the applicant's country.

## **2 Scholarship Period**

The period of the scholarship is **up to four years**.

※It is mandatory to maintain **a GPA of 2.3 or above** during studies in Keio University. The scholarship will be revoked during enrollment if the applicant does not maintain this GPA

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throughout an academic year (Fall and Spring Semester).

**3 Details Concerning the Scholarship**

(1) The scholarship amount for living expenses in Academic Year 2020 is 117,000JPY per month.

※Please note that these amounts are subject to change each year depending on the annual budget.

※The scholarship will not be paid for periods of temporary leave of absence or other long absences from the university.

(2) Traveling Costs

• Transportation to Japan:

In principle, MEXT determines the travel schedule and route, and provides an economy class airline ticket at the most affordable price for a flight from the international airport closest to the recipient's residence (in principle, the country of nationality) to the international airport on the normal route to the university they are accepted. The recipient should bear at their own expense all costs related to domestic travel from their residence to the closest international airport, including airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including transit), and travel insurance expense, etc.

• Returning to your home country:

In principle, MEXT will provide an airline ticket to recipients who graduate from Keio University and return to their home country by the end of the final month of the period of scholarship specified in section 2 above. Based on the application from the recipient, MEXT will provide an economy class airline ticket at the most affordable price from the international airport used on the normal route from the university they were accepted to the international airport closest to the recipient's residence (in principle, in the country of nationality). The recipient should bear at their own expense all costs related to domestic travel from their residence to the closest international airport, including airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including transit), and travel insurance expense, etc. If the recipient returns to the home country before the end of the scholarship period due to personal reasons, MEXT will not pay for the return travel expenses.

If the recipient continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended, they will not be paid travel expenses to return to their home country for a temporary return.

(3) The application fee, admission fee and academic fees for the first year (2020 Fall semester and 2021 Spring semester) will be covered by Keio University. The recipient may renew the scholarship for the second year onwards through a screening process based on their GPA and other conditions.

**4 Final Announcement of the Scholarship Award from MEXT**

Keio University will receive the screening results from MEXT in the beginning of August (Schedule).