**JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP**

**FOR 2019**

**UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATUION (RESEARCH STUDENT)**

MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) offers scholarships to foreign students who wish to study at Japanese Universities as research students under the Japanese Government Scholarship Program (University recommendation) for **2019** as follows:

1. **QUALIFICATIONS**
2. Those who do not currently live in Japan.
3. Nationality: Applicants must have nationality to which the scholarships are offered.

(An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible)

1. Age: Born on and after the 2nd of April 1984.
2. Academic background: Each applicant must have an undergraduate degree of a Japanese university or have the same or a higher level of academic ability than a university or college graduate. 《16 years of school education》
3. Major Field of Study: Applicants will study at Shiga University as ***a research student of graduate level.*** The field of study should be related what the applicant have studied at College/University.
4. Japanese Language Proficiency: Students who do not have a good working knowledge of Japanese (N2 or equivalent) cannot be accepted.
5. Health: Applicants must not be mentally or physically challenged in such a way that this would pose a serious obstacle to their ability of study.
6. Arrival in Japan: Applicants must be able to leave for and arrive in Japan in late September, 2019.
7. Visa: Applicants are required to acquire a “College Student” visa when they come to Japan.

NOTE

a. Military personnel and military civilian employees registered on the active list are excluded.

b. The applicant who cannot arrive in Japan in set period, travel expenses will not be paid.

c. An applicant who has been awarded a Japanese Government Scholarship in the past will not be selected unless he/she has had at least three years of research and teaching experience after returning to his /her home country.

d. Recipients of scholarship from other institutions (including their own Government) will not be selected as grantees of Japanese Government Scholarships.

e. An applicant who will enroll in a Japanese university as a privately financed foreign student

in 2019 will not be selected.

　f. Applicant must hold a GPA of 2.30 or above (in the past 2years)　and need to maintain at 2.30 while studying in a Japanese University.

g. Applicant must have Japanese or English proficiency level as follows:

 JAPANESE: JLPT N2 or equivalent (with certificate)

 ENGLISh: CEFR B2 or equivalent (with certificate)

**2. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS**

1. Allowance 143,000 yen per month **(subject to change)**
2. Term of Scholarship October 2019 to March 2021

※　If Grantee desires to proceed to regular graduate course at Shiga University from research student course, ***s/he must take and pass entrance examination. To be eligible for extension of scholarship, student cannot apply for another university. Extension will be only granted after submitting extension application upon admission to graduate school.***

1. Transportation

MEXT will arrange and pay for the airfare to and from Japan. Grantee will be responsible for airport tax.

(4) Tuition fee: Exempt

(5) Accommodations: International House (available only for first year, Graduate School of Economics) or Private Apartments (Graduate School of Education)

**3. SELECTION AND RESULT NOTIFICATION**

(1) Shiga University will hold an interview with applicants via Skype or telephone.

(2) Each candidate is required to prepare application for 2018 and additional documents by the date designated by Shiga University.

(3) Shiga University will select preliminary candidates from among applicants by means of

an interview and a review of documents.

(4) MEXT will conduct a final selection based on the results of the preliminary selection and notify national scholarship recipients to Shiga University ***late June, 2019.***

***Please note that not every applicant who has passed the preliminary selection will pass the final selection***.

(5) Shiga University informs the result to the grantee’s home institution. The applicant is required to submit the **PLEDGE** (prescribed form) by the designated date.

**4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

**A. Each applicant must submit the following documents to Shiga University （PDF format） by February 22, 2019.**

**Be sure the name you fill in on your application is your full legal name. This must be the name that appears on your passport.**

(1) **Application** for admission (prescribed form/***DOUBLE SIDED PRINTING)***

Field of study and study program (attachment)

(2) **Letter of Recommendation** to the President of Shiga University (Professor Ryuichi IDA) from the president or the　dean of the department.

(3) **Academic Transcript** of the ***LAST UNIVERSITY ATTENDED****.*

(4) **Graduation Certificate or Diploma of the *LAST UNIVERSITY ATTENDED***

(or attested document certifying that the applicant will graduate from the school, where

applicable).

 (5) **Official Academic Grade Record** (GPA or Order of Merit)

(6) **Abstract** **of your Academic Thesis**

(7) **Language Proficiency**

Proof of proficiency in the English Language (TOEFL/IELTS, etc) or Japanese Language (Japanese Language Proficiency Test)

　　　　※These documents must be written in either Japanese or English.

 A document written in any other language must be attached with a Japanese or English translation.

* The academic transcripts of the last university attended should be prepared to show the grade scale applied and the grades earned by the applicant on all the subjects studied for each year studied at a university /faculty and a graduate school.
* For abstracts of the theses, abstracts of the graduation thesis and presented papers will suffice. Please note that these abstracts will be used as basic data for evaluation of the applicant’s academic ability.

**B. Each applicant must submit the original documents (1)-(7) above and the following documents to Shiga University by post, by March 1 , 2019.**

(2) **Two pieces of photographs** (4.5×3.5cm) taken within the past six months. (Full-faced photograph from the waist up. The applicant must not wear a cap or hat. The applicant must write his/ her name and nationality on the back of each photograph and paste them on the application form.)

(4) **Family Registration Certificate**

**5. NOTES**

A grantee will be deprived of his/her scholarship in any of the following cases:

a. A false statement has been made in the application.

b. S/he violates any article of his/her pledge to the Monbukagaku daijin (the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

c. S/he has been subjected to disciplinary action by the university or has no prospects for academic improvement.

d. His /her visa status has been changed to the one other than “College Student”

e. S/he has received scholarships from other institutions including his/her own government.

**Please note that lectures at Shiga University are conducted and taught in Japanese (except for some courses), thus students need to have a sufficient level of Japanese proficiency for graduate courses.**