

Guidelines for Applicants

Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT)
Scholarship Program

**Human Resource Development Program for Innovation
in Sustainable Energy Creation through Nano-
Metrology and Nano-Imaging Technologies
Master's program / Doctoral program
- October 2026 Admission -**

Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative
Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology
KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY

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The Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative and the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology are pleased to announce a program for master's and doctoral degrees. This program offers courses conducted primarily in English and provides scholarships for outstanding international students with exceptional academic ability. Further details of the program are available in the attached document.

Students who are admitted to the program will receive a Japanese Government Scholarship, funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Monbukagakusho: MEXT). The details are provided below.

1. Number of Students and Field of Research

1) Number of students

Master's program: 2 persons

Doctoral program: 3 persons

2) Field of research

Nano-sciences, Chemistry, Energy-related chemistry, Energy-related material sciences

2. Eligibility and Conditions

1) Nationality and Visa Requirement

Applicants must have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan and the applicants expected to apply are nationals designated as a "country in the focus area" by MEXT (see attached), and shall, in principle, newly obtain a "Student" visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission located in the applicant's country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student." If the applicants from non-focus area and those who are already residing in Japan for the medium to long term wish to apply for recommendation, they may apply for this scholarship with the understanding that there is a limit to the number of nominations for non-priority regional nationals or residents of Japan.

2) Age

Applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1991.

- Applicants to the Master's program must be at least 22 years of age by September 30, 2026.
- Applicants to the Doctoral program must be at least 24 years of age by September 30, 2026.

3) Academic background

Master's program: Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements, or be qualified or expected to be qualified by September 30, 2026, to enter a master's program in Japan.

- [1] have completed a 16-year school curriculum in a foreign country, or be expected to complete it by September 30, 2026.
- [2] have been deemed eligible through a qualification review conducted by the Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative or the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology.

Doctoral program: Applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements, or be qualified or expected to be qualified by September 30, 2026, to enter a doctoral program in Japan.

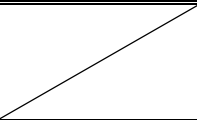
- [1] have obtained a master's degree or a professional degree, or be expected to obtain such a degree by September 30, 2026.
- [2] have been deemed eligible through a qualification review conducted by the Graduate School of

Frontier Science Initiative or the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology.

4) Academic record

Applicants must have a Grade Point Average (GPA)* of 2.3 or higher in the most recent program in which they were or are currently enrolled, and are expected to maintain this GPA throughout the scholarship period.

* The GPA will be calculated according to the method designated by MEXT, as outlined below.

Category	Evaluation Grade				
4 grades evaluation		Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fail
		A	B	C	F
		100-80	79-70	69~60	59-
5 grades evaluation	S	A	B	C	F
	A	B	C	D	F
	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	59-
GP	3	3	2	1	0

(Formula)

$$\frac{(\text{GP3 Number of Credits} \times 3) + (\text{GP2 Number of Credits} \times 2) + (\text{GP1 Number of Credits} \times 1) + (\text{GP0 Number of Credits} \times 0)}{\text{Total Number of Credits Registered}}$$

Note 1: If the course is not credit system, the number of credits will be replaced with the number of courses.

Note 2: If the applicant is a transfer student, the calculation is based on only the number of credits after the transfer.

Note 3: Grades (e.g., "Certified", "Pass", etc.) that are not listed in the above table will be excluded.

Note 4: If fractions appear in GPA, it will be rounded down to the third decimal place.

Note5: For evaluation levels not listed in the table above (e.g., "8-point" or "10-point"), if the university that issued the student's transcript, or a public institution such as the local government, provides an official conversion table (such as a 100-point conversion table), this conversion table should be used to calculate the academic performance coefficient. If no official conversion table is available, applicants must submit a letter of recommendation addressed to the President of Kanazawa University, issued at the level of the dean of the graduate school of the university to which they belong or from which they have graduated. The letter should certify that the applicant ranks within the top 30% of students in term of academic performance at the university, faculty, or graduate school.

5) Language proficiency

Applicants must satisfy any one of the following conditions.

- [1] have a score of any test of English language ability equivalent to or higher than the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) B2 level. The score must show that the applicant has reached B2 level in the four skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing. The test date must be after November 1, 2023.
- [2] completed a curriculum which meets the qualification to enter to the program of their choice in Japan, with English as the mainly language.

[3] can be concluded that applicant has English ability equal to or higher than [1].

6) Health

Applicants who are judged by the university to have no physical or mental conditions hindering the applicant's study in Japan.

7) Arrival in Japan

Applicants must arrive in Japan between September 17, 2026 and October 14, 2026.

Note: The official enrollment date is October 1, 2026.

8) Non-eligibility

Those who meet any one of the following conditions are ineligible. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, they must withdraw from the scholarship.

- [1] Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the scholarship award period;
- [2] Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the date specified by MEXT or the accepting university;
- [3] Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after acquisition of student status). However, this does not apply to those who wish to apply for Research Students program and meet any one of the following conditions. In addition, since the Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students does not apply to the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs, the previous grantees can apply;
 - those who have at least three years of educational or work experience following the end of the payment of the previous scholarship and the start of this scholarship;
 - the past grantees of Japanese Studies Students program who have graduated or are going to graduate from universities in their home countries, Japan-Korea Joint Government Scholarship Program for the Students in Science and Engineering Departments and Young Leaders' Program;
 - those who have obtained or are expected to obtain a degree as undergraduate students of the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs (university recommendation/special selection).
- [4] Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system. This includes the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2026;
- [5] Those who are planning to receive scholarship or fellowships from Japanese government, a Japanese government-related organization and others after the start of the scholarship payment period (after acquisition of student status);
- [6] Those who are expected to graduate from a university at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given;
- [7] Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan (the acquisition of student states);
- [8] Those who plan to, from the time of application for the MEXT scholarship program, engage in long-term research activities (internship, fieldwork etc.) outside Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from the university;
- [9] Those who have no intention to obtain a degree.

9) Others

MEXT Scholarship will be granted those who are willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at schools and communities during their study in Japan while contributing to the internationalization of Japan. They shall also make efforts to promote relations between the home country and Japan by maintaining close relations with the university attended after graduation, cooperating with the conducting of surveys and questionnaires, and cooperating with relevant projects and events conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission after they return to their home countries.

3. Application procedures

1) Required documents

The following documents must be prepared in Japanese or English on A4-sized sheets. Documents prepared in other languages must be attached by a Japanese translation. All submitted documents will not be returned.

- [1] Cover sheet (use the formats supplied)
- [2] Application form (use the formats supplied)
- [3] Field of Study and Research Plan (use the formats supplied)
- [4] Official academic transcript
- [5] The university diploma, the certificate of degree, or a certified letter from the university at which the applicant is currently enrolled, stating the expected graduation date
- [6] Photocopy of a passport or birth certificate or certificate of citizenship of the applicant's home country
- [7] Letter of recommendation written by the President, Dean or Director of the institution addressed to the President of Kanazawa University (use the format supplied)
- [8] Master's program: A summary of the Bachelor's thesis (or research content) written in English
Doctoral program: A summary of the Master's thesis (or research content) written in English
- [9] Acceptance letter written by a prospective academic supervisor from Kanazawa University (an e-mailed one is also available)
- [10] Documents certifying that it meets the requirements of the language ability
 - {1} A score of any test of English language ability such as TOEIC (both L&R and S&W), TOEFL-iBT or IELTS
 - {2} A certificate stating that the main instruction is English, from an institution the applicant have completed / will have completed which meets the qualification to enter to the program of their choice in JapanIf neither {1} nor {2} can be submitted, any documents showing the English ability must be submitted.
- [11] Certificate of health (use the formats supplied, to be completed by the examining physician)
- [12] Pledge to the President of Kanazawa University (use the formats supplied, both sides printing)
- [13] For those who are currently employed, a letter of release / recognition from their superior authorities, recognizing their right to apply and/or pursue further education in Kanazawa University

Note: In order for the GPA to be calculated, the evaluation grade on all the subjects studied must be indicated in [4]. If not, for example because the grade is judged only by pass / fail etc., [7] must include the information that applicant's academic record is in the top 30% of the faculty or the university.

2) Submission address and application deadline

The application documents must be submitted by e-mail with the subject header “[MEXT ISENT] applicant’s name”. The original documents should be sent by registered air mail after receiving instructions from Graduate School Affairs Section (s-yugo@adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp).

Submission address: s-yugo@adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp

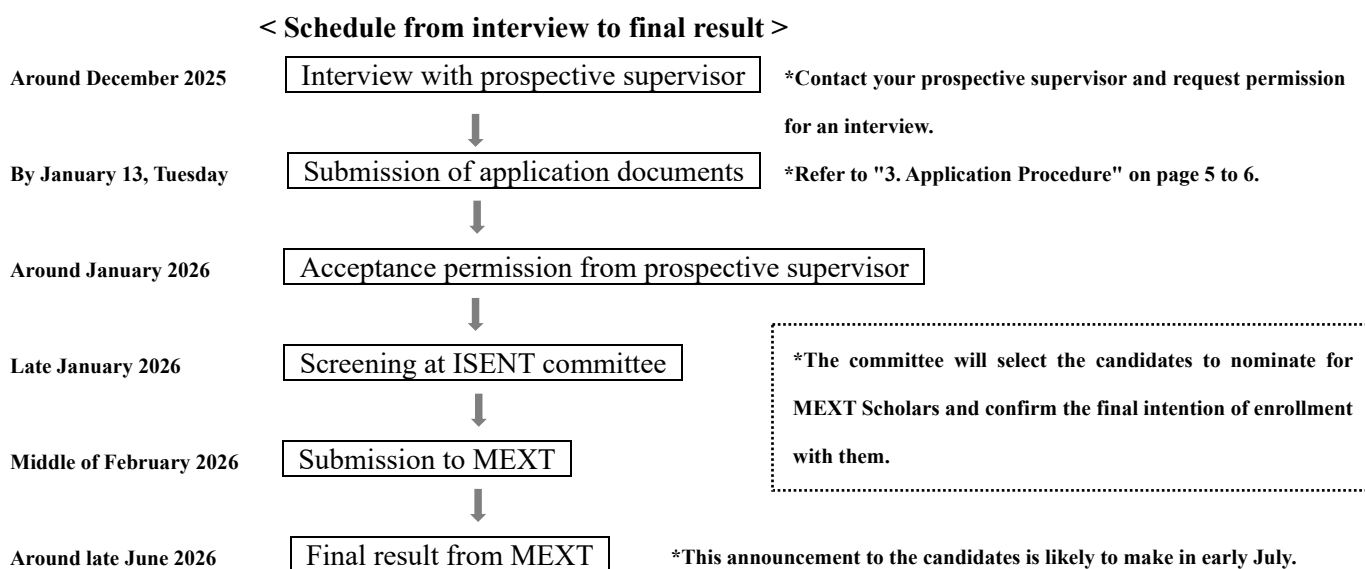
Application deadline: 10:00 am [JST], January 13 (Tue), 2026

Applications that are incomplete, incorrect or not supported by evidence, or arrive even one minute late to the deadline will NOT be accepted.

4. Selection and Announcement of Results

The preliminary selection will be conducted by the Committee of Human Resource Development Program for Innovation in Sustainable Energy Creation through Nano-Metrology and Nano-Imaging Technologies, based on the application documents. The Committee may contact applicants by e-mail for additional information. Kanazawa University will then recommend the selected candidates to MEXT, which will make the final decision regarding scholarship recipients. Admission will begin with the semester starting on October 1, 2026.

Applicants will be notified of the results of the preliminary selection by March 2026. The final results, authorized by MEXT, will be announced by late June 2026.



Note : If any deficiencies are found in the submitted documents, applicants may be asked to make individual corrections before the ISENT Committee makes its screening decision.

5. Scholarship and Benefits

1) Scholarship

Master’s program: 144,000 yen per month will be paid from October 2026 to September 2028.

Doctoral program: 145,000 yen per month will be paid from October 2026 to September 2029.

Note: 1: If a grantee takes a leave of absence or is absent for an extended period of time, the scholarship will not be paid for that period.

Note: 2: The scholarship period will not be extended, except in the case of a master's program grantee is certain to enter a doctoral program and is approved an extension of the period for that.

2) Travel expenses

Transportation to Japan: The grantee will be supplied with an economy class air ticket from the international airport nearest to their "Current Address" or "Your address before departure for Japan" as indicated in the application form to the first international airport they arrive at in Japan if they travel to Japan during the period described in 7) Arrival in Japan on page 4. All other domestic travel expenses, airport taxes, etc. will NOT be covered. Air travel from a country other than the grantee's nationality will not be covered. Travel expenses will not be paid for domestic recommenders, regardless of any reasons. If applicants return to their country of nationality after applying and re-arrive to Japan before scholarship payment begin, travel expenses will not be paid for.

Transportation from Japan: The grantee who returns to their home country within the last-payment month of their scholarship will be provided, upon application, with an economy class air ticket from an international airport in Japan to the international airport nearest to their home address. If grantees remain in Japan after the scholarship period, they will not be provided with travel expenses to return to their home country. The same applies to travel expenses for temporary return.

3) School Fees

Examination fee /Admission fee: waived

Tuition fee: waived (during the scholarship period)

6. Unavoidable circumstances

In the event of unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances, Japanese Government reserves the right to change or cancel the arrival date, scholarship, and contents of the application guidelines here within, at any time before or after notification of the results of the final selection.

Unavoidable Circumstances are defined as events whose effects could not reasonably be prevented or controlled by MEXT including but not limited to the natural disaster, acts of government (including local government, hereafter referred to as government), acts of government authorities (including limitations on travel or immigration enacted by the Japanese government or other foreign countries' government due to the event of infectious disease), compliance with law, regulations or orders, fire, flooding and torrential rain, earthquakes, acts of war (regardless of a declaration of war), revolt, revolution or rebellion, strike, or lockout.

7. Notes

- 1) Applicants must maintain close contact with their prospective supervisors at Kanazawa University.
- 2) Once applicants have received the results of the preliminary selection and have agreed to accept the scholarship, they may not change their host institution in Japan.
- 3) In the following cases, MEXT will cancel the provision of scholarships. In these cases, the MEXT

may order the return of part or all of the scholarship funds already provided. In addition, the MEXT may suspend the provision of the scholarship until a decision on the disposition is made.

1. Any information supplied with the application is later found to be false. Admission may be canceled any time after enrollment.
 2. They violate the pledge declared to the MEXT.
 3. They violate the laws and regulations of Japan and is punished by imprisonment for life or for a definite term of not less than one year.
 4. They have been expelled, suspended, given a warning or similar disciplinary action.
 5. If it becomes definitive that they will not be able to complete the program within the standard term of study due to poor academic achievement, suspension, leave of absence, etc.
 6. They change the status of residence to one other than “student”.
 7. They receive financial support from their government or other organizations (except for a scholarship designated for research expenses).
 8. They enter a higher-level program without receiving approval for an extension of the scholarship period.
 9. They withdraw from Kanazawa University or transfer to another university.
 10. **At any point during each academic year, the grantee’s GPA falls below 2.30.**
- 4) The grantees are advised to learn, before departing for Japan, the Japanese language and to acquire information about Japanese weather, climate, customs, university education, and conditions of the university to attend in Japan, as well as about the difference between the Japanese legal system and that of their home country.
 - 5) As the first installment of the scholarship will be paid approximately one to one and a half months after a grantee’s arrival in Japan, the grantees are recommended to bring at least US\$2,000 to Japan to cover immediate living expenses and other necessary expenses.
 - 6) If grantees are found to have an infectious disease such as tuberculosis, based on a health certificate, the condition must be reported prior to arrival in Japan. Grantees who have not fully recovered by the time of arrival in Japan will not be permitted to enter Japan.

8. Contact information

Please contact by e-mail with the subject line “[MEXT ISENT] Applicant’s Name”.

* Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. (Excluding holidays) 8:30 am to 5 pm [JST]

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