

# Japanese Government (Monbu-kagaku-Sho: MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2021 (Research Students)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Embassy of Japan in Syria)

### **1) I am an undergraduate student. Can I apply for the MEXT scholarship for research students?**

It is possible to apply for the MEXT Scholarship Program for Research Students, if you satisfy the requirement before the enrollment of university in Japan. See Section 3 of the Application Guidelines.

### **2) Do I need to know Japanese to get the scholarship?**

Applicants must be fluent in English or Japanese.

### **3) The Application asks for a copy of my senior thesis; however, I did not write a senior thesis. What should I do?**

In case you did not write a senior thesis, we ask that you submit a copy of a major paper or project you have completed. It will be used for the evaluation of the applicant's academic ability.

### **4) Is it necessary that I have majored in the Field of Study I intend to pursue in Japan?**

Applicants should apply for the field of study they majored in at their university or a related field. Your area of study must be a subject which you will be able to study at a Japanese university.

### **5) Should the notary validate the English translation?**

Documents such as school graduation certificate, diploma, or other similar certificates SHOULD BE translated into English and validated by a notary. If there is no possibility of getting documents in the English language (signed and stamped), they should also be translated into English and validated by the notary. Health Certificate should be filled in English.

### **6) To what extent should I make my Field of Study and Research Program Plan?**

The Research Program Plan should be something you would feel comfortable submitting as a Research Proposal to a graduate school in Syria. While we understand research focuses may change, you should give us a specific account of your intended research topic, methodology, and how your research fits into current research being done in the field. It would be best if you also inform us why this research must be done at a Japanese university.

### **7) Do all scholarship recipients take the 6-month intensive Japanese language course upon arrival in Japan?**

Your university in Japan will decide whether they want you to take the Japanese language course before beginning your research term or not.