

## FAQ

**Q: What should I do to begin applying to the program?**

**A:** First of all, decide which level is the most appropriate for you—Undergraduate, Japanese Studies or Research Studies. Secondly, decide on a major field of study, which is like declaring your major for undergraduate study in Canada. Major fields of study may include subjects in the areas of Social Sciences, Humanities or Natural Sciences. For example, one major field of study might be Computer Science Research in Artificial Intelligence, which falls under the Natural Sciences category.

**Q: For Research Studies, how can I choose which university to apply to in Japan?**

**A:** Ask your professors if they can suggest universities to apply to in Japan. If your professor or past professors are not able to assist you in deciding where to go, you may go to the **Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)** website where they have a search engine of all the universities in Japan. The search engine can help you find a university which offers the program of study you wish to pursue.

**Q: When does the academic year begin and end in universities in Japan?**

**A:** The academic year in universities in Japan begins in April and ends in March of the following year. In most cases, the year is divided into two semesters, the first lasting from April to September and the second from October to March.

**Q: I am a Canadian student currently studying outside of Canada. How do I apply and do I have to return to Canada for the interview and necessary testing?**

**A:** You must obtain the application forms from the Embassy website and submit them to either the Embassy or Consulate General which is closest to your home city. Yes, you must return to Canada for the interview and testing. There will be no exceptions made.

## Contact Information

### Embassy of Japan in Canada

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Tel: 613-241-8541

Fax: 613-241-4261

[http://www.ca.emb-japan.go.jp/canada\\_e/MEXT/index.html](http://www.ca.emb-japan.go.jp/canada_e/MEXT/index.html)

### Consulate General of Japan in Montreal

culture@mt.mofa.go.jp

Tel: 514-866-3429

Fax: 514-395-6000

### Consulate General of Japan in Toronto

access@to.mofa.go.jp

Tel: 416-363-5488

Fax: 416-367-9392

### Consulate General of Japan in Calgary

info@cl.mofa.go.jp

Tel: 403-294-0782

Fax: 403-294-1645

### Consulate General of Japan in Vancouver

education@vc.mofa.go.jp

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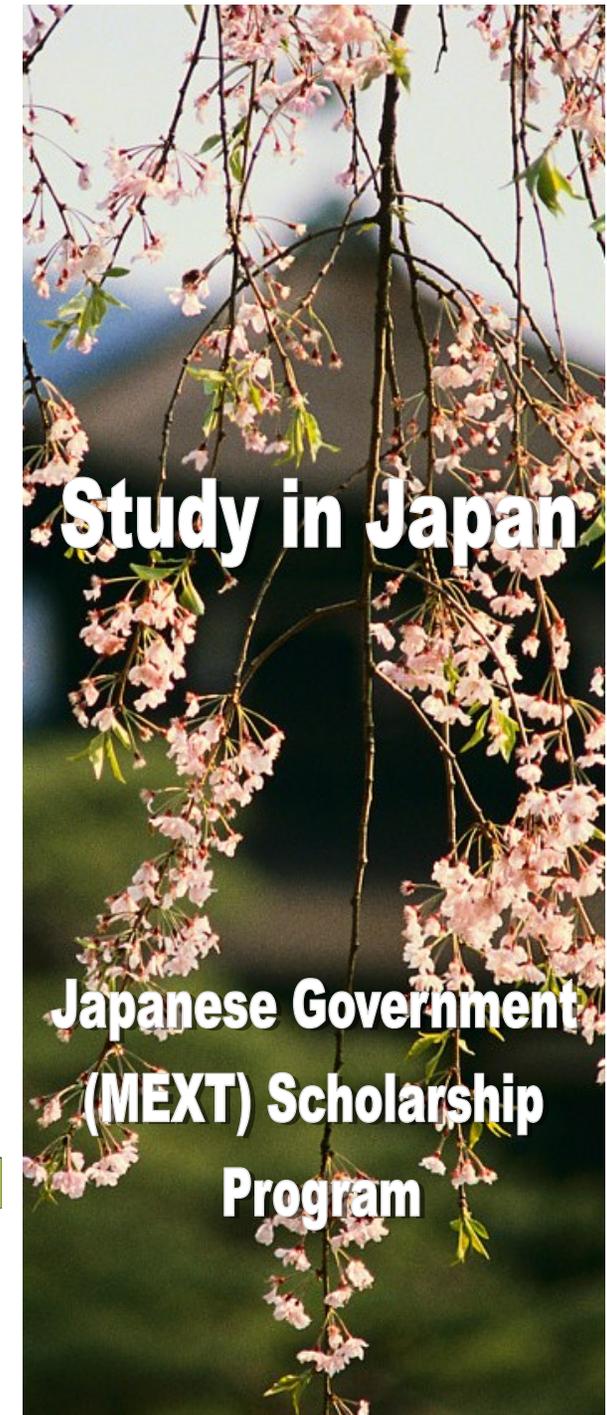
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OTTAWA, CANADA



More information on studying in Japan can be found at the **Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)** website:

[http://www2.jasso.go.jp/index\\_e.html](http://www2.jasso.go.jp/index_e.html)

Interested in teaching/working in Japan?  
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## Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program

The **Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)** of the Government of Japan offers three types of scholarships (**Undergraduate, Japanese Studies, Research Studies**) to Canadian Students who wish to study at Japanese universities. The Japanese government scholarship student system was established in 1954. In 2011, there were 138,075 international students, out of which 9,396 students have received the Japanese government Scholarship.



The Scholarship covers **tuition fees, flights to and from Japan, and provides monthly allowance.**

If an applicant is chosen by the Selection Committee to be a candidate, he/she will have an interview and exams at the office to which they submitted the application ( i.e. the Embassy of Japan or Consulate General of Japan in Canada).



### Undergraduate Scholarship

A five-year scholarship is offered for students who wish to do their undergraduate degree in Japan. For those majoring in medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine the term of the scholarship is seven years.

The first year of the program is devoted to Japanese language studies. Students may reside at the residence hall of the preparatory school during the first year. **The deadline is around May.** This scholarship is offered to students between 17 years and 21 years of age.

### Research Studies

The Research Studies scholarship is offered to graduate students who wish to further their studies at a Japanese university. The term of the scholarship is from 18 months to two years with six months of language training included.

**The deadline for the scholarship is around May** with students leaving in April or October of the following year. Students applying for the Research Studies scholarship must be under 35 years of age and must have completed 16 years of schooling. The course of studies they wish to undertake in Japan should be the same as, or related to, what they studied at the previous university.

Students are encouraged to make contact with a Japanese professor at the university they wish to study at and obtain a letter of acceptance from the professor. Students applying for this scholarship will be asked to take a Japanese language test, however, proficiency in Japanese is not a requirement.

### Japanese Studies

The Japanese Studies scholarship is for undergraduate students who wish to pursue studies in Japanese language and culture. The term of the scholarship is one year, beginning in October and ending in September. Students applying for this scholarship should possess good knowledge of the Japanese language that is proficient enough to receive education in Japanese. Japanese studies should be part of their regular course of study as well.

**The deadline for the Japanese Studies scholarship is usually in March each year** and students will depart for Japan in September or October the same year. Applicants must be between 18 and 30 years old.

