



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

(Higher Education Division)

Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarships – 2026 (National Institute of Technology/ (Kosen) students)

Applications are invited from eligible applicants for the award of National Institute of Technology scholarships offered by the Japanese Government for the year 2026 under the above scholarship scheme.

(01) General Eligibility requirements:

- (a) Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Applicant should be born on or after April 2, 2001
- (c) The applicant should have a minimum of three passes at the **G.C.E. (A/L) examination – 2023 (2024) in Mathematical Stream (Subjects: Chemistry, Physics, Combined Mathematics)** conducted by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka.
- (d) Basic knowledge of Japanese Language is an added advantage
- (e) Should possess a good knowledge of English.
- (f) Should be in good health and ready to live in Japan during the period of study
- (g) The applicant should not be registered or following a course at a state university in Sri Lanka as an internal student (a student selected by UGC based on the G.C.E. A/L results).

(02) Fields of Study:

S.N	Fields
01	(A) Mechanical Engineering
02	(B) Electrical & Electronic Engineering
03	(C) Information, Communication & Network Engineering
04	(D) Materials Engineering
05	(E) Architecture
06	(F) Civil Engineering
07	(G) Maritime Engineering
08	(H) Other fields

(03) Medium of Instructions: Japanese Language

Applicants must be willing to learn Japanese. Applicants must be interested in Japan and be willing to deepen their understanding of Japan before and after arriving in Japan. In addition, in principle, applicants must be willing to receive national institute of technology (KOSEN) education in Japan.

(04) Terms of Award:

a) **Allowance:** 117,000 yen per month. A supplemental regional allowance of 2,000 or 3, 000 yen per month will be added to the monthly scholarship amount for the grantees studying or conducting research in specially designated regions. Due to the situation of the Japanese Government budget, the amount of payment may be subject to change each fiscal year.

b) **Education Fees:** Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation and tuition at National Institute of Technology/College of Technology (KOSEN) and preparatory educational institutions will be paid by MEXT.

c) **Expenses:**

(I) Transportation to Japan

MEXT will provide an economy class air ticket who will arrive in Japan during the specified period and student shall bear all costs related to domestic travel.

(II) Transportation from Japan:

MEXT will provide on airline ticket to grantee who shall graduate the National Institute of Technology/College of Technology (Kosen) and return to the home country by the end of the final month of the period of scholarship.

(III) Accommodation:

Expenses relating to accommodation will be borne by the grantee.

Notes:

- Each grantee will be enrolled a one-year intensive preparatory course in Japanese Language, Japanese affairs, mathematics and other subject necessary for preparation for proceeding to a National Institute of Technology (KOSEN).
- A guarantee who has passed completed the preparatory course will go on to a National Institute of Technology designated by MEXT.
- A National Institute of Technology operates under a five-year course requiring graduation from a junior high school for entrance, but the grantee will be enrolled in to the third year of the course at the National Institute of Technology and receive specialization education for three years prior to graduation (or three and a half years for those who major in maritime engineering). A graduates will be awarded a diploma an academic title of “Associate”.

- After five-year course, a two-year advanced course is offered by the college of Technology to provide a further level of education.
- If a grantee wishes to continue study at the advanced course as MEXT scholarship student, the scholarship period will be extended upon successful examination by MEXT. If a grantee completes the advanced course and passes the examination by the National Institution for Academic Degree and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE), NIAD-QE awards a bachelor's degree to him/her.
- The scholarship period will last for four years from April 2026 to March 2030 including one-year preparatory education in Japanese Language and other subjects due to be provided upon arrival in Japan. For scholarship grantees majoring in Maritime engineering, the scholarship period will be four and a half years, lasting up to September 2030.
- A grantee will not be permitted to change his/her fields of study at preparatory educational institution and National Institute of Technology (KOSEN).
- A grantee will not be permitted to transfer to another educational institution during the period of the preparatory education course or the course at the National Institute of Technology.
- Scholars are recommended to bring approximately at least US\$ 2000 to cover immediate expenses just after arrival in Japan as the first installment of the Scholarship payment will be paid from one month to one and half months after they arrived in Japan.
- The scholarship will not be paid to a grantee who takes leave of absence or is long absent from the assigned University or the preparatory Japanese -teaching institution.

(05) Non Eligibility:

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

- a) Those who are military personnel or military civilian employee at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of scholarship.
- b) Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship programs. (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after acquisition of student status)
- c) Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a resident status of “student “or who are to be enrolled, or plan to be enrolled, in a Japanese or other institution as a privately-financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant's country until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship.

(06) Special notes:

- a) Candidates who are awarded this scholarship would not be considered for university admission process of the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka.
- b) Award of the scholarship conditions laid down in this notification may vary as per the criteria imposed by the Japanese Government without prior notice.
- c) Candidates who received scholarship would select the higher educational institutes recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka.
- d) **If any student declines the offer after the selection process, he/she shall not be considered for any of the scholarships offered by this Ministry.**
- e) Extension of the period of the scholarship will not be recommended by this Ministry.
- f) You are advised to visit the following web site for further guidelines, other information and for past papers of the qualifying examination

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarships/mext-scholarships/examination.html>

(07) Applications:

- a) Online application is available at: <https://foreignscholarships.mohe.gov.lk/>
- b) **The deadline of the submission of the application is 13th May 2025**
- c) **Applicants should submit only one application via online portal and not required to send by post.**
- d) **The applicant can apply for ONE SCHEME ONLY, either for the Undergraduate Program or the National Institute of Technology/College of Technology Program.**
- e) Any statement in the application, which is found to be incorrect/false will liable to disqualification at any time and will lead to the withdrawal of the award.
- f) Incomplete in any respect or received late, will be rejected.

(08) Nominations & selections:

- All the eligible candidates should sit for a written test which will held in coordination with this Ministry and Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka, for the academic examination of the following subject.

Chosen Fields of Study	Subject
D	Japanese, English, Mathematics, and Chemistry
A,B,C,E,F,G	Japanese, English, Mathematics, and Physics
H	Japanese, English, Mathematics, and either Chemistry or Physics

- ❖ Applicants who combine (H) and (D) as his/her choice of fields of study must undertake Chemistry.
- ❖ Applicants who combine (H) and the fields of study other than (D) as his/her choice of fields of study must undertake Physics examinations.
- ❖ Applicants who chose (H) only can designate either Chemistry or Physics in his preference.

- The structured interviews will be conducted by the Japanese Embassy in Sri Lanka. Applicants will be informed of the final selection results by the Japanese Embassy in Sri Lanka by the end of January 2026.
- No candidate should treat his/her nomination for this Scholarship as the confirmation of award is a matter entirely within the discretion of the awarding authority.
- Any form of canvassing either written or verbal will be considered as a disqualification for a scholarship.

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