

Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship for Overseas Candidate

for Overseas Candidate and to enroll into a Japanese university or graduate school
in **April / October / September 2021**

The Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation

Japan's largest private scholarship organization,
both in terms of program scale and number of scholarships awarded,
supported by the contributions of Rotarians throughout Japan.
Proudly supporting overseas student's study in Japan.

What is Rotary?

Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary is a global network of people who are dedicated to contribute to social development and world peace through their various professions. Today, there are Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and regions of the world. The number of clubs reached 36,235 and of members 1,186,144 as of the 17th of August 2020. The Japanese first Rotary club was established in Tokyo in 1920. There are 2,238 clubs with 86,089 members in Japan as of the end of July 2020.

Preface

1. Objective

The Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Scholarship Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the “Yoneyama Foundation”) supports international students in achieving high academic achievements, and also at the same time teaches the spirit of Rotary through exchanges with counselors and *sewa* clubs. The purpose of this is to deepen mutual international understanding and develop bonds to grow into a bridge between the student’s mother country and Japan.

The scholarship qualifications therefore require enthusiasm and excellence in ①academic work, ②cross cultural understanding, and ③communication skills.

Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Scholars (hereinafter referred to as “Yoneyama Scholars”) are expected to learn the culture and customs of Japan, foster the mind of social contribution and participation, and mature into a member of society who can contribute to the Rotary’s ideal world, creating and maintaining world peace.

① Academic work

Clarify the purpose and goal, deepen the research and studies, and make efforts to achieve results.

② Cross culture understanding

Make efforts to understand different languages, cultures and customs.

③ Communication ability

Develop harmonious relationships, be flexible in accepting others and grow self-establishment.

2. Significance

The Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship for Overseas Candidate is carried out as a special program to support overseas students in the most-difficult first years of their enrollment in Japanese universities and graduate schools. This system provides both financial and personal support (through counseling offered by Rotary members) to the awardees upon their arrival in Japan.

There is a recent increase in universities undertaking admission prior to arrival in Japan. This system is in which universities accept applications, determines acceptance, and permits admission prior to the applicant’s arrival to Japan. The Scholarship for Overseas Candidate suits applicants who undertake entrance examinations without travelling to Japan.

3. Characteristics

In addition to the financial support, a system of counselors and *sewa* clubs is also provided. The scholars attend their *sewa* club meeting at least once a month. Through the engagement with the Rotary Club members (hereinafter referred to as “Rotarians”) at the meetings, the scholars deepen mutual understanding, experience true international and cultural interaction, and learn the true Rotary spirit.

4. Obligations

1. Yoneyama Scholars must attend at least one regular meeting of their *sewa* Rotary Club.
2. Submit a Report written in Japanese twice a year.
3. Give speeches at regular meetings, attend *sewa* club and Rotary District activities, and make efforts to deepen mutual understanding throughout such interactions with Rotarians.

5. Alumni

After the Yoneyama Scholarship Period, scholars are able to expand their network through the Alumni association. Scholars are eligible to participate in various Rotary Clubs and Rotary activities. Yoneyama Alumni Association has a total of 42 groups: 33 in Japan, and 9 others in Taiwan, Korea, China, Thailand, Nepal, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Myanmar.

Application Guidelines

1. Application and Screening Procedures

(1) Applying

The recruitment and application for overseas application scholarships will be handled by Yoneyama Foundation secretariat. Recruitment starts from the beginning of August every year.

(2) Screening

Japan's Rotary organization consists of 34 Districts, and each district has a Rotary Yoneyama selection committee.

Applicants will be judged by the selection committee of the Rotary district where the university to be enrolled is located (hereinafter referred to as the "District Selection Committee"), and by the Foundation's own selection committee. The results will be determined basically by documentation review.

However, under the decision of the District Selection Committee, the committee may conduct direct or skype interviews, and hearings via telephone and/or email.

2. Number of Awardees

Approximately Fifteen persons.

*A maximum of one "out of frame" awardee per district is allowed.

It is the district's decision to determine the number of awardees within the allocated frame.

3. Targeted Students

Students intending to enroll in universities or graduate schools under the jurisdiction of Japan's Ministry of Education and Science (MEXT), in either April or October/September 2021, and are in the process of obtaining admission.

Students who are residing abroad, and continue to reside abroad until time of entry to the intended educational institution.

4. Eligibility

Overseas students who meet all the following requirements are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

(1) Citizenship & Place of Residence

Those who do not have Japanese citizenship (for dual nationality holders, Japanese nationality holders are not eligible.)

Those who reside outside of Japan

(Those who already reside in Japan are not eligible to apply.)

(2) Records of Entry and Residency in Japan

Those who have entered and resided in Japan for study purpose are not eligible.

However, those under the following conditions will be eligible.

-Entering Japan for a short stay of the duration not exceeding 1 month, for the purpose of the attendance to a pre-entry internship between agreed universities, or participation to pre-enrollment training and/or orientation of the institution intended to enroll.

-The purpose of staying and studying in Japan was for the participation of a Rotary Youth exchange program.

(3) Enrolling institution and Enrollment permission

●Those who plan to enter or transfer in to a university or graduate school recognized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, in April or September/October 2021 with the intention to obtain a degree.

●Those who have an issued letter of acceptance/admission from an intended school, including a university that has an admission system prior to arrival in Japan, or those who are in the process of undertaking entrance exams of an intended school. Research Students are not eligible.

(4) Scholastic and Health Requirements

As an overseas student, all applicants are expected to have an enthusiasm for study and clear future goal, awareness and respect for cultural differences, the ability to express oneself correctly and to communicate smoothly, and to be in good condition of both mental and physical health.

(5) Field of Study

All fields are eligible.

(6) Japanese Language Ability

The ability to understand basic Japanese (JPLT N4 level) is expected. After arriving in Japan, scholars are required to make an effort to communicate in Japanese in order to create and strengthen friendship with the Japanese Rotarians.

(7) Age limitation

Applicant must be born after April 1st, 1976. (Under 45 years of age)

(8) Ban of Dual scholarships

It is prohibited to receive scholarships and/or grants given to individuals from other institutions of the same kind.

If you wish to receive other scholarships after selected, you must offer to decline by the following deadline.

I. April 2021 expected applicant's deadline: March 1, 2021

II. October /September 2021 expected applicants' deadline: August 1, 2021

(9) Previous Yoneyama Scholars are not eligible.

(10) Status of residency must change to "Student (Ryugaku)" once enrollment is accepted by intended school

5. Scholarships, Subsidies and Scholarship period

This scholarship is a benefit type scholarship. It does not cover the full term of study, and there is no subsidy such as entrance fee, tuition, and/or accommodation allowance.

(1) Scholarship amounts

- Undergraduates: ¥100,000 per month
- Master's students: ¥140,000 per month
- Doctoral students: ¥140,000 per month

(2) Supplemental for Airfare

- For successful applicants, up to 250,000 yen in Japanese yen will be subsidized for actual expenses.
- Subsidy range:
Travel expenses for the first visit to Japan after selected.
(Including connecting flight ticket fares from home country to Japan), domestic travel expenses in order to arrive to Japan both in home country and Japan, accommodation expenses for the first day in Japan
- The travel expenses are regulated to economy class fees only.
- All relevant receipts must be submitted to Yoneyama Foundation secretariat.
- All subsidies will be granted either at the orientation session or the first *sewa* club meeting.

(3) Scholarship period

April 2021 enrollment

- ① Undergraduates: Two years
(April 2021 - March 2023)

- ② Graduate students: Two years
(April 2021 - March 2023)

October/September 2021 enrollment

- ① Undergraduates: Two years
(October/September 2021 - September/August 2023)

- ② Graduate students: Two years
(October/September 2021 - September/August 2023)

6. Application Documents

Applications short of required documents will not be accepted. Application documents must be written in either Japanese or English. If applicant is able to, Japanese must be used.

If applying for more than one university/graduate school, a full set of documents from (1) to (7) is required per university/graduate school.

(1) Application (prescribed form with photograph)

University/graduate school name, major/field course, faculty advisor or admission office you are applying must be clearly mentioned.

- (2) Copy of submitted forms of application for admission for intended university / graduate school.
- Applicants who have not submitted forms will not be accepted.
 - If unable to submit an application to supposed university/graduate school due to application acceptance schedules, a copy of application for admission must be presented promptly after submitting to the intended university/institution.
- (3) Research plan (prescribed form)
Must be submitted by both undergraduate and graduate students.
Theme : Undergraduate students
“Current status of studies and Career path after graduation”
Graduate students
“Plans of research at Graduate school • Current status of research”
- (4) Scholarship Essay “Objective for studying in Japan” (prescribed form).
- (5) Letter of recommendation (prescribed form).
Letters of recommendation from applicant or family members will not be accepted.
Letters without a hand-written signature of the recommender will not be accepted.
【Undergraduate】
One recommendation letter from the below (i)~(iii) must be submitted.
(i) A recent school in your country
(ii) A recent job place in your country
(iii) A teacher/staff member of your supposed university in Japan
- 【Graduate】**
A letter of recommendation from prospective supervisor of your intended graduate school must be submitted.
- (6) Notification of acceptance or admission issued by a prospective Japanese school including universities with pre-arrival admission systems.
- * If submission is not issued at the time of application, submission will only be accepted with the following schedule as the deadline.
I. Applicants for April 2021: March 25, 2021
II. Applicants for October/September 2021: August 25, 2021
- (7) Certified evidence of Japanese language proficiency
Those who have undertaken the Japanese Language Proficiency Test or

similar Japanese language proficiency tests must submit a copy of the result notification.

- It is not necessary for those who have not undertaken the test to provide the above documents.
- A notification copy of the test results on English proficiency is not required.

7. Application Procedure

- (1) Application forms may be downloaded from the following website:
<http://www.rotary-yoneyama.or.jp/english/overseas>
- (2) Enter information to the dedicated forms on the website and upload the application documentation.

- ① Application form
- ② Application form for admission for intended university/graduate school
- ③ Research plan
- ④ Scholarship Essay
- ⑤ Letter of recommendation
- ⑥ Copy of Letter of Acceptance
- ⑦ Copy of Document certifying Japanese language proficiency

- Those who have not undertaken the Japanese Language Proficiency Test do not need to submit ⑦.
- In the case of the accepted announcement date of intended school falls after the deadline of the application, the application will be accepted only if the scheduled announcement date is specified in the documentation. After announcement of acceptance, prompt submission of eligibility notice is required.

- (3) An application number will be sent by return email.
It must be used in order to submit additional documents when required or to make further inquiries.

8. Application Deadline: 15 December 2020 PM 1:00 JST

9. Selections

Generally, the selections are by document review. However, it is the District Selection Committee's decision to take further procedures, such as skype interviews, telephone and or email questionings.

If unsuccessful in entering intended university, or when appropriate enrollment procedures are not taken, the eligibility to apply is terminated.

Application documents with defects will not be considered as the object for selection.

10. Results

(1) Tentative selection results: Mid of February 2021

(2) Eligible notice sent: End of March 2021

Both results of (1) and (2) will be notified by email.

The selection results will be announced regardless the admission notification or examination dates of intended schools in Japan.

Inquiries of results will not be responded to.

11. Arrival in Japan and Payment of Scholarship

Successful applicants must arrive in Japan prior to the last day of the month before the designated month of admission.

(ex. In case of admission being in April, scholarship recipient must arrive in Japan by March 31st.)

However, in case of the eligibility being decided the month before the course commences, and visa application procedures are undertaken after that, and therefore unable to arrive in Japan before the last day of the month prior to the month the course commences, an exception is made to be able to arrive in Japan by the 10th day of the month the course commences.

(ex. In case of admission being in April, scholarship recipient must arrive in Japan by April 10th.)

If not entered Japan by the designated day, the eligibility will automatically be lost, regardless of reason.

- i April enrollment: Scholarship commences on April 1st 2021.
- ii September enrollment: Scholarship commences on September 1st 2021.
- iii October enrollment: Scholarship commences on October 1st 2021.
- iv For those who must unavoidably enter Japan by the 10th day of the month of enrollment, the full scholarship of the month of arrival will be paid.

For those who enter Japan after the 11th day of the month of enrollment, the scholarship for the month of enrollment will not be paid, and the payment will start from the following month.

Yoneyama Foundation secretariat does not undertake procedures for entry to Japan.

Checking procedures of applying for “Certificate of Eligibility” at the intended school is at your own responsibility.

To successful applicants, a notification including monthly scholarships, subsidies and scholarship terms, will be issued by the end of March. This document will prove your ability to pay for expenses, and may be submitted to intended school if necessary.

Reference: “Student Guide to Japan” 2019-2020”

by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/study_j/sgtj.html

12. Contact Information

Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation

Please contact us through the inquiry form found in the below website.

<http://www.rotary-yoneyama.or.jp/english/overseas#inquiry>