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Call for Applications

Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship for Applicants Residing Abroad

For overseas students scheduled to enroll in April or October 2012
in a Japanese university or graduate school
under Japan's pre-arrival university admission system

◇ What is the Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation?

The Foundation awards scholarships to overseas students who aspire to study or conduct research in Japanese universities or graduate schools. Its scholarship fund is supported by the contributions of Rotarians throughout Japan. The Foundation is Japan's largest private scholarship organization, both in terms of program scale and number of scholarships awarded.

◇ This scholarship program is reserved for people residing abroad who wish to apply for admission in a Japanese university or graduate school.

The program's eligibility requirements are as follows:

- (1) Have already chosen the university or graduate school s/he will apply for
- (2) Be in the process of applying for admission
- (3) For the subject university to have a system for issuing "pre-arrival admission approval."

* "Pre-arrival admission approval" is system whereby applicants to Japanese universities and graduate schools are allowed to take the entrance examination and apply for admission while in their countries, without having to come to Japan to do so.

◇ What is the Rotary?

In their capacity as members of Rotary clubs, Rotarians contribute through their various occupations to social development and world peace. Rotary was founded in Chicago in 1905 with a handful of members. Now, there are Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and regions of the world. The number of clubs reached 33,974 and of members 1,213,448 as of 28 February 2011. Japan's first Rotary club was established in Tokyo in 1920. There are 2,300 clubs with 90,469 members in Japan as of the end of February 2011.



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➤ Preface

1. Mission of the Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation

The mission of the Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation, “Yoneyama Foundation” for short, is to support overseas students in achieving outstanding education/research results, fostering highly capable people who will go on to contribute to society.

Through the Rotary’s system of counselors and *sewa* (host) clubs, and the interaction and exchange they offer the awardees, Yoneyama scholars are expected to learn the “Rotary spirit,” and while acquiring deeper dimensions of international understanding, build bridges between Japan and their respective countries. In sum, the mission of the Yoneyama Foundation is to foster talented young people who will work to cultivate international goodwill while advancing peace through international understanding.

To achieve that objective, those applying the Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship for Applicants Residing Abroad are expected to have (1) a zeal for studying coupled with clearly conceived goals, (2) a recognition of various cultures and a respect for cultural differences, (3) an ability to articulate their ideas and communicate smoothly with others, and (4) a solid understanding of the above-stated mission of the Yoneyama Foundation and a firm commitment to put it into personal practice.

2. Special Character of the Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship for Applicants Residing Abroad

The Foundation carries out seven scholarship programs.

The Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship for Applicants Residing Abroad, or “Overseas Application Scholarship” for short, is carried out as special program to support overseas students in the most-difficult first years of their enrolment 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.

Recent years have seen an increase in the number of Japanese universities that carry out a program of “pre-arrival admission approval,”



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under which overseas students can submit application documents, take entrance examinations, and receive admission acceptance/non-acceptance notice without coming to Japan.

The Overseas Application Scholarship is carried out through linkage with universities that enroll overseas students through the pre-arrival admission system.

*For your information: See the list of universities that issue “pre-arrival admission approval” at the following website of Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO):

http://www.jasso.go.jp/eju/tonichimae_list_e.html

3. Rotary System to Accept and Care for Yoneyama Scholars

What's offered to Yoneyama scholars is not limited to financial support. Also provided is a system of counselors and *sewa* clubs that places importance on their personal care as well. By engaging in close exchanges with Rotarians through this system, Yoneyama scholars have the opportunity to make their stays in Japan all the more deeply fulfilling experiences. Once a month, Yoneyama scholars attend a meeting of their *sewa* club, where they receive their monthly scholarship stipend.

4. Obligations of Yoneyama Scholars

Yoneyama scholars are obligated to do the following:

- (1) Attend one regular meeting of their host club each month
- (2) Submit a report on their activities via their host club to the Yoneyama Foundation twice a year
- (3) Give speeches in regular club meetings and participate actively in their Rotary club's and Rotary district's activities, thereby endeavoring to deepen mutual understanding through interaction with Rotarians.
- (4) After the scholarship ends, continue to nurture the exchange and goodwill cultivated within the Rotary community.

5. Acquiring Ability to Communicate in Japanese after Arriving in Japan



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Under this scholarship program, one's ability to use Japanese is not evaluated in the application-screening process. However, Yoneyama scholars are expected to acquire an ability to communicate in Japanese so as to widen their periphery of exchange while in Japan.

In Japan there are universities that offer programs through which instruction can be received and degrees obtained in just English. Many students who receive pre-arrival admission approval study and do research in this kind of university environment. Yoneyama scholars, however, are expected to learn how to communicate in Japanese so that they can familiarize themselves with Japanese culture and customs and expand the breath and depth of their exchange with Japanese people.

Within the program's counselor and *sewa* club environment, demonstrating an effort to communicate in Japanese will earn for the Yoneyama scholars the respect and understanding of the people around them. Even if English is used to receive instruction and write papers in school, Yoneyama scholars should endeavor to speak Japanese. After all, the place where they are living is Japan.



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➤ Application Guidelines

1. Application and Screening Procedures

- (1) Applying for the scholarship
Applications are solicited and received for the Overseas Application Scholarship by the Program Secretariat in the Yoneyama Foundation.
- (2) Applying for university admission
Applicants are required to apply for admission to a Japanese university or graduate school while in their country and to apply for pre-arrival admission approval from that university.
- (3) Scholarship application screening
Japan's Rotary organization is divided into 34 districts. Each district has established within it a selection committee. A document review of each scholarship application is conducted by the district selection committee in the area of the applicant's targeted university and by the Foundation's own selection committee, which makes the final selection decisions.

Though basic screening is carried out through a document review, when deemed necessary the district selection committee may interview the applicant, either by going to his/her country, over Skype, or by phone.

2. Number of Awardees

Thirty-four (34) applicants are scheduled to be selected—one from each Rotary district.

3. Targeted Students

Targeted students are those who intend to enroll in universities or graduate school under the jurisdiction of Japan's Ministry of Education and Science (MEXT) in either April or October (September) 2012, who while residing abroad take the entrance exam and apply for pre-arrival admission approval from their targeted university. When applying for the Yoneyama scholarship as well, they must be residing abroad and remain abroad until they enter the university.



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4. Eligibility

Overseas students meeting all of the following requirements are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

(1) Citizenship & Place of Residence

Not be a citizen of Japan nor be residing in Japan.

(2) Permission for Pre-arrival Admission in Japanese University or Graduate School

Have either obtained or be in the process of applying for pre-arrival admission approval from the university or graduate school (under MEXT jurisdiction) to which you wish to enter as a degree student or research student, and be scheduled for April 2012 or October (September) 2012 enrolment in the following statuses.

- Undergraduate course as a research student
- Undergraduate course as a first-year or transfer student
- Master's course as a research student
- Master's course as a first-year or transfer student
- Doctoral course as a research student
- Doctoral course as a first-year or transfer student

(3) Scholastic and Health Requirements

Have an enthusiasm for study and clear-cut future goals, an awareness of and respect for cultural differences, and ability to express oneself fluently and to communicate smoothly, and both the mental and physical health needed to sustain one's life as an overseas exchange student.

(4) Major Field of Study

All fields are eligible.

(5) Japanese Language Ability

Not required. Once accepted, however, students are expected to make an effort to communicate in Japanese so as to better create and strengthen friendship ties with Japanese people.



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(6) Age

Up to age 39.

(7) Academic Degree

- Persons who already hold a bachelor's degree are not eligible for an undergraduate scholarship.
- Persons who already hold a master's degree are not eligible for a master's scholarship.
- Persons who already hold a doctoral degree are not eligible for a doctoral scholarship.

(8) Dual Scholarships

Student who will hold a scholarship from another organization when this scholarship goes into effect are not eligible to receive this one.

(9) Past Yoneyama Scholars

Persons who have held a Yoneyama scholarship in the past are not eligible for this scholarship.

5. Scholarship Amount, Supplemental, Tenure

(1) Scholarship amounts

- Undergraduates: ¥100,000 per month
- Master's students: ¥140,000 per month
- Doctoral students: ¥140,000 per month
- Research students (undergraduate, master's and doctoral research students): ¥100,000

(2) Supplemental

Only for the first year of the scholarship, a supplemental of ¥400,000 is provided upon arrival in Japan.

(3) Scholarship tenures

1) For April 2012 enrolment

- Undergraduates: Two years from April 2012 through March 2014
- Graduate students: Two years from April 2012 through March 2014
- Research students: One year from April 2012 through March 2013, with a possible extension of another year for those who wish to go on to earn a degree.



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2) For October (September) 2012 enrolment

- Undergraduates: Two years from October (September) 2012 through September (August) 2014
- Graduate students: Two years from October (September) 2012 through September (August) 2014
- Research students: One year from October (September) 2012 through September (August) 2013 with a possible extension of another year for those who wish to go on to earn a degree.

Irrespective of the reason, students who do not arrive in Japan by the month that their scholarship starts (by the month that their university course begins) will lose the scholarship.

6. Application Documents

- (1) Application (prescribed form with photograph)
- (2) Research plan (prescribed form), when entering a graduate school (including graduate research students)
- (3) Composition (purpose for studying in Japan)
- (4) A letter of recommendation from either your university or employer in your home country (using prescribed Form)

1) For current students

From faculty advisor at current school of enrolment (from principal in case of high school students)

2) For non-students

either (a) or (b)

(a) A letter of recommendation from faculty advisor or member of faculty at last school attended

(b) A letter of recommendation from supervisor at your current company of employment

- (5) Either a letter of recommendation from the school you will enter in Japan or the results of your EJU (Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students)

1) When entering a graduate school (including graduate research students)

A letter of recommendation from your faculty advisor at the graduate school (using prescribed Form)



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2) When entering an undergraduate department

A letter of recommendation from your faculty advisor or the scorer's record of your EJU

For information on the Examination for Japanese University

Admission for International Students, see

→ http://www.jasso.go.jp/eju/whats_eju_e.html

(6) Copy of degree certificate

- 1) Persons entering an undergraduate course: High school diploma (or document to certify that 12 years of elementary and secondary education have been completed)
- 2) Persons entering a master's course: A bachelor's degree certificate
- 3) Persons entering a doctoral course: A master's degree certificate
- 4) Persons entering a university or graduate school as a research student: A certificate to show that they are enrolled in a research program.

(7) Transcript

A copy of transcripts for each year from start of high school through higher education institutions attended at time of application.

(8) Document certifying Japanese language proficiency

Persons who have taken the Japanese Language Proficiency Test are asked to provide the test results. Inability to provide this test result will not disadvantage the applicant. The information will only be used to inform the Yoneyama scholars' sewa clubs of their Japanese language ability.

(9) Documents certifying English language proficiency

A copy of the Examinee's Score Record for TOEFL, IELTS and/or TOEIC

(10) Copy of application for admission in desired Japanese university or graduate school

It is desirable that an application for university admission to have been already made at the time one applies for this scholarship program. If, however, it would be difficult to do so due to the university's application period, a copy of the application for



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admission may be submitted up to but no later than the following deadlines:

For April 2012 enrolment: By the end of December 2011

For October 2012: By the end of May 2012

(11) Copy of Pre-arrival Admission Approval Certificate

The deadlines for submitting a copy of the Pre-arrival Admission Approval Certificate to the Foundation are as follows:

For April 2012 enrolment: By the end of January 2012

For October 2012: By the end of June 2012

(1) Languages to use in preparing an application

1) For application: Either Japanese or English

2) For related documents: Either Japanese or English

When an application and related documents are prepared in another language, a Japanese or English translation must be attached.

7. Address to Send Applications

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8. Application/Selection Schedule

(1) Call for applications: From April 2011

(2) Application deadline: Application must arrive by 15 October 2011
for both April and October 2012 enrolments.

(3) Selections: Basically made by document review

(4) Deadline for submitting Pre-arrival Admission Approval Certificate

1) April 2012 enrolment: End of January 2012

2) October 2012 enrolment: End of June 2012

※ Submitting a Pre-arrival Admission Approval Certificate satisfies the scholarship application requirement. However, if the applicant is rejected for admission to the issuing university, s/he will lose eligibility for the scholarship at that point.



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(5) Announcement of selection results

Notification of selection results is made by mail at the following times:

- a) For April enrolment: Beginning of February 2012
- b) For fall enrolment: End of June 2012

9. Arrival in Japan and Payment of Scholarship

Yoneyama scholars are to arrive in Japan prior to the month of their admission. Irrespective of the reason, if they do not arrive in Japan by the month that their scholarship will begin to be paid, as indicated below, they will lose their eligibility.

- a) For April enrolment: Scholarship payment begins in April 2012
- b) For fall enrolment: Scholarship payment begins in October 2012
(or September for some universities)

10. Contact Information

If you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact us by e-mail or fax.

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✧ **Japanese Government's Program for Accepting Foreign Students**

The Japanese government has established a program under which it plans to accept 300,000 foreign students by the 2020 fiscal year. For that purpose, the government is working to create a more attractive environment in Japanese universities for overseas students, including tailored curricula and English-language instruction, while also making it possible for overseas students to earn degrees through exclusively English programs. Steps are also being taken to facilitate the admittance and enrolment process for overseas students, including the provision of domicile for them. Some universities have, or are in the process of, establishing systems that allow overseas students to acquire information, take entrance exams and secure domicile—all over the Internet while in their own countries. Application for admission can also be made without coming to Japan. Selections are made through a document review that includes the student's application materials and the results of test taken (see list below). The number of universities proactively using this pre-arrival admission system is steadily increasing.

*Tests: EJU (Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students, Japanese Language Proficiency Test, TOEFL, IELTS, etc.

✧ **List of Schools Offering Pre-arrival Admission**

For your information: http://www.jasso.go.jp/eju/tonichimae_list_e.html

✧ **Global 30 Program**

The Project for Establishing Core Universities for Internationalization (Global 30 Program) works to strengthen the international competitiveness of higher education in Japan while providing an attractive standard of education for overseas student within an environment of friendly rivalry that develops them into highly skilled people who can go on to play internationally active roles. The program provides comprehensive support to national, public and private universities, each of which works to establish itself as a core institution for promoting internationalization by offering a high quality of education tailored to its respective specialization and



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providing an environment that makes it easy for overseas students to study and do research in Japan.

◇ 21st Century COE Program

This program was established by the Ministry of Education and Science (MEXT) in 2002 for the purpose of implementing top global-standard programs of education and research in selected Japanese universities. Appraisals of the universities' programs are conducted by third parties in a manner that seeks to enhance their international competitiveness. Within this framework, education and research hubs, or centers of excellence (COEs), of the highest world level are established in the universities, which work to elevate the standard of research in Japan while fostering highly creative people who will become leaders in their fields within the international community. Priority support is given to the participating universities to help them in creating programs that radiate distinctive characteristics and qualities of excellence that enhance their international attractiveness and competitiveness.

◇ Conditions of University Entrance

1. Issuance of Pre-arrival Admission Approval

The basic requirement is for the university or graduate school that overseas students (including research students) want to enter to have in effect a system for issuing pre-arrival approval and be under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education and Science (MEXT). Therefore, overseas students need to check in advance as to whether the institution they wish to enter has a system for issuing pre-arrival admission approval. When applying for admission to that university or graduate school, students are advised to confirm in advance its application period and be sure to carry out their application processing within that period.

2. Domicile

Universities that accept overseas students are encouraged to assist them in securing lodging in dormitories or other university domicile for the first year after admittance so that they can concentrate on their studies. When universities are unable to provide on-campus domicile, they are encouraged to introduce students to off-campus domicile in public or private housing.



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3. Procedure for Entering Japan

The admitting university is to issue a “Certificate of Eligibility for Residence Status” for overseas students selected for this Yoneyama scholarship. (The Immigration Bureau requires that the student’s admitting university issue this certificate.)

Financial Documentation for Entry into Japan

The admitting university issues a “Certificate of Eligibility for Residence Status” for the selected overseas student. This certificate, which is required in visa processing, is submitted to the Immigration Bureau (Ministry of Justice) as a document providing financial guarantee for the student.

Yoneyama Foundation issues selected students a “Certificate of Acceptance,” which includes the amounts of the monthly scholarship, the supplemental, and the period of the scholarship. This certificate is another document providing financial guarantee for the Yoneyama scholar.

Yoneyama Foundation’s guaranteed support for first year:

For undergraduate students, undergraduate research students, graduate research students: ¥1.2 million + 400,000

For graduate students: ¥1.68 million + 400,000

For the second year: The above amounts minus the ¥400,000 supplemental.

Note: About ¥820,000 is required to pay the entrance and tuition fees of Japan’s national universities. (¥280,000 entrance fee and ¥540,000 tuition fee on average)