

MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) RESEARCH STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2015

1. Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka for selection of suitable candidates to be nominated for postgraduate scholarships offered by the Government of Japan.

2. **Tenure** : Two (02) years commencing from April, 2015 or one and a half years from October, 2015.

3. General eligibility requirements:

- (a) All candidates should be citizens of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Age: Applicant should be born **on or after April 2, 1980**
- (c) Should possess at least a second class lower division degree or above in the relevant field of study from a recognized University.
- (d) Should possess high proficiency in English.
- (e) Should be employed in a Ministry/Department/University/State Sector or Private Sector Institution.
- (f) No application will be entertained from a person holding a temporary/casual/contractual appointment or a person who is unemployed. Only confirmed employees will be considered for the scholarships.
- (g) Employees on probation in the Universities are eligible to apply, provided that his/her confirmation is conditional upon acquiring a specified postgraduate qualification.

Note

A lecturer on probation is eligible to apply when he/she has been in continuous service for a period of one year from the date of his/her appointment by the **23.05.2014**(As per the UGC-ECODE Chapter X. Division II, 27:3)

4. Scholarship benefits:

- (a) Airfare to Japan and back on completion of studies.

- (b) A monthly allowance of
 - i. 143,000 yen per month for a research students
 - ii. 144,000 yen per month for a Master or a professional degree program
 - iii. 145,000 yen per month for a Doctoral program
 - (c) Approved tuition and examination fees.
- Scholars are required to bring approximately US\$ 2000 to cover immediate needs just after arrival in Japan.

5. Applications:

- (a) Every application should confirm to specimen provided.
- (b) The words **“Japanese Government, Postgraduate Research Scholarships 2015”** should be written on top left hand corner of the envelope containing the application.
- (c) A non-refundable stamp fee of Rs. 50/= is payable in respect of each application. A stamp to this value should be affixed in the cage provided for this purpose in the application and cancelled with the applicant’s signature.
- (d) No application from an employee will be entertained unless channeled through the Head of the Institution concerned. He/ She should in forwarding the application appropriately complete the certificate in cage 17 of the application.
- (e) No application will be entertained from a person who has entered into an agreement or bond to serve the Government of Sri Lanka, a State Sector Institute unless he/she shall have completed by **23.05.2014**, the full period specified in such agreement or bond and shall have discharged fully all the other obligations under such agreement or bond.

Note:

However, an application of a University academic who has studied abroad on his/her own expense or on a scholarship received from a source other than through his/her University, can be considered if he/she has completed at least 2 years of his /her mandatory service period as per the agreement provided that the Vice Chancellor recommends the application as per the provisions of the University Establishment Code.

- (f) Any statement in the application, which is found to be incorrect, will render the applicant liable to disqualification, if the inaccuracy is discovered before selection and to the withdrawal of award, if discovered after selection.
- (g) **Closing date:** Application will be accepted only up to on **23.05.2014**.

- (h) Applications should be sent to the following address by registered post or by hand to reach on or before the closing date.

**Secretary,
Ministry of Higher Education
18, Ward Place,
Colombo 07.**

- (i) Every application which has not been sent through the proper channels or which is incomplete in any respect, and which has been received late will be rejected.

6. Selection Procedure:

- i.) **Examination:** All the eligible candidates should sit for a written test for English Language and Japanese Language conducted by the Embassy of Japan.
- ii.) **Interview:** Every successful candidate will be required to be present at an interview to be held in Colombo.

7. Agreement:

Every selected candidate should before his/her departure on scholarship enter into an agreement with the Government of Sri Lanka.

8. Any form of canvassing or attempt to influence the selection of a candidate will disqualify such candidate.

Note : You are advised to visit the following web sites for further guidelines and other information and for past examination papers.

<http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/toj/toj0307e.html>

<http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/toj/toj0308e.html>

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Cage for Stamp
(Affix stamps to
the value of
Rs.50/-)

Name of the applying
country : **Japan**

SPECIMEN OF THE APPLICATION

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(01) (a) Name with initials
(Mr./Mrs.Miss.)
(in block letters)

(b) Names denoted by initials :
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(02) (a) Postal Address :
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(a) Telephone No: Res.: Office:
Mob.:

(03) Date of birth :
Year : Month : Date :

(04) Exact age on **23.05.2014** :
Years : Months : Days :

(05) N.I.C Number :

(06) Are you a citizen of Sri Lanka?

(07) Whether Married / Single / Widowed :

(08) Academic / Professional / Technical qualifications :

Name of examination / certificates	Year & month	Institutions	Subjects	Grade & Pass

(09) Present Employment : Government Semi Government Private

Name of the Institution	Department	Designation	Date of the 1 st appointment

(10) (a) Is your appointment permanent, probationary or temporary?

(b) If permanent, have you been confirmed in the appointment?

(c) No. and date of letter of confirmation and the authority who has issued it :

(11) (a) Desired course or field of study :

(b) Whether Masters or PhD:

(c) Have you ever been nominated for a scholarship by the Ministry of Higher Education:

(d) If yes; Scholarship Programme:

Year:

(12) Particulars of any bonds and/or agreements entered into with the Republic of Sri Lanka or with any Government-aided or sponsored institution, with date of discharge of obligations under them:

(13) If you have been abroad earlier on a scholarship, study tour, training etc. state full particulars:

(14) Highest examination passed in English :

(a) IELTS/ TOEFL Score: Year:

(b) Other :

(15) Particulars of research and publications if any :

(16) Any other particulars :

I hereby certify that the particulars furnished by me in this application are true and accurate, and that I have not suppressed any essential information. I am also aware that if any particulars contained herein are found to be false or incorrect, I am liable to disqualification if the inaccuracy is discovered before selection and withdrawal of the award if discovered after selection.

Date :- Signature of applicant

(17) Certificate of the Head of the Institution

(i) I certify that ;

- (a) The training provided under this scholarship is essential / not essential for this institution.
- (b) Details declared by the applicant in **cages 8, 9, 10 & 12** of the application were verified by me with the personal record of the officer and are correct* / should be corrected as indicated here.
- (c) The applicant is confirmed in the appointment/* will be confirmed in the appointment on(Date) after obtaining the postgraduate qualifications.
- (d) The applicant will*/ will not be released to take up this scholarship if selected.
- (e) The applicant will*/ will not be granted leave on full pay/* no pay.

(ii) Full name of the applicant :

(iii) Any other special reasons :

Name of the Institution :

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Signature of Head of the Institution
with the official frank

(this certificate should be signed personally by the Head of the Institution)

* Delete words inapplicable.