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Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Engineering Sciences (IGSES), Kyushu University

► Scholarship Acquisition Approaches in IGSES, Kyushu University

The Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Engineering Sciences (IGSES) at Kyushu University offers several educational programs for Doctoral and Master's course students. There are three recommended approaches to obtain a Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship as described below:

| | ●Embassy recommendation | University recommendation | | |
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| | | ●University recommendation | ●University recommendation (IEI Program (Category D-a: Innovative Asia)) | ●University recommendation (IEI Program (Category D-c: <u>Middle East and Africa</u>)) |
| Responsible organization of application | Japanese embassy/consulate in each country <List of Japanese embassies> | Kyushu University (IGSES, KU) At first, find a potential supervisor from this list | Kyushu University (IGSES, KU) At first, find a potential supervisor from this list | Kyushu University (IGSES, KU) At first, find a potential supervisor from this list |
| Enrolment | October 1, 2021 | October 1, 2021 | October 1, 2021 | October 1, 2021 |
| When and to whom apply | Japanese embassies usually open the call for applicants between March and May, 2020 The deadline differs according to embassies. | Digital data should be submitted to a prospective supervisor in January, 2021 . After the preliminary screening, successful applicants must post paper-based documents in early February, 2021 to IGSES, KU. | Digital data should be submitted through the website from early October to late October, 2020 . After the preliminary screening, successful applicants must post paper-based documents in early February, 2021 to IGSES, KU. | Digital data should be submitted through the website from early October to late October, 2020 . After the preliminary screening, successful applicants must post paper-based documents in early February, 2021 to IGSES, KU. |
| Available seats | Depends on countries and regions where Japanese embassies are located | 1 or 2 applicants are selected in IGSES, KU each year. | 2 per year | 8 per year |
| Eligibility | ►under 35 years old as of April 1, 2021 | ►under 35 years old as of April 1, 2021 | ►under 35 years old as of April 1, 2021 ►Students or alumni of universities which are classified as partner schools by JICA. <Link> | ►under 35 years old as of April 1, 2021 ►Applicants must be nationals of countries listed in the Appendix. |
| Requirements/degree | ►Doctoral Course: Applicants must hold a master's degree (or equivalent) from a university, or be expecting to receive a master's degree by | ►Doctoral Course: Applicants must hold a master's degree (or equivalent) from a university, or be expecting to receive a master's degree by | ►Doctoral Course: Applicants must hold a master's degree (or equivalent) from a university, or be expecting to receive a master's degree by | ►Doctoral Course: Applicants must hold a master's degree (or equivalent) from a university, or be expecting to receive a master's degree by |

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| | <p>March 30, 2021(October 2021 enrolment: September 30, 2021).</p> <p>►Master's Course: Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from a university, or be expecting to receive a bachelor's degree by March 30, 2021 (October 2021 enrolment: September 30, 2021).</p> | <p>September 30, 2021.</p> <p>►Master's Course: Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from a university, or be expecting to receive a bachelor's degree by September 30, 2021.</p> | <p>September 30, 2021.</p> | <p>September 30, 2021.</p> |
| <p>Requirements/ academic score *APC is different from GPA.</p> | <p>Academic Performance Coefficient (APC) in the last 2 years must be at least 2.3 on 3.0 scale.</p> | <p>Academic Performance Coefficient (APC) in the last 2 years must be at least 2.3 on 3.0 scale.</p> | <p>Academic Performance Coefficient (APC) at the Graduate School(Master's course) must be at least 2.3 on 3.0 scale.</p> | <p>Academic Performance Coefficient (APC) at the Graduate School(Master's course) must be at least 2.3 on 3.0 scale.</p> |
| <p>Requirements/ English</p> | <p>Satisfy one of the following two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Official English qualification: equivalent or higher than B2-CEFR(Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese language test (JLPT): at least N2 | <p>Satisfy one of the following two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Official English qualification: equivalent or higher than B2-CEFR(Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese language test (JLPT): at least N2 | <p>Official English qualification: equivalent or higher than B2-CEFR(Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)</p> | <p>Official English qualification: equivalent or higher than B2-CEFR(Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)</p> |
| <p>Screening process</p> | <p>1st screening Document-based screening and interview will be from May to July, 2020 in each Japanese embassy.</p> | <p>Document evaluation and at least three Skype interviews</p> | <p>Document evaluation and at least three Skype interviews</p> | <p>Document evaluation and at least three Skype interviews</p> |
| | <p>Successful applicants of 1st screening must contact a prospective supervisor to acquire a "Letter of Provisional Acceptance" from the KU by November 20, 2020. KU will issue a "<u>Letter of Provisional Acceptance</u>" by December 25, 2020 to successful applicants.</p> | / | / | / |

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| | 2 nd screening All application will be transferred to MEXT through each embassy. | | | |
| Announcement of final screening result | From June, 2021. The exact date of the notification depends on embassies. | Result of screening in KU will be notified in March, 2021. Final notification by MEXT will be the end of June, 2021. | Result of screening in KU will be notified in December, 2020. Final notification by MEXT will be the end of June, 2021. | Result of screening in KU will be notified in December, 2020.. Final notification by MEXT will be the end of June, 2021. |
| Entrance exams for graduate programs | After the final notification from the Japanese embassy, please contact a prospective supervisor. *Application for graduate program/research student is additionally required. | Application for graduate program/research student is additionally required. | Application for MEXT scholarship and doctoral program is unified. | Application for MEXT scholarship and doctoral program is unified. |
| Type of programs that successful MEXT scholarship applicants can enrol in | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral program: IGSES doctoral program, IEI program <input type="checkbox"/> Master's program: IGSES master program, G-30 program <input type="checkbox"/> Research student *1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral program: IGSES doctoral program, IEI program <input type="checkbox"/> Master's program: IGSES master program, G-30 program <input type="checkbox"/> Research student *2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral program: IEI program | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral program: IEI program |
| Remarks | | | After enrolment in the IEI program, students must acquire 4 suggested credits related to Japanese history, industry, and society. Internship in Japan is also requisite. | |
| Contact | Japanese embassy in each country | Potential supervisor of IGSES, KU | Potential supervisor of IGSES, KU | Potential supervisor of IGSES, KU |

►Note

►Please check the each embassy's website for the latest information for embassy-recommendation scheme.

List of the websites of Japanese embassies is available [here](#).

►Applicants must be excellent international students at a postgraduate-level living outside of Japan, and able to arrive in Japan from October 2021 (Embassy recommendation: October 1, 2021) to study.

►Applicants already have the status of residence of "study abroad" at the date of arrival.

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Research Student (Embassy recommendation)

A Research Student position can be obtained via the Embassy Recommendation approach to obtain a MEXT scholarship. This is a special appointment which allows the student to conduct experimental research under the supervision of an appropriate Professor. During the time spent as a Research Student, no formal participation in other educational activities is required.

Research Students are not classified as Masters or Doctoral candidates and hence are not affiliated to any particular program or school. The maximum period a Research Student can receive a MEXT scholarship is 2 years. After each 6-month interval during this 2-year timeframe it is possible to transfer to an applicable Masters or Doctoral program depending on the entrance requirements of the program of interest. IGSES requires Research Students to re-register with the graduate school for each 6-month period. During the time employed as a Research Student, the value of the MEXT scholarship is the same as that for a Masters student.

Appointment as a Research Student is an excellent opportunity to focus on research work only and obtain publications before undertaking formal study. The only academic requirement for appointment is candidates must hold at least a Bachelor's Degree in an appropriate subject and meet the conditions outlined by the embassy.

**These are general information. If you have any questions, please contact Japanese embassy/consulate in each country.

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Research Student (University recommendation for general program)

Successful applicants who utilize this approach are firstly enrolled into the university as “research students”. This is a special term which allows the student to conduct research under the direction of their supervisor but undertake no other educational activities. Such students are neither classified as Masters nor Doctoral candidates. This special status can last for approximately 1 and a half years after which the student should transfer to the appropriate Masters or Doctoral Program. As such this status may be regarded as a precursor position before undertaking formal study.

**[This page](#) provides general information about research student. If you have any questions, please contact your prospective supervisor.

Appendix: Eligible Countries and regions for application for IEI Program funded by MEXT scholarship: Middle East and Africa

| Middle East | Africa | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan | <input type="checkbox"/> Algeria | <input type="checkbox"/> Egypt | <input type="checkbox"/> Mali | <input type="checkbox"/> Sudan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bahrain | <input type="checkbox"/> Angola | <input type="checkbox"/> Equatorial Guinea | <input type="checkbox"/> Mauritania | <input type="checkbox"/> Tanzania |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iran | <input type="checkbox"/> Benin | <input type="checkbox"/> Eritrea | <input type="checkbox"/> Mauritius | <input type="checkbox"/> Togo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iraq | <input type="checkbox"/> Botswana | <input type="checkbox"/> Eswatini | <input type="checkbox"/> Morocco | <input type="checkbox"/> Tunisia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Israel | <input type="checkbox"/> Burkina Faso | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopia | <input type="checkbox"/> Mozambique | <input type="checkbox"/> Uganda |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jordan | <input type="checkbox"/> Burundi | <input type="checkbox"/> Gabon | <input type="checkbox"/> Namibia | <input type="checkbox"/> Zambia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kuwait | <input type="checkbox"/> Cameroon | <input type="checkbox"/> Gambia | <input type="checkbox"/> Niger | <input type="checkbox"/> Zimbabwe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon | <input type="checkbox"/> Cabo Verde | <input type="checkbox"/> Ghana | <input type="checkbox"/> Nigeria | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oman | <input type="checkbox"/> Central African Republic | <input type="checkbox"/> Guinea | <input type="checkbox"/> Rwanda | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Palestine | <input type="checkbox"/> Chad | <input type="checkbox"/> Guinea-Bissau | <input type="checkbox"/> Sao Tome and Principe | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Qatar | <input type="checkbox"/> Comoros | <input type="checkbox"/> Kenya | <input type="checkbox"/> Senegal | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saudi Arabia | <input type="checkbox"/> Republic of Congo | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesotho | <input type="checkbox"/> Seychelles | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Syria | <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Republic of the Congo | <input type="checkbox"/> Liberia | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Leone | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey | | <input type="checkbox"/> Libya | <input type="checkbox"/> Somalia | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United Arab Emirates | <input type="checkbox"/> Côte d'Ivoire | <input type="checkbox"/> Madagascar | <input type="checkbox"/> Republic of South Africa | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yemen | <input type="checkbox"/> Djibouti | <input type="checkbox"/> Malawi | <input type="checkbox"/> South Sudan | |

- Applicants of the IEI Program funded by MEXT scholarship: Middle East and Africa must be nationals of countries listed in the above table.
- Nationals of the above countries, **who currently reside elsewhere are also eligible**. In such a case, a successful applicant is required to obtain a study VISA at the Japanese embassy located in the applicable country. In addition, airline tickets from the applicable country to Japan will be issued. Note that airline tickets from an additional non applicable country to Japan will not be provided.