



Nagoya University
Graduate School of
International Development

Application Directions for
Entrance Permission under Japanese Government
(Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship 2026
(Embassy Recommendation)

Those who passed the first screening for the MEXT (Embassy Recommendation) Scholarship and wish to enroll at the Graduate School of International Development (GSID), Nagoya University, must apply according to the directions given below. Please note that GSID initially permits applicants to enroll as research students, not as Master's or the Doctoral program students at the time of enrollment. In addition, entry into the Master's Program is in April and entry into the Doctoral Program is in April and October.

1. Conditions for Application

Applicants must have passed the first screening of the scholarship for academic year 2026 at a Japanese embassy.

2. Documents to Be Submitted

- (1) Application form (use the accompanying form)
- (2) Copy of a Passing Certificate of the First Screening, issued by a Japanese embassy or consulate
- (3) Copy of an English proficiency test score
- (4) Application form for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship (a digital PDF of what you submitted to a Japanese Embassy)
- (5) Field of study and research plan (a digital PDF of what you submitted to a Japanese Embassy)
- (6) Certificate of graduation (a PDF of what you submitted to a Japanese Embassy)
- (7) Certificate of academic record (a PDF of what you submitted to a Japanese Embassy)
- (8) Letter of recommendation (a PDF of what you submitted to a Japanese Embassy)
- (9) Master's thesis in electronic form, if you wish to proceed to the Doctoral Program

NB:

- English proficiency test should be either TOEFL iBT, TOEFL iBT Home edition, TOEFL iBT Special Home edition, TOEFL Essentials, the revised TOEFL Paper-delivered Test, IELTS, or Duolingo.
- Only scores from English proficiency tests taken within two years of the submission deadline will be accepted.
- You must attach translations of documents if they are not in either Japanese or English.
- Items (1), (4), and (5) must be original digital PDF documents, not scanned copies.

3. Review Process

Applications that arrive before the deadline will be reviewed immediately. Results will be sent to applicants once the review process has been completed. Successful applicants will receive a “Letter of Provisional Acceptance” to enroll as a research student.

4. Submission Deadline

Applications must arrive at GSID by **Monday, September 1, 2025**

5. Methods of Submission and Address

You must submit by e-mail. Submission address: iss@gsid.nagoya-u.ac.jp

*Directions for submission

- a) Please submit all documents as PDF files and attach those files to your e-mail with “MEXT Scholarship Application” in the subject field.
- b) The applicant must submit the application package by him or herself. (Friends or relatives must not submit the application on behalf of the applicant.)
- c) Please clearly indicate the deadline for submission of the “Letter of Provisional Acceptance” set by the embassy.

6. Miscellaneous

- (1) Documents received after the submission deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances.

- (2) Documents submitted cannot be returned to the applicant under any circumstances.
- (3) Successful applicants should submit the “Letter of Provisional Acceptance” to the embassy or consulate and follow further instructions. Note that the “Letter of Provisional Acceptance” issued by GSID does not guarantee acceptance as a MEXT scholar.
- (4) Please refer to the GSID homepage for details of courses and faculty members.
- (5) GSID will not answer enquiries about the review process.
- (6) Documents and information submitted in the application will not be used for any other purpose.
- (7) It is not necessary to obtain prior approval from a professor whom you wish to be your supervisor at GSID.
- (8) A professor cannot decide entrance permission personally. Therefore, all the applicants must follow this procedure, even if an accepting professor gives his/her personal approval.

7. Completion

- (1) Those who are accepted as MEXT scholars will be admitted to GSID as research students, not as Master’s or Doctoral students, in April or October 2026.
- (2) Those who pass the entrance examination after admission as a research student will be admitted to the Master’s program in April 2027.
- (3) This means that a student can obtain a Master’s degree in March 2029, in the shortest case.
- (4) As for the Doctoral program, a student must spend at least six months as a research student at GSID.

8. Contact and Enquiries

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