

International University of Japan
2026 IUJ Scholarship Guidelines:
PhD Program
For Non-Japanese Applicants



Non-Japanese IUJ PhD applicants who do not have sufficient funds to attend IUJ can apply for the scholarship(s) listed below only at the time of submitting the application to IUJ academic programs. Please read this guide carefully learn what scholarship(s) are eligible for you. The Admissions Committee will nominate successful applicants for a scholarship appropriate to them.

Most scholarships require recipients to hold a Japan Student Visa, which IUJ will assist them in obtaining.

Scholarship information is subject to change.

The Scholarship Application form is available as a second part of the online admission application system: complete the main application process to the IUJ PhD programs, then, if applicable, continue to part two for scholarship considerations. (<https://www.iuj.ac.jp/admis/online/>) Please respond to all questions inputting your answers directly into the online form. The Admissions Committee will then consider you for an award either directly from IUJ or by nominating you to a scholarship-providing partner as indicated below.

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Tuition of IUJ PhD Programs

School	Degree	Tuition / year
Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR)	PhD in Economics (Economics Cluster)	1,650,000 yen
	PhD in Public Management (Public Management Cluster)	
	PhD in International Relations (International Relations Cluster)	

I. List of Available Scholarships through IUJ and Other Institutions

Details of each scholarship are found in the subsequent pages. In the table below, the “D” and “I” are used to indicate:

- D: Domestic Applicants (residents of Japan, regardless of nationality)
- I: International Applicants (residents of countries other than Japan, regardless of nationality)

Category A: IUJ Direct Award Scholarships along with IUJ Admissions Decisions

IUJ awards these scholarships to recipients selected from successful applicants at the time of admissions. Both domestic and international applicants are eligible to be nominated for all of the following category A scholarships. **Non-Japanese must be on a Japan Student Visa status** to receive the scholarship and IUJ will help successful applicants to obtain the status.

No	Scholarships	GSIR		
		PhD	PhD	PhD
		Economics	Public Management	International Relations
A	<i>S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship 100 Premium (Nakayama 100 Premium)</i>	D/I	D/I	D/I
	<i>S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship 100 (Nakayama 100)</i>			
	<i>S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship 90 (Nakayama 90)</i>			

A	<i>S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship 70 (Nakayama 70)</i>	D/I	D/I	D/I
	<i>S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship 50 (Nakayama 50)</i>			
	<i>S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship 30 (Nakayama 30)</i>			

Category B: IUJ Nominated Scholarships after Successful IUJ Admissions Screening

IUJ recommends/nominates candidates to the following scholarship providers from those that have passed the IUJ admissions process and who match the requirements and conditions of our scholarship providers. Scholarship providers make the final decisions and selections. IUJ informs applicants of both our recommendations/nominations and the results as soon as the provider informs us.

No	Scholarships	GSIR		
		PhD	PhD	PhD
		Economics	Public Management	International Relations
B-1	<i>MEXT with University Recommendation</i>	I	I	I

Category C: Direct Scholarship Application to Other Institution along with IUJ Admissions Screening

Those interested in attending IUJ may consider applying for the following scholarships directly to each institute or office (not through IUJ).

No	Scholarships	GSIR		
		PhD	PhD	PhD
		Economics	Public Management	International Relations
C-1	<i>Japanese Government (MEXT) with Embassy Recommendation (Extensions and New Awards)</i>	I	I	I
C-2	<i>Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA)</i>	I		

Category D: Scholarships Potentially Available after enrolling in the IUJ PhD

Students may have some opportunities to apply for scholarships provided by the following foundations (examples) after enrolling in IUJ. Most require some Japanese language proficiency, so those in need of financial support are **highly encouraged to study Japanese before starting the PhD program at IUJ**, and prepare to fill out scholarship applications in Japanese.

Scholarship Information will be posted on the Office of Student Services (OSS) bulletin board after your arrival on campus. For updates on these and possibly other applications, see

<https://www.iuj.ac.jp/admis/scholarship/after-arrival/>



No	Scholarships	GSIR		
		PhD	PhD	PhD
		Economics	Public Management	International Relations
D-1	<i>JASSO / JASSO for Japanese nationals</i>	D/I	D/I	D/I
D-2	<i>Various sources*</i>	varies	varies	varies

*Information on where to look for possible scholarship application on your own or through IUJ.

II. How to Apply for Scholarships

Category A and B:

If you want to apply for a scholarship category “A” or “B”, please complete the IUJ Online Application (<https://www.iuj.ac.jp/admis/online/>). Please respond to all questions inputting your answers directly into the online forms. Be sure to complete each section. If it is not possible to apply online in your location, contact the admissions staff at admgisr@iuj.ac.jp for alternative options.

IUJ will award or make nominations for awards (when possible) to the appropriate scholarships to successful applicants. **Applying in the early intakes for these scholarships is highly recommended.** Scholarships are competitive.

Category C:

For category “C” scholarships, contact the institutes or offices concerned to begin the application process, indicating your interest in attending IUJ.

Category D:

Watch for information posted on the OSS bulletin board on campus after enrolling. The OSS staff will support you when appropriate, or encourage you to apply directly to the foundation. However, students applying for those scholarships that require a direct application need to be proactive in researching and following the scholarship information pages independent of staff support, as information may not come in to the OSS. It is strongly recommended that students conduct research and make solid planning independently.

III. Eligibility and Conditions of Scholarship

Category A: IUJ Direct Award Scholarships along with IUJ Admissions Decisions

S. Nakayama Memorial Scholarship

IUJ provides a limited number of scholarships for newly enrolling international students to support their IUJ studies with the expectation that they will also be active participants in support of the local community and gain a good understanding of the Japanese society. These scholars are expected to develop leadership skills and then contribute to the international society in a leadership role upon graduation. Priority for this scholarship is given to those with excellent academic performances.

Conditions for a three-year PhD Program at IUJ

Nakayama 100 Premium:

Partial Exemption of Admissions Fee: 250,000yen (out of a total admissions fee of 300,000yen)

Full Exemption of Tuition: 1,650,000yen

Stipend: 100,000 yen per month

Nakayama 100: Full Exemption of Tuition: 1,650,000 yen

Nakayama 90: Partial Exemption of Tuition: 1,485,000 yen (90% of the full tuition of 1,650,000 yen)

Nakayama 70: Partial Exemption of Tuition: 1,155,000 yen (70% of the full tuition of 1,650,000 yen)

Nakayama 50: Half Exemption of Tuition: 825,000 yen (50% of the full tuition of 1,650,000 yen)

Nakayama 30: Partial Exemption of Tuition: 495,000 yen (30% of the full tuition of 1,650,000 yen)

These are one-year scholarships, but students with commendable records are given an extension for the next year. A second extension for the 3rd year is also possible and approved based on the performance over the first two years of the program.

Nakayama 100 Premium and Nakayama 100 are reserved for highly capable candidates as determined in the screening process.

Note: Successful applicants are responsible for paying the balance of the admissions fee (if applicable) by the designated deadline according to the guidelines for successful applicants. *Successful applicants are also responsible for making tuition payments by the day prior to the first day of the academic year (August 31): not making tuition payment can lead to dismissal.*

Category B: IUJ Nominated Scholarships after Successful IUJ Admissions Screening

B-1: MEXT with University Recommendation

Those nominated by the IUJ Admissions Committee will have to submit supplemental application materials as required by the MEXT and supported by IUJ, with a short deadline.

Condition: Monthly Stipend: 145,000 yen
Tuition: 100% waived for the period of scholarship award
Airfare between the scholar's home country and Japan

Category C: Direct Scholarship Application to Other Institution

C-1: Japanese Government (MEXT)

MEXT Extensions:

Students studying in Japan at the graduate level under the MEXT Scholarship Program may request their graduate institution to support an application to extend their award to study at IUJ in the PhD Program.

- IUJ graduate students who are receiving the MEXT-Embassy recommended scholarship may contact the OSS in their first year at IUJ to begin the process. Students of other institutions should check with their scholarship coordinator and have them contact the OSS for good communications, and as early as possible. Such students will need to apply to the IUJ PhD program by the regular deadlines and be accepted as part of the MEXT extension process.

MEXT New Awards

Embassy Recommended: Those wishing to come to IUJ's PhD program under the MEXT with Embassy Recommendation Scholarship program should contact the Japanese Embassy in their home country about 1.5 years before wishing to join IUJ. Applicants should be continuing their studies in the same field as their master's level program to advance their expertise in that field.

Condition: Full tuition and stipend of ¥145,000/month
(Additional allowance of ¥3,000 for designated areas during winter months)
Airfare between the scholar's home country and Japan

C-2: Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia "Open Track"

The open track of the JISPA provides support to scholars who wish to study graduate-level macroeconomics or a related field at the PhD level at any leading university in Japan. It is geared towards highly motivated government officials who are able to identify a course of study in Japan suitable to their professional pursuits in the public sector and supportive of their future work as an economic policy maker. Priority is given to applicants whose age is below 40. Other qualifications include:

- **Target countries:** Under current program guidelines, candidates must be a national of one of the following countries (subject to change): Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pacific Island Countries, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam.
- **Work:** Candidates should also currently work for one of the following or related government agencies: a central bank, ministry of economy, ministry of finance, ministry of planning/development, ministry of trade/commerce, tax administration, national statistics bureau, or financial regulatory agencies. The program will also consider officials working in other areas of government that have a significant impact on the formulation or implementation of macroeconomic policy.

Once accepted into IUJ's PhD program, candidates may apply directly to the IMF.

Eligibility: Those studying in Macroeconomics or related fields, preparing to contribute to their home country after graduation. Specific countries and professions targeted. Priority is given to those under 36 years old. See details above and on the website

Condition: Typically covers all or most of tuition cost and related expenses and provides a monthly stipend for the scholar for up to 3 years of the PhD. The scholarship covers expenses incurred by the scholar only.

Applications: For details, and application procedures, please refer to <https://www.imf.org/external/oap/opentrack.htm> Deadline: April 1 - June 1 (subject to change)

Category D: Scholarships Potentially Available after Enrolling in the IUJ PhD

Below is a list of scholarships potentially applicable to IUJ PhD candidates. Scholarship Information, when coming in to IUJ, will be posted on the OSS bulletin board after your arrival to campus. IUJ is not always invited to submit applications or the Foundation may not be making awards that year. IUJ will not have updated information until Fall Term begins, and it is released from the foundations.

Those candidates wishing to apply for the scholarships that require direct applications need to conduct independent research and keep updated information on their own, as IUJ may not receive any information.

D-1: JASSO Honors Scholarship

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) provides a limited number of scholarships for international students who are fully or partially financed privately. Applications are accepted through IUJ with an IUJ recommendation after being enrolled in IUJ. The initial award is through March of your first year at IUJ. A second application process, usually with fewer scholarships available, is required for April to March scholarship renewal. The process is competitive, and largely GPA based.

Condition: Monthly Stipend: 48,000 yen

D-2: Various Sources

While various private foundations do have PhD level scholarships available for application after the student is enrolled in a degree program, the information is often subject to change. For the updated conditions and qualifications, please refer to the sites noted below.

- https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/scholarship_j/index.html (in English)
- https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/study_j/index.html (in Japanese)

Often Japanese language skills, age, nationality and area of study are factors to carefully check before applying.

The OSS will post and announce scholarship application opportunities when/if the information comes in to its office. Alternately, those who find scholarship they are eligible for may seek support from the OSS on an individual basis.

Contact:



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