

**"Program to Develop Advanced Healthcare Professionals for
the Future of ASEAN Countries"
for Overseas Ph.D. Students
in the Graduate Schools of Tokushima University**

**Application Guidelines (2026) for the Japanese Government Scholarship
by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
(MEXT)**

This brochure provides guidelines to overseas students who wish to study as international students in the Graduate Schools of Tokushima University, Japan, on scholarship from the Japanese Government for the academic year 2026.

1. Fields of Study and Number of Grantees

- (1) The Graduate Schools offers courses for a Ph.D. degree in the fields of Medical Nutrition.
- (2) Number of students to be accepted: A few students for each admission in April and October

2. Qualifications

- (1) Nationality: Applicants must be citizens of countries eligible for the Japanese Government Scholarship (Applicants residing in Japan at the time of application are not eligible).
- (2) Age: Applicants must be those who were born on or after April 2, 1991.
- (3) Academic Background:
 - 1) Those who have received or are expected to receive a Master's degree or a professional degree from a Japanese university by March 31, 2026.
 - 2) Those who have received or are expected to receive, by March 31, 2026, a degree equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree of a Japanese university, from a university abroad.
 - 3) Those who have received or are expected to receive, by March 31, 2026, a degree, equivalent to a Master's degree or a professional degree, by studying the relevant subjects in Japan via correspondence courses provided by a school in a foreign country.
 - 4) Those who have completed and earned or are expected to complete and earn, by March 31, 2026, a Master's degree or a degree that corresponds to a professional degree at an educational institution abroad, which is assessed in Japan to have graduate school courses abroad in the school education system and specifically designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
 - 5) Those who have completed the United Nations University and have received a degree equivalent to a Master's degree.
 - 6) Those who have completed a course of a foreign school, an educational institution designated in item 4) above or the United Nations University; passed an examination or a screening which

corresponds to those prescribed in Article 16, paragraph 2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools; and are qualified to have academic standard equivalent to or higher than those who hold a Master's degree.

- 7) Those who are specially designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- 8) Those who are qualified, through individual Entrance Qualification Examination, by the Admission Committee for this Program of Tokushima University, to have academic standard equivalent to or higher than those who are prescribed in item 1) above.
- (4) Academic Achievement: Those who have obtained 2.30 or higher score of coefficient performance of official academic records. (This score will be calculated based on the MEXT standard.)
- (5) Health: Applicants must be in good health.
- (6) Language Ability: Those who satisfy one of the following conditions to demonstrate English language proficiency (with the submission of a relevant certificate):
 - ① Having a qualification or proficiency test score equivalent to Level B2 or higher in English of the Common European Framework of Reference for Language (CEFR)
 - ② Having completed an educational curriculum that uses English as the primary language of instruction and that meets the admission requirements for master's or doctoral programs in Japan
 - ③ Being judged at Tokushima University to have English proficiency equivalent to or higher than the level prescribed in item ① above
- (7) Arrival in Japan: Applicants must be able to arrive in Japan between Wednesday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

*If an applicant fails to arrive in Japan within the period mentioned above, the Japanese Government will cancel his/her acceptance.

(Note 1) Military personnel and military civilian employees are not eligible for admission if they remain on active duty and are registered on the active list.

(Note 2) Admission will be canceled if the applicant fails to graduate from his/her undergraduate or master course by March 31, 2026.

3. Terms of Scholarship

Three years maximum for Ph.D. starting from April, 2026.

4. Scholarship Benefits

- (1) Scholarship: Japanese Yen 145,000 per month will be given to each grantee during the term of his/her scholarship. However, the scholarship will be suspended if a grantee is long absence from the university.
- (2) Travel and Other Expenses:

- ① Transportation to Japan: The grantee will be supplied with an economy-class air ticket from the nearest international airport to his/her home address to Kansai International Airport, Osaka, Japan.
- ② Transportation from Japan: The grantee returning to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of the scholarship will be supplied, upon application, with an economy class air ticket from Kansai International Airport, Osaka, Japan, to the nearest international airport to his/her home address.
- ③ Tuition and Other School Fees: Fees for entrance examination, enrollment, and tuition will be exempted.

(Note) Domestic travel expenses from a grantee's residence to the nearest international airport and other related domestic travel expenses in the grantee's home country, including airport taxes and other taxes necessary for the domestic travel, have to be paid by the grantee. Travel insurance for the grantee's round trips to/from Japan have to be also paid by the grantee.

5. Application Procedure

All the following documents must be submitted to the Graduate School Section, Educational Affairs Division, Administrative Office, Faculty of Medicine, Tokushima University through the applicant's supervisor between Tuesday, October 21, 2025 and Friday, October 31, 2025.

- (1) Application for admission (Including a letter of recommendation to the President of Tokushima University written by the Dean/President of the Faculty/Graduate School of your home university/graduate school.)
- (2) Application form (Appendix 5) for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship
- (3) Field of Study and Research Plan (Appendix 6) *Please print on both sides.
- (4) Certificate/certificates of graduation (or expected graduation) from the undergraduate course and/or the graduate school attended
- (5) Official academic transcripts from university and/or graduate school attended
*Please attach official documents that include GPA (i.e. grade point average), grades (i.e. A, B, C), concrete academic performance ranking (_ out of number of all students).
- (6) Thesis by which the applicant earned his/her master's degree or its equivalent (in English)
*If the applicant attended a master's program which does not require a master's thesis, please state so and submit its equivalent. A graduate of medical or dental school does not need to submit a bachelor's thesis.
- (7) Certificate of family register or citizenship in the applicant's home country
- (8) ID photo data taken within the last six months (JPEG/JPG format, upper frontal view without hat, cap, etc.)
- (9) Documents showing evidence of language proficiency or any other professional ability (e.g. Score reports of TOEFL, TOEIC, and Japanese Language Proficiency Test, etc.)
- (10) Document officially proving your nationality and identity (e.g. a copy of passport, etc.)

*For the documents written in any other languages than Japanese or English, please be sure to attach Japanese or English translation to each document.

*Recommendation Form for MEXT Scholarship Students (Appendix 1) and Report of comprehensive performance evaluation (Appendix 3) are prepared by the Administrative Office of Each Graduate School.

6. Selection and Acceptance

- (1) Tokushima University will select candidates from applicants by screening application documents, and recommend them to MEXT.
- (2) MEXT will make a final decision after reviewing all documents and notify the results to Tokushima University.
- (3) All applicants who have been accepted will be notified by the end of February 2024.

7. Date of Admission: April 1, 2026.

8. Features of "Program to Develop Advanced Healthcare Professionals for the Future of ASEAN Countries"

- (1) We invite young aspiring international students mainly from ASEAN countries to study various research fields encompassing health sciences, pharmacy, oral sciences, nutrition, etc. in interdisciplinary approach at Tokushima University and globally contribute to the solution of healthcare problems we are facing in the contemporary society. The scope of the courses covers all aspects of medicine, nutrition, health sciences, dentistry and pharmaceutical sciences relevant to biomedical sciences.
- (2) Students will engage in studying and research using English and are expected to acquire capacity to work for international organizations such as World Health Organization (WHO), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), academic or research institutions as well as governmental agencies. The courses are also intended to make students able to discuss scientific matters in English.
- (3) Students must submit a dissertation on their research work to the Graduate Schools at Tokushima University. If the Graduate Schools accept the dissertation as adequate for a doctor's degree, grantees will be awarded Ph.D. degree.

9. Important Notes

- (1) Grantees will be deprived of their scholarship in any of the following cases:
 - ① When any false statements on application documents are found,
 - ② When violations of any article of the pledge to MEXT are found,
 - ③ When students receive disciplinary punishment by the university or if they have no prospect for obtaining satisfactory achievement in academics,
 - ④ When students change their VISA status from "College Student",

- ⑤ When students receive a scholarship from another organization, or
- ⑥ When students receive lower score than 2.30 of coefficient performance of official academic records or does not meet the university's scholastic performance standard on a yearly basis.

*The scholarship will be suspended, if a grantee is long absence from the university.

- (2) Admitted students are advised to have some general knowledge on Japanese climate, customs and manners, and university education and conditions before coming to Japan. Studying and research are conducted in English, but admitted students are strongly advised to study the Japanese language for daily life.

10. Correspondence

For inquiries by letter, fax, or email, and for sending application forms and supporting documents:

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