

# Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program

## 2020 Research Student (for Israeli Citizens)

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) of Japan offers scholarships to international students who wish to study in **graduate courses** at Japanese universities as Research Students (either non-degree or degree students) under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2020.

The Embassy of Japan in Israel is now open for the applications from Israeli citizens for this program as follows.

### I. **Application Guideline**

**Please read carefully** the Application Guidelines provided by MEXT.

[https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/jp/files/2020\\_Guidelines\\_Research\\_E.pdf](https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/jp/files/2020_Guidelines_Research_E.pdf)

The Embassy of Japan in Israel accepts applications from the Israeli applicants (a holder of an Israeli passport or an Israeli ID card).

#### **FAQs:**

##### 1. Which academic background is eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants must satisfy any one of the following eligibility criteria on "Application Guidelines", 3. Qualifications and Conditions (3) Academic Background. Please read it carefully:

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##### 2. Can I study something new in Japan?

No. Applicants should apply for the field of study they majored in at university or its related field. The fields of study must be subjects which applicants will be able to study and research in graduate courses at Japanese universities.

##### 3. When and how long can I get the scholarship?

You can choose one of the 2 timings to start your study in Japan with this scholarship. If you choose to start from April 2020, the scholarship term will be up to 2 years (till March 2022), and if you will start from September/October 2020, it will be up to 1.5 years (till March 2022), basically both as Research Student.

4. I have double citizenships. Can I apply?

As long as you have an Israeli passport or an Israeli ID card, you can apply to the Embassy of Japan in Israel as an Israeli applicant. But if you have a Japanese nationality, you are not eligible to this program.

**Should you have any question about this scholarship program, including your eligibility, please consult us at [study@tl.mofa.go.jp](mailto:study@tl.mofa.go.jp).**

## **II. Schedule & Procedure for Israeli Applicants**

### **1. Get your Application forms & other documents**

The Embassy of Japan in Israel will send you the application forms upon your email request to [study@tl.mofa.go.jp](mailto:study@tl.mofa.go.jp).

Please write the following information in your email.

- (1) Full Name in English with "Ms." Or "Mr."
- (2) Nationality \*Only Israeli passport/ Israeli ID holders can apply.
- (3) Date of birth \*Applicants must have been born on or after **April 2, 1985**.
- (4) Name of the university you graduated / or will graduate, and the degree (Bachelor, Master, etc.) you received / or will receive.

### **2. Prepare and submit applications (by June 7, 2019)**

- (1) All required documents should be fully and correctly completed. Incomplete set of documents will be disqualified.
- (2) All documents submitted will not be returned. Art portfolios may be returned upon request only within a year after submission.
- (3) Documents must be submitted in English ONLY. In case your last graduated / graduating school does not issue the document in English, you must submit an English translation in addition to the original document. Documents in Hebrew or Arabic without English translation will not be accepted.
- (4) The application documents should be submitted by hand to the Press & Culture Section, Embassy of Japan in Israel.

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019( until 14:30).**

Address of Embassy of Japan in Israel

The Museum Tower, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor , 4 Berkowitz Street, Tel Aviv

Opening hours: 9:00-17:00 (Mon.-Thu.), 9:00-15:00 (Fri.)

### **3. Written Examinations & Interview (the First Screening by the Embassy)**

- (1) The First Screening procedures will be handled by the 2020 Research Student Scholarship Candidates Selection Committee, organized by the Embassy of Japan in Israel.
- (2) The result of documents screening will be announced to all applicants via email by around June 28, 2019. Only who passed the documents screening will be invited to written examinations, and only who got minimum scores of the examinations will be invited to the interview.
- (3) Both written examinations and interview will be held at the Embassy of Japan in Israel.

**Written Examinations (English test and Japanese test): Friday, July 5, 2019**

**Interview (mainly in English): Thursday, July 11, 2019**

\*For your study and preparation for the test, the past samples maybe useful:

<https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/toj/toj0302e-32.html>

- (4) The result of the first screening will be announced via email to the applicants by the Embassy in a few days after the interview.

### **4. Provisional Acceptance from Japanese universities and the Second Screening by MEXT**

- (1) The candidates who passed the Embassy's first screening will need to contact the Japanese universities of his/her choice from mid July (till August 23, 2019), and obtain "a letter of provisional acceptance" from those universities (with a special form given by the Embassy) and submit it (them) to the Embassy. The candidates will also fill another document ("Placement Preference Application Form" which will be given also only to final candidates) and submit it to the Embassy (by September 27, 2019).
- (2) MEXT will conduct the Second Screening based on the results of the Embassy's First Screening, and will decide which candidates will be granted to this program. Then MEXT will coordinate "university placement", to which Japanese university each granted candidate will be enrolled.

### **5. Final result announcement**

The final result of MEXT Second Screening and the result of an university placement will be announced to the granted candidates during December 2019 and February 2020.

For detail, please read carefully the Application Guidelines provided by MEXT.

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