

MEXT 2025 RESEARCH STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP (for graduate-level studies)

✓Checklist for applicants applying through the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles.¹

(This is only an aid. See APPLICATION GUIDELINES for more complete, authoritative specifications.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

Qualifications Checklist:

(✓)

U.S. Citizen (and not dual citizen with Japan by time of acquisition of student status): _____

Born on or after April 2, 1990: _____

In good physical and mental health: _____

Bachelor’s degree holder (or will have B.A. or B.S. before arrival in Japan): _____

Able to arrive in Japan at designated time: _____

Willing to receive a new “Student” visa: _____

Willing to learn Japanese; having language proficiency sufficient for study in Japan: _____

Willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S. _____

NOT eligible:

Military at time of arrival / Previous MEXT grantee / Current applicant for another MEXT scholarship / Already enrolled in Japanese university with “Student” visa (See Guidelines for details.) / Overlapping scholarship / No intention to obtain a degree in Japan.

Paperwork Checklist:

(✓)

1. Completed 2025 Application Form w/proper photo	<u>Originals & copies</u> as per Guidelines!	_____
2. Completed 2025 Placement Preference Form ²	" " " " "	_____
3. Field of Study and Research Plan for 2025	" " " " "	_____
4. Official Transcripts (See Guidelines) ^{3,4}	" " " " "	_____
5. Certification of Graduation (See Guidelines)	" " " " "	_____
6. Letter of Recommendation (academic) ^{3,5}	" " " " "	_____
7. Certificate of Health (aka Medical Certificate) for 2025 ⁶	" " " " "	_____
8. Abstracts of Theses (if applicable)	" " " " "	_____
9. Certificate of Language Ability (if applicable)	" " " " "	_____
10. Letter of Recommendation ^{3,5} (if employed)	" " " " "	_____
11. Samples of Artwork or Music (if applicable)	" " " " "	_____

In the case of official, sealed documents (like the transcript, letter of recommendation), the L.A. office is willing to make the necessary copies: do not break the seal.

¹ Applicants through the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles should be residents of Arizona or of the following counties in southern California: San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, or Imperial.

² The Placement Preference Application Form is not final; you can revise it later.

³ Do not break the seal of envelopes containing official documents like letters of recommendation or transcripts.

⁴ Electronic transcripts are only accepted with proof that paper copies cannot not be issued. Contact the MEXT Desk in advance.

⁵ Please ask recommender to follow directions for sealing the envelope, which are located in the Recommendation Letter Sample.

⁶ Signature (or stamp) of a licensed **MD** or **OD** is required (not of a PA or NP, etc.). X-ray is required.