

## MEXT 2026 RESEARCH STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP (for graduate-level studies)

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

(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, 1991: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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### Paperwork Checklist:

(✓)

	<u>Originals &amp; copies</u> as per Guidelines!					
1. Completed 2026 Application Form w/proper photo						_____
2. Completed 2026 Placement Preference Form <sup>2</sup>	"	"	"	"	"	_____
3. Field of Study and Research Plan for 2026	"	"	"	"	"	_____
4. Official Transcripts (See Guidelines) <sup>3,4</sup>	"	"	"	"	"	_____
5. Certification of Graduation (See Guidelines)	"	"	"	"	"	_____
6. Letter of Recommendation (academic) <sup>3,5</sup>	"	"	"	"	"	_____
7. Certificate of Health (aka Medical Certificate) for 2026 <sup>6</sup>	"	"	"	"	"	_____
8. Abstracts of Theses (if applicable)	"	"	"	"	"	_____
9. Certificate of Language Ability (if applicable)	"	"	"	"	"	_____
10. Letter of Recommendation <sup>3,5</sup> (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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> X-ray is required.