

FAQs : MEXT Scholarship (PGP) Application

Eligibility :

Q1: I am now working in Japan. Am I eligible to apply?

A1: Yes, you are eligible as long as you will surely change the visa status to 'student' before the enrollment in GraSPP. Please note you will not be able to receive the scholarship when the enrollment period starts without changing the visa status.

Q2: I am graduating from the university in Japan in March, 2022. Am I eligible?

A2: Yes. However, if you graduate in March and do not belong to any other institution until September, you will need to go back to your home country to newly apply for student visa for entering Japan as a MEXT scholar.

Q3: I am also applying for CAMPUS Asia Plus program. Am I eligible?

A3: Students who are planning to go abroad for more than 90 days during the scholarship period are not eligible.

Transcript :

Q: Should I include the transcript of the university I attended for exchange/double degree program during the enrollment period at my university?

A: Please do not add the transcript as we cannot include it into calculation of academic grade point for this MEXT (PGP) recommendation unless those grades are written on the transcript of your original university.

Language certificate :

Q1: I passed Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) before, but lost the certificate. What should I do?

A1: In that case, you cannot write your Japanese language level in the application form. You can only mention the one you can submit valid certificates (taken within 2 years). If you fulfill English language requirement, it is just fine for the application.

Q2: Do I need to request ETS to send TOEFL official score report directly to your school?

A2: No, it is not necessary. Please just include the copy of certificate in the pdf.

Recommendation letter from the Dean :

Q1: I graduated from university many years ago and I am currently working. It is very difficult for me to obtain the recommendation letter from the Dean of the university I graduated.

Do I still need to submit this document?

A1: Recommendation letter from the Dean is essential for this PGP slot application.

Without this document, you are not eligible in principle.

Q2: Does it have to be from the Dean? Is the recommendation letter from the Program Director also acceptable?

A2: The recommendation letter should be from the Dean of the department (or above).

Q3: I am now enrolled in a university in Japan. Is the recommendation letter from the Dean of Japanese university acceptable?

A3: Yes, please submit the recommendation letter from the Dean of current university

Q4: Is there any specific format for this recommendation letter?

A4: There is no specific format. It is fine as long as the Dean recommends you for this MEXT scholarship application. The letter also needs to be addressed to **'The President of the University of Tokyo'**. ('To whom it may concern' is NOT accepted.)

Deadline :

Q1: What time is the submission deadline of pdf version on Feb 6?

A1: If it is sent before midnight (0:00 JST of next day), it is fine. However, please submit the documents as soon as they are ready, regardless the deadline.

Q2: What will happen if the original documents (No. 1 &2) cannot reach GraSPP in time (by February 28)?

A2: Please make sure the package arrives at GraSPP Office by the deadline. If there is an unexpected delivery problem, please consult with us ASAP.

Academic grades requirement (2.30) as a MEXT scholar:

Q: Guideline says that the scholars will lose the right to be a recipient of MEXT scholarship

when their grade point average for a year falls below 2.30. In this case, the scholar stop receiving the scholarship after one year?

A: Yes. We calculate the academic grades at the end of the second semester (at the end of the first year) and the scholars who cannot reach the required level will not be able to receive the scholarship for the 2nd year.