

AY2023 Application Guidelines for MEXT Scholarship (PGP: Priority Graduate Program)

GraSPP has 8 MEXT recommendation slots for AY2023 September enrollment. Please read information below carefully as well as **MEXT guidelines** before making an application.

Kindly note that applicants cannot withdraw from MEXT scholarship once being recommended from the university. Applicants who would like to be considered for ADB scholarship can also apply should they fulfil the MEXT eligibility requirements. However, those who are nominated to the ADB scholarships will NOT be recommended for MEXT scholarship.

Any nationals of countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan can apply for these MEXT (PGP) slots, however, applicants from Southwest Asia and ASEAN countries will be prioritized.

Application procedures

We accept application only from **those who passed MPP/IP document screening (for Sep enrollment 2023)**.

If you wish to apply, please send application documents mentioned in No. 2 by e-mail during the application period..

1) Important dates

	Dates (Japan Standard Time)
Application Period	January 31~February 5
Document Screening Result Announcement (Interview time will be notified to shortlisted candidates)	February 24 or 27
Interview (online) *Change of designated time/date is NOT negotiable .	March 1
Interview Result Announcement (Selected candidates will be nominated from GraSPP)	March 3
Final Result Announcement from MEXT	End of June

NOTE:

Please write your name **exactly same as the one on your passport** (including name order/middle name etc.) for all documents. Name should be written in CAPITALIZED letters for all MEXT application documents. Please add **Chinese characters** in () after alphabet names, if applicable.

Example: ZHANG MINGYUE (張 明月)

2) Application documents ((Please combine all documents in one zip file.)

	Required documents	Notes
1	Application Form (PDF, 5 pages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You are requested to <u>submit in the form of original PDF file.</u> ● If there is any mistakes/missing parts in this form, your application will not be processed properly. <u>Make sure to refer to the sample form.</u> ● Paste a digital photo <u>taken within 6 months</u> on the first page.
2	Field of Study and Research Plan (Word)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do NOT convert it to pdf. You are requested to <u>submit in the form of Word file.</u> ● For '1. Current Field of Study', write about what you had studied at the current (or the latest) university. It needs to be somehow <u>related to your study at GraSPP.</u> ● 5 pages at the longest
3	Recommendation Letter (The content does not have to be very long.) It might need some time. It is strongly recommended to start contacting the Dean ASAP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter should be from <u>the Dean or someone in a higher position.</u>(of the university you have most recently enrolled). ● It needs to be addressed: <u>Dear President of the University of Tokyo.</u> (If otherwise written, NOT acceptable.) ● Use the university letterhead. ● Signature or official seal of the Dean is needed.
4	Copy of language Proficiency Score Report (CFRE/TOEFL/IELTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CFRE B2 level (TOEFL 72/IELTS 5.5) or higher ● should be obtained within 2 years. <u>(Test date should be on/after 2020/12/15.)</u> ● If you cannot submit the Score Report, you can substitute it with the official document to prove your graduation from the latest university whose language of education is English.
5	Official Transcript	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Academic grade of 2.30 out of 3.0 (or approximately 77%) or higher during the latest university* (based on MEXT calculation method, not GPA) ● Attach <u>Official Grading Clarification.</u> <p>*If you are enrolled in a university currently, submit the transcript issued from the current</p>

		university.
6	Certificate of Graduation/ Expected Graduation	
7	Record showing the applicant's academic excellence at the latest/current university	●GPA, individual ranking etc. If the transcript proves academic excellence through specific indicators, it will be considered acceptable.
8	Abstract of Thesis (which you wrote the most recently)	●If you have never written a thesis, write about what you learned so far and what you wish to study at GraSPP within one page on A4 paper (with <u>title</u> and your name).
9	Copy of Passport	●Portrait page
10	Copy of residence card	●Applicants who reside in Japan ONLY
11	Questionnaire&Pledge (form attached)	

3) Inquiry & Application:

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