

STUDY IN JAPAN for INDIAN APPLICANTS

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INVITATION TO STUDY IN JAPAN

Introduction

The relationship between Japan and India has been developing appreciably in recent years. Besides strengthening of the economic ties, cooperative relations are progressing at the government level, while many exchanges are taking place at the private level. As two Asian democracies, Japan and India are important partners for mutual development. We believe that increasing people-to-people exchanges and deepening mutual understanding will help us maintain this excellent relationship and elevate it to a higher level.

India is the second largest country in terms of origin of foreign students around the world, with a large number of Indians studying across the globe. However, against this backdrop, only 0.3% of Indian students choose Japan as their destination of study, which ranks 20th in the list of preferred country to study abroad. This is relatively low, compared to other countries in South Asia, and countries where English is an official or semi-official language. We think this is because people in India may not be fully aware of the attractiveness of Japan and the benefits of studying there, or they might have certain concerns about the feasibility of studying in Japan.

This pamphlet is designed for people in India who are considering studying abroad to understand not only of the ways to study in Japan, but also of the following features of studying in Japan.

- Japanese schools provide a good environment to study and conduct research
- Japan is a safe country
- Study expenses in Japan are reasonable

Although this brochure may not be fully sufficient, it tries to focus on ways to provide useful information related to studying in Japan.

We hope that many Indian students will study in Japan and eventually play an active role in India, Japan, and around the world. We are confident that this will lead to the advancement of broader understanding between the two countries and the enhancement of their friendly relations.

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT OF JAPANESE SCHOOLS

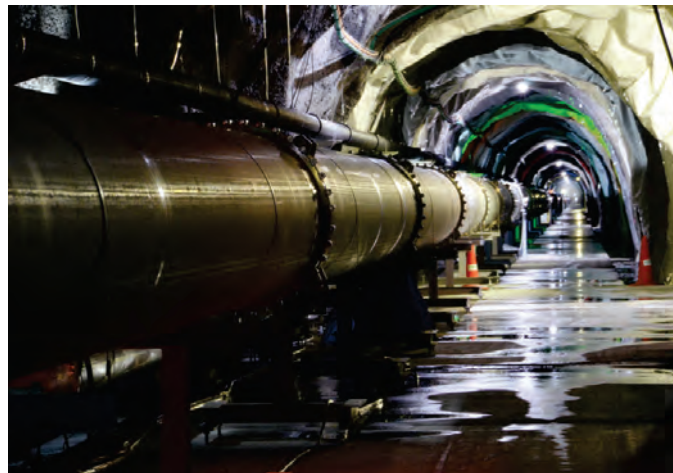
In Japan, the national government specifies the minimum number of teachers, the area of the school buildings, and the facilities and equipment that must be provided in accordance with the number of students in each school. All schools provide the necessary environment for students to learn comfortably. Of course, most schools have facilities and equipment that exceed these prescribed standards. In addition, each university provides various academic and social support to students, such as arranging housing, facilitating part-time jobs, and providing career guidance after graduation.

Most importantly, Japan is known as a safe country to live in, with its low crime rate.



(Campus of Waseda University)

Japanese universities and research institutes have many world-class research facilities and equipment. For example, “Fugaku”, the world's fastest supercomputer of RIKEN as of November 2020, and “KAGRA”, the Kamioka Gravitational wave detector, Large-scale Cryogenic Gravitational wave Telescope of the University of Tokyo, are both in Japan. If you study in Japan, it will be easier to do research using such advanced research facilities and equipment. Please look for facilities that are useful for conducting research that can only be done in Japan and can facilitate more meaningful research.



*KAGRA (Kamioka Gravitational wave detector,
Large-scale Cryogenic Gravitational wave Telescope)
offered by The University of Tokyo*

EDUCATION FEE

The cost of studying in Japan is not so expensive as compared to universities in the U.S., the U.K. and Australia. The total enrollment fee and tuition for Japanese undergraduate programs is approximately ¥820,000 (INR5,81,600) at national universities, ¥930,000 (INR6,59,600) at public universities, and ¥1.1 million (INR7,80,100) to ¥1.64 million (INR11,63,100) at private universities (excluding medical, dental and pharmaceutical schools). In addition, stable scholarship system and tuition exemption/reduction system will be available.

Please check this website “Study in Japan” for more details.

<https://www.studyinJapan.go.jp/ja/planning/academic-fees/>

Please check the respective websites for tuition fees of individual universities.

LIVING EXPENSES

The cost of living varies from region to region, but the average monthly cost for an international student is approximately ¥89,000 (INR 63,000).

Foreign students can work up to 28 hours a week as part-time workers, but they are not allowed to work in jobs where the hourly wage is extremely high, or the earnings exceed a certain amount of income per month.

ABOUT PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

When considering where to study in Japan, national universities such as the University of Tokyo, Kyoto University, and Osaka University are well known in India. However, most Japanese universities (about 77%) are private, and about 73% of them accept foreign students.

The tuition of private universities may be higher than that of national universities, but each university has provision for reduction of tuition.

Foreign students who have graduated from private universities are active not only in Japanese companies but also in various fields around the world.

There are many excellent private universities. Please check them out.

VOICES OF THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED STUDY IN JAPAN

Ms. Anahata Harikumar

Graduated University: Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)
Current Job: International Marketing Executive at Kose Corporation

Life in Japan and living in Japan is an experience like no other! Often times, I found myself wondering why I chose to come to Japan for study and work, and whether I really made the right choice. But after four wonderful years here, I am sure that this is the best place for me, and was always the place I was meant to be in!

The Japanese University curriculum is extremely similar to that in most western countries, and students are taught in the same standards as most western countries. This gave me the freedom to pursue my specific academic interests and choose my classes, unlike the Indian education system. Studying in Japan helped me to see the world, explore multiple avenues, and appreciate and understand cultural differences and similarities. In such a diverse environment, learning isn't just limited to the classroom but rather, lies in the world outside. Additionally, tuition in Japan is relatively cheap and there is a plethora of scholarships available for international students. Japan is safe, convenient, and has a rich culture spanning thousands of years. I never run out of places to see and things to do!

Japan is extremely encouraging of foreign applicants for jobs, and all universities are equipped to support on and off campus recruitment. What I absolutely love about this is, how international students are taught the Japanese language, not just for everyday conversations but also for business purposes. Being an international student, learning a new language and the personal growth avenues that Japan offers, will definitely make you a very attractive recruit for employers!

The best years of my life were spent in Japan, and I promise you, coming here will be the best decision you take!



Mr. Teerthal Patel

Graduated University: Nagoya University
Current Job: PhD student in the Physics Department,
Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, U.S.A.

I chose to pursue academics in Physics after high school and started looking for strong institutions. My reason to specifically choose Nagoya University was because, I found out about their excellent Physics program right around my graduation. This was partly exacerbated by the Nobel prize in Physics awarded to Dr. Masakawa from that university.

In my undergraduate and masters pursuits at Nagoya, I was able to study and work in a strong research environment, a characteristic feature of Japanese universities. Due to its standing, there are several well known researchers across various fields in all pursuits of science, actively working at the University. This allowed me to have an early start in a research career. The opportunity to publish papers before finishing masters as well as excellent mentoring allowed me to identify the specific researcher in the field of cosmology that I am working with today.

Though there were several cultural hurdles, I found that Japanese educational establishments are well developed and extremely research oriented. This shifts the focus from simply imparting knowledge to discovering and actively adding to the scientific understanding of various communities. Though I did not experience the industrial pursuits, Japan is one of the largest and most advanced economies in the world, and that speaks volumes about their educational institutions. Finally, having travelled and lived in several places across the globe, Japanese culture is extremely unique and a great destination for a foreign education.



Ms. Renuka Kulkarni

University: Waseda University (currently enrolled)



As I near the end of my 4 year period of studying in Japan, I look back on my time here and the influence it has had on my life, both in terms of academics and personal development. I first decided to come to Japan, as I wanted to experience studying abroad in an environment that would stimulate me in every way. I had a little grasp of the language as well, and was always interested in the culture of Japan, so when the opportunity presented itself, I decided to come here.

The educational environment is such that you can interact not only with Japanese students, but also with students from many different countries. You are exposed to many different viewpoints and ways of thinking, and this has contributed greatly to my growth. My academic experience was both challenging and enjoyable, and the teachers I encountered were all knowledgeable and helpful.

As I think of my future career, I believe the language and communication skills I have acquired throughout these 4 years will be extremely beneficial for me. Additionally, the hands-on education system gives you a chance to actually apply what you have learned in the classroom in practical situations, and this is useful once you enter society as a working adult.

I would recommend studying in Japan to anyone who wants to have a university experience that is not only unique and challenging, but exciting at the same time.

Ms. Richa Waswani

Graduated University: Kyushu University
Current Job: Administrative Coordinator for
Covid-19 response project in UAE

My area of study was in Agriculture, and in particular, Forestry Science and Aromatherapy. The research I did was to find a connection of utilizing a forestry product, Olive (*Olea. Europaea*) and its effects for delaying the onset of memory fading diseases. Though, with the increase of environmental studies, awareness of sustainability, and economic food security, the new age of agricultural tech has had a major impact over the past years for the importance of agriculture; it is a multidisciplinary field that comprises a variety of scientific, technical and business subjects.



Japan is an intricate place to visit; the sense of tradition collides with the advancing technology, but the blend of both is so seamless that one truly gets a sense of living in two worlds. Since starting my secondary school education, I was intrigued by the Japanese culture and nature, its geographical topography, island, nature, city, countryside, living and experiencing the timely changing of seasons. Japan is definitely the best place for exploring all the ways and works of life, bonding with people of new mindsets, creating a lifelong connection, and sharing incredible views by travelling all over Japan. From visiting the serene shrines in each prefecture, the breathtaking beaches of Okinawa, to exploring the big cities as a tourist, the memories are to last a lifetime. But along with all the ups and downs while living there, Japan teaches you a great lesson on life: the climb to the top of the mountain.

Having just turned a young adult in 2015, going from the comfort of my family to the new and unknown land had a big impact, from feeling homesick to culture shocks. Though looking back, I can proudly say, the change in environment developed me personally for the greater good. Having lived in Japan for 4 years, in terms of growth chart, I've grown exponentially from being a timid student to sharing my thoughts out loud by contributing in discussions and taking part as Head of Subcommittee in the Kyushu University's student council SCIKyu, and Student Committee for the Internationalization of Kyushu University.

All faculty and staff were available to help at all times; they encouraged discussions about our research and always offered help when they saw us struggle through unknown topics. This positive impact of providing a helping hand, as well as their sense of duty, reliability and morality, inspired me to keep pushing, and instilled a sense of responsibility for my future. My professor Shimizu Kuniyoshi is one of the many staff I wish to express all my gratitude towards, for constantly encouraging and supporting all students' further advancement in academia.

Helping your study in Japan - Outline

To study abroad, you first need to clarify on what you want to learn and study. In Japan, there are universities and instructors who can help you to achieve your purpose, so it is the most important to set your goal first.

Then, the universities will decide whether or not to accept you. Application procedures and entrance examinations are strict. Please prepare the documents correctly and make sure to meet the deadlines. This section raises the points to kept in mind when preparing for studying in Japan, and finding universities and instructors.

MASTER'S / DOCTORAL DEGREE (In Graduate Schools)

➤ Find a supervisor and a department

Studying abroad is a means, not a purpose. It is important to choose a graduate school where you can learn and study what you want, and to find an instructor who can teach it. The university's name value is not the only factor in choosing schools.

➤ Make a research plan

Most graduate schools require you to submit a research plan that consists of research objectives, backgrounds, significance, and research methods. Through that research plan, your basic knowledge in the relevant field, ability to discover problems, and ability to analyze will be checked. Research is an activity to create new knowledge, and your motivation for this is also important. In addition to the review of the research plan, these points will be questioned through interviews as well.

➤ Prepare the application documents for the entrance examination

The entrance examination for graduate school is often a combination of several examinations, including a document screening (application document), an academic achievement test (written exam), an interview, an essay, and an oral examination. Each school has different method of examination, so please check about this on the respective school's website.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE (In Undergraduate Schools)

➤ Find a department

At Japanese universities, classes are basically conducted in Japanese, but in recent years, university (faculty) programs that allow students to obtain degrees through classes in English have also been created.

Regarding the Japanese language ability for students entering a university or junior college (except for English degree programs), the Japanese Language Proficiency Test N1 or N2 are often required.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS (In Junior Colleges, Professional Universities, Specialized Training Colleges and Colleges of Technology)

➤ Find a school

For those who want to learn specialized skills that are useful in their jobs, such educational institutions as Junior Colleges (Associate degree), Professional Colleges (Bachelor), Specialized Training Colleges (non-degree), and Colleges of Technology are available. We provide highly specialized education in various fields such as engineering, IT, agriculture, medicine, cosmetology, economics, design, and culture.

Helping your study in Japan - Ways of searching for schools and supervisors

In Japan, there are about 800 universities, 320 junior colleges, 57 technical colleges, and 2800 vocational colleges. There are also more than 37,000 teachers. Please make sure to find a university or a teacher that suit your plan.

HOW TO SEARCH FOR UNIVERSITIES AND DEPARTMENTS

- **School Search (in website "Study in Japan" by JASSO)**
The "Study in Japan" website contains an Excel file that lists universities and graduate schools according to field, time of enrollment, examination subjects, and whether or not knowing Japanese is required. Please access this file and search for a university or department that will suit your plan.
<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/search-school/daigakukensaku/>
- **Japan Study Support**
<https://www.jpss.jp/en/>
- **Japanese College and University Portraits (by The National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education)**
<https://jpcup.niad.ac.jp/>

HOW TO SEARCH FOR SUPERVISORS

- **CiNii Articles (by The National Institute of Informatics)**
"CiNii Articles" enables you to search for information on academic articles published in academic society journals, university research bulletins, or articles included in the National Diet Library's Japanese Periodicals Index Database.
<https://ci.nii.ac.jp/en>
- **Researchmap (by National Institute of Informatics)**
Researchmap comprehensively collects and provides data related to universities and public institutions in Japan, Such as research institutions and researchers, and so on.
<https://researchmap.jp/?lang=en>



EXAM FOR STUDYING IN JAPAN

Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) is an examination conducted for foreign students who wish to enroll in Japanese institutions including undergraduate schools, with the aim of evaluating their Japanese language ability and basic academic background required at Japanese universities and other institutions.

If the school in which you wish to enroll requires you to take EJU examination, you need to take this exam. In India, MOSAI (Mombusho Scholars Association of India) holds this exam in June and November.

- **Website for EJU in India**
<https://mosai.org.in/examination-contest/eju-examination-scholarships/eju-online-procedure/>

Helping your study in Japan - Scholarships

In Japan, the scholarship system and the tuition exemption/reduction system are well organized compared to the global standard. Some scholarships will provide total expenses necessary to study in Japan. There are many other scholarships which are intended to cover part of the cost of living and tuition. Therefore, it is necessary to calculate the total amount of expenses for studying in Japan in detail, and to make a solid financial plan, including your own funds, rather than relying solely on the scholarship. This section provides an overview of scholarships.

MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS

➤ MEXT Scholarship

MEXT Scholarship is funded by the Japanese Government. We introduce 4 categories of MEXT scholarship as follows;

Research	Undergraduate	College of Technology	Specialized Training College
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommended by Embassy or University• For Master and Doctor degree or non regular course• About 30 candidates (FY2021)• Under 35 years old• Can be applied by Bachelor or Master Degree holder• Allowance: Approximately 100,200 Rupees /month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 candidates (FY 2021) recommended by the Embassy• For Bachelor degree• From 17 to 25 years old• Can be applied by person after graduating from High School• Allowance: Approximately 83,000 Rupees /month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 candidates (FY 2021) recommended by the Embassy• For studying in College of Technology• From 17 to 25 years old• Can be applied by person after graduating from High School• Allowance: Approximately 83,000 Rupees /month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 candidates (FY 2021) recommended by the Embassy• For studying in Specialized Training College• From 18 to 25 years old• Can be applied by person after graduating from High School• Allowance: Approximately 83,000 Rupees /month

Recruitment for these four programs usually starts around the middle of April. After the screening of documents, a written examination and an interview are held in June, and the nominees will be selected at the end of August. For the written examination, Japanese and English are required, Mathematics and/or Science depend on the categories.

The most important aspect of "Research" is the research plan submitted in the document screening. In the other three programs, the document screening is carried out based on the results of the CBSE or other common tests, and the results of the written test are important for final result of selection. Japanese language scores are especially highly appraised; so those who wish to take these three programs should study Japanese sufficiently.

For details on recruitment, please check the website of the Embassy of Japan in India and the guidelines for each program.

As for "Research", although there are programs recommended by universities, the timeline and method of recruitment varies from university to university; so please check the website of the specific university you wish to apply for.

- JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) Scholarships (for around 5000 students)
- Scholarships by Local Governments and Local International Associations
- Scholarships by Private Foundations
- Scholarships to Study in Japan for the Applicants Residing Abroad

*Please be sure to check the details on the website of each scholarship or the application guidelines. Also, JASSO has created a Pamphlet "Scholarship for International Students in Japan 2020 -2021".

https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/assets/pdf/plan/scholarships_2020_e_1.pdf

Helping your study in Japan - Ways of studying Japanese language

It does not mean you have to be able to speak Japanese to study in Japan. Many Indian students naturally learn to speak the language while living there.

But if you are going to study in Japan, it would be useful to learn Japanese before your departure, and would make your limited study period meaningful. In daily life, if you can speak some Japanese, it will make your life easier and you will have more opportunities to communicate with the local people. There are still some departments that require Japanese language proficiency at the time of enrollment, and the ability to speak Japanese can be advantageous in entrance examinations.

There are many places and ways to learn Japanese easily in India, so if you are thinking of going to Japan to study, or if you have decided to do so, why not learn Japanese as well?

Also, if you want to apply for a course to study in Japanese at a university or a vocational school, you are often asked to have N2 or N1 level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. In that case, you need to learn Japanese at Japanese language school in India or Japan, or in other way.

BY ONLINE METHOD

- **Free online learning materials by Japan Foundation**
<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/resource/index.html>

JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN INDIA

- There are many Japanese language schools in India. Please try to look for one in your nearby area.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN JAPAN

- **JASSO website for Japanese language school**
https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/search/nihongokyouiku.html
- Search site of Japanese language schools in Japan (Association for the Promotion of Japanese Language Education)
https://www.nisshinkyo.org/search/index_e.html

JLPT (JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST)

The JLPT has become the largest Japanese-language test in the world. If Japanese language ability is required when you enter a school in Japan, you are usually asked to submit your JLPT level and score. This test is conducted in July and December. (Applications are accepted from March to April, and August to September.)

In India, this test is conducted in New Delhi, Pune, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Santiniketan, and Karur. Please check the website of JLPT host institute.

- **The list of JLPT host institutes (In JPLT website)**
https://www.jlpt.jp/e/application/overseas_list.html

Support organizations for Indian Students

JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization)

JASSO is the organization that supports Japanese and international students. JASSO offers information on scholarship to international students or persons who are considering studying in Japan.

Its website "Study in Japan" provides a variety of useful information for studying in Japan. Go to the website to obtain more information.

➤ Website of Study in Japan

<https://www.studyinJapan.go.jp/en/>

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO INDIAN OFFICE

The University of Tokyo Indian office acts as the doorway for Indian students, researchers and industry to access Japanese academia. This office not only provides information on studying at the University of Tokyo, but also serves as the gateway for Japanese universities to India and other south Asian countries. It holds events that provide a variety of information to people in India who are considering studying in Japan, such as briefings on study abroad, held by the universities.

➤ Website of University of Tokyo Indian office

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/utindia/en/index.html>

MOSAI (MONBUSHO SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA)

MOSAI is the alumni organization of MEXT scholarship participants. Its activities and services include promotion of academic and educational links between Indian and Japanese institutions, encouragement of studying in Japanese higher education institutions, and learning of Japanese Language. MOSAI provides counseling and information for those who wish to study in Japan.

➤ Website of MOSAI

<https://mosai.org.in/>

EMBASSY AND CONSULATES

The Embassy (New Delhi) and 4 Consulates (Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Bengaluru) of Japan in India hold briefing sessions for students studying in Japan, and recruit Indian students with national scholarships.

Once it is decided that you will study in Japan and you are selected to go there, appropriate visa will be issued to travel to Japan. Our website also provides a variety of information on traveling to and entering Japan.

In addition, our website gives information on various topics related to interactions between Japan and India, and upcoming cultural events. Please visit our website and Facebook page.

➤ AREA-WISE JURISDICTION OF EMBASSY/CONSULATES

<https://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/contact%20info.html>

Another way to experience studying in Japan...

In addition to studying in Japan on a long-term program, you can also apply for short-term invitation programs or exchange programs. There are various types of programs; some programs may request you to apply individually or through your school, while others may be based on an agreement between Japanese and Indian schools. Please check if your school has any programs or agreements to study in Japan.

➤ Sakura Science Plan

This is one of the invitation programs. Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) invites students from Asian countries, including India, and other regions every year to offer experiences in the field of science and technology in Japan.

<https://ssp.jst.go.jp/EN/index.html>

