## MEXT Scholarship 2022

## **Research Students**

# Stage 1

Submitting application [Preliminary Application Form]

Download the application form and fill it using a computer only. The screening of the application is based on the Research Proposal, followed by scrutiny of academic records furnished in the form.

At this stage, we do not require any proof of your academic record (please read stage 2 below), but make sure that the grades/percentage furnished in this form should be same as per your record; any mismatch in the record may disqualify your candidature. Also do not insert or attach any unnecessary record other than the Research Proposal.

If your research proposal contains any graphic or picture, try to reduce the size to minimum possible.

The Preliminary Application form must be a single MS-Word document, and you have to submit it by email only, as an attachment, to <u>scholarship-india@nd.mofa.go.jp</u>. Please make sure that the file does not exceed the prescribed size, or else, it will be automatically rejected. Any other method to send the application, like Google drive or different email other than above, would result in the rejection of your application.

### HANDWRITTEN FOLLOWED BY SCANNED APPLICATION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

We would like to guide you in the best possible way, but there are certain questions which you must avoid asking:

- 1. My age limit exceeds by one or more days, can I apply? The answer is NO.
- 2. The last date of submitting the application form is given on the website, therefore refrain yourself from asking this question.
- 3. The deadline of submission of application is fixed; please do not waste time by requesting extension for the same.
- 4. The process takes one year to complete, therefore apply only if it suits you.
- 5. You must have prior information about Japanese Professors, Universities and education system. This is the basic pre-requisite if you wish to study in Japan. We expect you to at least be aware of the above, to apply for the scholarship.
- 6. The selection process is an internal matter of the Embassy, and Embassy is not bound to give any explanation to anyone about rejection of your application.
- 7. For Science and Technology course, Japanese language proficiency is not mandatory.

The names of the shortlisted candidates for interview will be updated on the Embassy's website in due course; therefore, no need to follow up.

# Stage 2

Shortlisted for Interview

If your name is shortlisted for interview, then start preparing to arrange supporting documents like grade card/mark sheet, graduation certificate, health certificate, recommendation letter from the last university/college attended, and current employer, etc., as mentioned in the guidelines.

Both grade card/mark sheet, graduation certificate copy need to be certified by the respective university/college you have attended. Please note that grade card/mark sheet and graduation/degree certificate are two different documents.

You will be required to submit 3 sets of application along with supporting documents, to the Embassy of Japan, New Delhi, by post or courier, as mentioned in the guidelines. In all 3 copies, the signature and photograph must be original. If you fail to submit the application form along with supporting documents by the mentioned date, your candidature will be disqualified.

## Stage 3

Shortlisted to recommend to the Japanese Government for Scholarship

The applicant will receive a letter from the Embassy along with a passing certificate, and one set of application duly stamped by the Embassy.

The applicant will contact the universities in Japan to get the Letter of Acceptance from Japanese universities.