

JASSO Scholarship Application Guide

International Exchange Group
The University of Tokyo

1. Overview

The Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO) Student Exchange Support Program for Short-term Study in Japan (JASSO Scholarship) is available to qualified students who have been admitted to a Japanese college or university for a period of up to one year of study in Japan under a student exchange agreement. The scholarship program is intended to encourage student exchange between universities in Japan and their overseas partner institutions, and to promote understanding and friendship between the participating countries.

2. Eligibility

Students who

- i are officially nominated by partner universities to study at the University of Tokyo (UTokyo),
- ii demonstrate excellent academic and personal records at their home university,
- iii have a strong motivation and clear objectives for studying at UTokyo and most likely to benefit from studying in Japan,
- iv upon termination of the period of study in Japan, will resume or complete their studies at their home universities,
- v are eligible for a "College Student" Visa to study in Japan,
- vi are not concurrently receiving any other scholarship awarded for the exchange study in Japan, that amounts more than 80,000 JPY monthly,
- vii have not been awarded the JASSO scholarship before,
- viii are not of Japanese nationality, and who
- ix have a minimum of 2.30 GPA, which is calculated using JASSO's GPA calculation method, based on a transcript from the previous academic year. (See below)

Grade Point Average (GPA) Conversion Method

- ◆ If your grades for the previous academic year is not available yet, GPA will be calculated based on your grades from the previous semester.
- ◆ Use the table below to convert your grades into grade points. Then use your grade points and the formula below to calculate your JASSO GPA. (If none of the grading scale below applies to your home institution's, please consult us.)
- ◆ When calculating GPA, round off to two decimal places. For example, 2.654 would be rounded 2.65, while 2.655 would be rounded to 2.66.

Grade Conversion Table

| Grading Scale | Grade Point (GP) | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| | | Excellent | Good | Average | Fail |
| 3.0 being the highest | — | A | B | C | F |
| | — | 100-80 | 79-70 | 69-60 | 59 or less |
| | — | | | | |
| 4.0 being the highest | 100-90 | 89-80 | 79-70 | 69-60 | 59 or less |
| | S | A | B | C | F |
| | A | B | C | D | F |
| 5.0 being the highest | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2, 1 |
| | 6, 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| JASSO GPA | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

GPA Formula

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| $\frac{([\text{No. of GP3 Credits}] \times 3) + ([\text{No. of GP2 Credits}] \times 2) + ([\text{No. of GP1 Credits}] \times 1) + ([\text{No. of GPO Credits}] \times 0)}{\text{Total Number of Registered Credits}}$ |
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3. Conditions and Details of Scholarship Award

- i **Award duration:** a minimum of one semester and a maximum of twelve months. The scholarship will be provided monthly during the period which you are enrolled at UTokyo. (Note: If you extend or shorten your exchange study period, the scholarship period will be adjusted to the actual period of study in Japan.)
- ii **Award amount:** 80, 000 JPY per month
- iii **Payment method:** Bank transfer – You must open a Japanese bank account after arriving in Japan.
- iv **Payment schedule:** During the enrollment period, the scholarship will be deposited to your Japanese bank account once a month, at the end of the month.
- v **Enrollment requirements:** At the beginning of each month, you must confirm your enrollment by signing at the International Exchange Group (TYPE U students) or the International Affairs Section of your Graduate School (TYPE G students). In case of late confirmation, the scholarship will be paid in the following month. Also, if you are unable to sign in for an entire month, the scholarship will not be awarded for that month. The scholarship is awarded on the basis that you will maintain an enrolled status in your course of study. Thus, the scholarship may be terminated if your enrolment status become inactive.
- vi **Post-program reporting:** You must return a compiled survey form prescribed by JASSO and UTokyo to the International Exchange Group of the UTokyo at the end of study period, before returning to your home institution. In addition, after the procedure for credit transfer has been completed, you must inform the International Exchange Group of UTokyo through your home institution which credits have been transferred from UTokyo.
- vii **Scholarship termination:** UTokyo may terminate the scholarship if you have
 - provided incorrect, false or misleading information or withhold relevant information on a JASSO Response Sheet.
 - inactive enrollment.
 - extremely poor performance (e.g. no credit awarded during a semester),
 - failed to meet the eligibility criteria and conditions of the scholarship, or
 - been suspended or excluded for misconduct under UTokyo regulations.Once the scholarship is terminated, you will not receive any further payments. You may be required to repay some or all of the scholarship.

4. Application

Application will be provided once you have been successfully accepted for USTEP admission.

5. Result

The number of JASSO scholarship awards are limited, and JASSO has the final rights to decide the recipients. We will send the outcome of your application for JASSO scholarship to you as well as your exchange coordinator once we receive them from JASSO.