# **XNow accepting second round of applications**

#### **MEXT Emergency Student Support Handout for Continuing Studies**

#### **Program overview**

With students experiencing a significant economic impact on their lifestyles due to heavy reduction in household income and income from part-time work because of the effect of the novel coronavirus pandemic, the program will provide those who face difficulties continuing their studies at their university or other educational institution a cash handout so that they do not abandon their studies.

#### Handout Recipient Requirements (Criteria)

 $\rightarrow$ For details, refer to <u>the application guidelines</u> in the MEXT website.

Those who fulfill criteria (1) through (6) below (or <u>if an international student</u>, then criteria (1) through (5) and (7)).

\*Screening process will be implemented according to the criteria mentioned below. Recommendation of applicants to MEXT will be decided within the quota allocated to the university. If you would like to confirm whether you fulfill the requirements (criteria) or not, please do not hesitate to ask the university through the contact email address before application.

(1) You are not receiving large sums from family.

(2) You generally do not live in a supporter's residence.

(3) Your part-time income accounts for a large percentage of funds for paying daily expenses and tuition.

(4) Due to a loss of income for your family (by either parent) or other such reason, you do not expect to receive additional support from family.

(5) You have lost a significant amount (50% or more compared to the previous month) of part-time income due to the coronavirus (including compensation for absence from work through the employment adjustment subsidy).

(6) You fulfill the criteria for one of the following programs. (This criterion is applicable for students who are Japanese or permanent residents in Japan.)

1) You are a Class I recipient under the New Higher Education Support System (\*1) ("New System" below).

2) You are a Class II or III recipient under the New System AND a student eligible to simultaneously take a JASSO student scholarship loan Category I (interest-free loan) ("JASSO Loan Category I") (\*2) who has used or plans to use the entire amount of the scholarship loan.

3) You are an applicant to the New System or plan to use the New System AND you have used or plan to use your entire JASSO Loan Category I.

4) You are not eligible for the New System AND you have used or plan to use your entire JASSO Loan Category I.

5) You cannot use the New System or a JASSO Loan Category I because you do not meet the criteria, BUT you plan to use a support program provided by the private sector or elsewhere for which you are eligible to apply.

(7) An international student or the like (including students at Japanese language institutions) must fulfill the following criteria in addition to experiencing economic hardship accompanying the novel coronavirus pandemic. (The same applies to programs such as International Student Study Incentives (MEXT Honors scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students). (\*3))

1) You are a student with excellent grades. Specifically, your average grades for the previous school year must be 2.30 or higher.

2) Your monthly attendance is at least 80%.

3) You receive an average of no more than 90,000 yen in monthly remittances (not including funds for paying admission fees, tuition, etc.).

4) Your supporter in Japan has an annual income of less than 5 million yen.

Reference:

As for "Income Standard" and "Academic Ability Standard" set by MEXT and JASSO for above-mentioned programs, please refer to the website for each of them:

- \*1 The New Higher Education Support System recipient's standards set by MEXT
- \*2 JASSO Student Scholarship Loan Category I (interest-free loan)
- \*3 MEXT Honors scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students

#### How to apply

In order to apply, you must (1) register online and (2) submit application documents by mail.

Primary application \*No longer accepting application for primary application.

Web registration : From May 29 (Fri) to June 10 (Wed) 17:00 (JST). Application documents: From May 29 (Fri) to June 11 (Thu) arrival. \*

Secondary application\*

Web registration : From July 8 (Wed) to July 16 (Thu) 17:00 (JST). Application documents: From July 8 (Wed) to July 17 (Fri) arrival.

\*Forms not submitted during above period will not be accepted. You must complete both processes (Either 1 or 2 is not accepted).

\*Those who applied for primary application are not eligible to apply for this secondary application.

\*UTokyo will NOT take any applications via LINE.

(1) Web registration: final deadline is July 16 (Thu) 17:00 (JST).

Log in to UTAS and use the web form available from Bulletin Board

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(2) Application documents by mail—must arrive on or before July 17 (Fri).

Send to the following address.

MEXT Emergency Student Support Section Student Scholarships and Welfare Group, The University of Tokyo 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku Tokyo 113-8654

\*We will not be confirming the receipt. Make sure to use tracking system to confirm your delivery. \*You may not omit documents for application even if you have submitted any of them for prior scholarship purposes. Complete documents must be submitted each time.

### Documents to submit

(1) [FORM 1] Application for Emergency Student Support Handout

(2) [FORM 2] Oath Concerning Requirements to Receive the Emergency Student Support Handout

(3)Proof of documents that attest your eligibility.

\*This may differ depending on applicants. Check page 7 of <u>application guidelines</u> and submit the documents that apply.

\*Copies are accepted. Do not send original documents as no documents will be returned.

## <Note>

\*Form 1, 2 and web registration should be filled out carefully not to make any discrepancy among them. \* There is no need to submit a power of proxy, as listed in Form 3 of <u>the MEXT website</u>.

# Results

No notice will be announced if your application is completed or not.

<u>Those who are not selected as recommendation applicants from the university, will be notified individually through UTAS bulletin board (Administrative messages).</u>

As written on page 4 of <u>the application guidelines</u>, you will not receive any special notification about the results of the screening. The transfer of the funds to your bank account will serve as notification of finalized disbursement.

# Contact

Read the application guidelines carefully.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

As we are receiving many inquiries, it may take several days to respond.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

E-mail: support\_pt.adm [at mark] gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp

\*Replace [at mark] with @.

\*Only email inquiries are accepted.

When sending an email, make sure to write "MEXT Emergency Student Support Handout" in "Subject" and <u>include your student ID number and name</u> in the main message.