

# 2020 Japanese Government Postgraduate Scholarships for Research Students

***Now Accepting Applications (until June 10, 2019)***

The Government of Japan is offering the 2020 Japanese Government Postgraduate Scholarships to eligible Malawians who wish to study at Japanese universities as research students (masters, doctorate, professional graduate, or research programs). Our aim is to assist those who have clear research purposes and wish to conduct their studies in Japan and also to contribute to the friendship between Japan and Malawi.

Please read the following carefully and submit your application to the Embassy of Japan in Malawi (the address is at the bottom) **no later than Monday, June 10, 2019**. Please note that the application forms are only available from the website below (Embassy will not give out application forms in paper). **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

## Application Kit

You can download all forms at [http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/jp/smap\\_stopj-applications\\_research.html](http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/jp/smap_stopj-applications_research.html)

Please read the guidelines carefully before completing the forms and preparing the application package.

1. Guidelines
2. Application Form for FY2020
3. Placement Preference Form for FY2020
4. Field of Study and Study Program Form for FY2020
5. Recommendation Form (Sample)
6. Certificate of Health Form for FY2020

## Eligibility

1. Master's candidates should possess a minimum qualification of a bachelor's degree with a higher credit.
2. PhD candidates should possess a minimum qualification of a Master's degree with a credit.
3. Applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1985.
4. Applicants must be willing to learn Japanese and to deepen their understanding of Japan.
5. Applicants must have the nationality of Malawi.

## Application Deadline and Selection Process

1. Applications must be hand delivered or sent by post to the Embassy of Japan, by **Monday June 10, 2019**.
2. Please indicate "2020 Postgraduate Scholarships for Research Students" on the envelope.
3. Incomplete application packs will not be processed.
4. Applications which arrive at the Embassy after the deadline cannot be accepted.

5. Candidates who pass the screening of the documents will be invited for a written exam (Friday 21 June, 2019, Lilongwe) and an interview (Friday 5 July, 2019 in Lilongwe). The venue and time will be communicated only to successful candidates in due course.

## Past Exam Papers

Parts of English and Japanese exam papers from years 2014 through 2016 can be viewed at <http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/toj/toj0302e-32.html#1>. We encourage applicants to look at the types of questions and familiarize themselves with the format of the exams. Note: For Research Students, only look at the English and Japanese Exams for Research Students. (Other exams shown are for other scholarships)

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Do I need to find a program at a Japanese university on my own, or is there a list of universities/programs in Japan specifically prepared for this scholarship?

A. We do not have a list of universities that we can offer you. You must conduct your own research (for instance, by using internet) to find universities and programs of your choice. You can choose any universities as long as they are in Japan.

These are some links (among many other websites) which might come useful:

<http://www.jpss.jp/eng/index.html>

<http://www.uni.international.mext.go.jp/>

[http://www.mext.go.jp/a\\_menu/koutou/ryugaku/kokuhi/tokubetu/1287234.htm](http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/kokuhi/tokubetu/1287234.htm)

For general information about studying in Japan, visit the following websites.

<http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/index.html>

<http://www.g-studyinjapan.jasso.go.jp/>

Q. Do I need to obtain admission from universities before sending the application to the Embassy?

A. It is not a requirement to obtain admission from universities at the stage of applying, although you must indicate your top three preferences for universities you wish to be placed in. It is advisable that you initiate communication with professors you would like to study with at the earliest stage.

Q. Is there a different application form to use if I wanted to apply for Masters or PhD (and not for a non-degree research)?

A. No, all applicants for postgraduate studies use the same application form.

For further inquiries, please contact:

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