

# 2023 Japanese Government Postgraduate Scholarships for Research Students

***Now Accepting Applications (until May 27, 2022)***

The Government of Japan is offering the 2023 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 Friday 27 May, 2022**. Please note that the application forms and guidelines are only available from the website below (Embassy will not give out hard copies). **Incomplete applications will not be processed. Please be aware that depending on the COVID-19 situation, the 2023 Japanese Government Scholarship is subject to schedule change, halt or even cancellation**

## Application Kit

You can download all forms at <https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap-stopj-applications-research.html>.

Please read the guidelines carefully before completing the forms. The kit includes:

1. Guidelines
2. Application Form for FY2023
3. Placement Preference Application Form for FY 2023
4. Field of Study and Research Plan
5. Certificate of Health Form
6. Recommendation Form (Sample)

## 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, 1988.
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 **Friday 27 May, 2022**.
2. Please indicate "2022 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 10 June, 2022 in Lilongwe) and an interview (Friday 24 June, 2022 in Lilongwe). The venue and time will be communicated only to successful candidates in due course. The written exam consists of 1-hour English language and 2-hours Japanese language exams.

## Past Exam Papers

Parts of English and Japanese exam papers are available at <https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarship/application/examination/>. 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 to offer. You must conduct your own research (for instance, by using the internet) to find universities and programs of your choice. You can choose any universities in Japan. These are some links (among many other websites) which might be useful:

(1) Finding universities in Japan

<https://www.jpss.jp/en/search/>

<https://jpcup.niad.ac.jp/>

<https://tgu.mext.go.jp/en/index.html>

(2) General information about studying in Japan

<https://www.jpss.jp/en/>

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/other/sgtj/#contents>

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 initial application stage, although you must indicate your top three preferences of 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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