2027 Japanese Government Postgraduate Scholarships

for Research Students

Now Accepting Applications (Friday, 24 April to Friday, 29 May, 2026)

The Government of Japan is offering the 2027 Japanese Government Postgraduate Scholarships to eligible Malawians who wish to study at Japanese universities as research students (masters, doctorate, professional graduate, research programs, etc.). Our aim is to assist those who have clear research purposes and wish to conduct their researches in Japan and also to contribute to the bilateral relationship between Japan and Malawi.

Please read the Application Guidelines (the link below) carefully and submit your application documents (listed in the Application Guidelines) to the Embassy of Japan in Malawi (see address below) **no later than Friday, 29 May, 2026 at 4PM**. Please note that the application forms and guidelines are only available from the website below (the Embassy will not give out hard copies).

Application Guidelines: https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/_mt/2026/04/01-2027_Research_Guidelines_E.pdf

Application Documents

You can download all forms at ALL FORMS 2027

You should submit ALL application documents listed under "9. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS" in the Application Guidelines (page 6). Please read the guidelines carefully before filling out the forms. Incomplete submissions will NOT be accepted.

Eligibility (details in "3. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS", pages 1-3 of the Application Guidelines)

1. Applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1992.
2. Applicants must be willing to learn Japanese and to deepen their understanding of Japan.
3. 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, 29 May, 2026**.
2. Please indicate "2027 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 are NOT accepted.
5. **Candidates who pass the screening of the documents will be invited for a written exam on Friday, 10 July, 2026 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 100-minutes Japanese language exams.**
6. Candidates who pass the written exam will be invited for an oral interview (**Friday, 24 July, 2026 in Lilongwe)**

Past Exam Papers

Samples of past English and Japanese exam papers are available at https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarships/mext-scholarships/examination.html. Research Students should 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. You must conduct your own research (mainly by surfing the internet) to find universities and programs of your choice. You can choose any universities in Japan. Below are some links (among many other websites) which might be useful:

(1) Finding universities in Japan

https://researchmap.jp/?lang=en

https://jglobal.jst.go.jp/en

https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/search-for-schools/school_search.php?lang=en

(2) General information about studying in Japan

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

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 the universities you wish to be placed in. You will be directed to make contacts with universities after you pass all screening conducted by the embassy.

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.

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