

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2017
YOUNG LEADERS' PROGRAM (YLP) STUDENT (LAW)

I. OUTLINE

1. Objectives

The Young Leaders' Program (YLP) aims to contribute to cultivate future national leaders in Asian and other countries, moreover, to contribute to establish friendly relationship among various countries and to improve policy planning activities by forming a network among national leaders thorough deepening their understanding of Japan. The YLP is one of the Japanese Government (MEXT*) Scholarship Student programs.

*MEXT= the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

2. Eligible Countries and Participants

Participants are selected from the sixteen countries listed below. They should be legal professionals, who are expected to play an active role as future national leaders in their respective countries.

Target Countries: P. R. China, Rep. of Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia, Mongolia, Singapore, India, Rep. of South Africa, Turkey, Bhutan (16 Countries)

3. Host University

Kyushu University, Graduate School of Law.

4. The Number of Students

15 students maximum per year.

5. Recruitment and Selection

(1) Method of Recruitment

Recruitment will be conducted through specially designated recommending institutions. Please enquire at the Japanese Embassy for further information on the recommending institutions.

(2) Screening Procedure

- ① First screening by the recommending authorities
- ② Second screening by the host university (in this case, Kyushu University)
- ③ Final screening by the YLP Committee established by MEXT

6. Curriculum

(1) Basic Concept of YLP programs

Each YLP course has been specially designed to contribute to the development of national leaders in various fields by seeking to take advantage of Japan's experiences of exchange with both Western and Asian countries and to establish a "human network" through education related activities.

(2) Course Duration and Qualification

Course duration is for one year, resulting in the conferring of a Master's degree in Law from Kyushu University.

(3) Language

All classes will be conducted entirely in English.

7. Commencement of the Program

October 2017

II. INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

MEXT will offer scholarships to foreign students who wish to study in Japanese universities as YLP students in law for the academic year 2017 under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program. The conditions are as follows:

1. Field of Study

Law (Kyushu University, Graduate School of Law)

2. Qualifications

(1) Nationality

Applicants must be nationals of a country that is participating in the YLP (see above). An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application will not be eligible.

(2) Age

Applicants must be, in principle, under 40 years old as of 1st October 2017 (i.e. born on or after 2 October 1977).

(3) Academic Background

Applicants must be college graduates who have attained a high level of academic achievement in their undergraduate study.

(4) English Ability

A minimum TOEFL–PBT, ITP score of 550, TOEFL-iBT score of 80, IELTS score of 6.0 or equivalent.

(5) Work Experience

At least 4 years of work experience in the applicant's home country in a law office or in the legal section of a company or government department. This work experience must be full-time and after graduation from university.

(6) Health

Applicants must be judged that you are medically adequate to pursue study in Japan by an examining physician on a prescribed certificate of health.

(7) Date of Departure

The departure date, specified by the accepting university, will be two weeks or so before or after the first day of the course conducted by the accepting university.

(8) Visa Requirement:

In principle, selected applicants must acquire “Student” (留学) visas before entering Japan. The visas should be issued at the Japanese legation, located in the country of applicants’ nationality. Applicants who change their resident status to any status other than “Student” (留学) after their arrival in Japan will immediately lose their status as a Japanese government scholarship student.

(9) Applicants who meet any or all of the following conditions are not eligible. If identified after acceptance of the scholarship grantees, the applicants will be required to withdraw from the scholarship:

- ① If an applicant is a service member or a civilian employee registered on the active military list at the time of his/her arrival in Japan;
- ② Those who cannot arrive in Japan during the period designated by accepting university; or
- ③ If an applicant is, in principle, currently enrolled in a Japanese university or other type of school with the resident status of “Student” (留学) or will be enrolled in a Japanese university, etc. as another source or self-financed international student between the time of application for this scholarship in his/her country and the time the scholarship period is due to begin.

3. Term of Scholarship

One year from October 2017 to September 2018.

4. Scholarship Benefits

(1) Allowance

Each grantee will be provided monthly with 242,000 yen during the term of the scholarship. However, the amount of allowance will be subject to change depending upon the annual budget of the Japanese government for each fiscal year. The scholarship will not be paid to a grantee who takes a leave of absence or is long absent from the assigned university.

The scholarship will be cancelled for a grantee in the following cases. Furthermore, if scholarship payments were made during the period the following cases applied, the grantee may be ordered to return scholarship payments received during that period:

- ① If any of his/her application documents is found to be falsely stated;
- ② If he/she is in breach of his/her pledge made to the Minister of MEXT;
- ③ If it becomes definitive that the grantee will not be able to graduate (or complete his/her course) within the standard course term because of his/her poor academic achievement or suspension;
- ④ A grantee has been subjected to disciplinary action by the university or has failed to reach the required academic standard;
- ⑤ If his/her resident status of “Student” (留学) as provided for in Paragraph 1-4 of Appendix to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act changes to any other status;
- ⑥ If he/she is provided with another scholarship (except for a scholarship designated for research expenses); or
- ⑦ The request from the government and/or other state institutions of applicant’s home country;

(2) Traveling Costs

① Transportation to Japan

Each grantee will be supplied in general, according to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT, with an economy-class airplane ticket from the international airport nearest to his/her home address* to the Fukuoka International Airport. Expenses such as domestic transportation from his/her home address to the international airport, airport tax, airport usage fees, special taxes on travel, or inland transportation within Japan will NOT be supplied. *The address in the country of the grantee’s nationality stated in the application form is in principle regarded as the recipient’s “home address”.

② Transportation from Japan

The grantee who returns to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of his/her scholarship will be supplied, in general, upon application, with an economy-class airplane ticket for the travel from the Fukuoka International Airport to the international airport nearest to his/her home address.

* Insurance premiums for travel to/from Japan shall be borne by the grantee.

(3) School Fees

Fees for matriculation and tuition will be paid by the Japanese government.

(4) Accommodation

Students can apply for a room at Kyushu University accommodation. (Please note: The number of rooms is limited and successful candidates are not guaranteed a room).

5. Selection

- (1) Based on the recommendation of authorities, the participating university will select initial candidates from among applicants by means of an interview, a review of the submitted documents and a short essay. If it is not possible to hold an interview in the applicant's home country, an interview may be conducted by telephone or the Internet.
- (2) Those who have been selected initially by the participating universities will be put forward to the YLP committee established by MEXT for the final selection.

6. Education at University

All lectures and practical training at universities will be conducted entirely in English.

7. Application Procedure

Applicants must submit the following documents to their recommending authorities by the designated deadline. (Please note: submitted documents will not be returned.)

- (1) ① Application for Admission (prescribed form) ---- 1 Original and 4 Photocopies (except photographs);
- (2) Photographs (6 x 4 cm, taken within the past 6 months, should be affixed on each of the 5 application forms) ---- 5 Originals;
- (3) ② Official Transcript or Certified Academic Record of the university the applicant attended ---- 1 Original and 4 Photocopies;
- (4) ③ Recommendation Letter from the Recommending authority ---- 1 Original and 4 Photocopies;
- (5) ③ Two recommendation Letters from the Employer or from the supervising Professor of the university the applicant last attended (prescribed form) ---- 1 Original and 4 Photocopies;
- (6) ④ Certificate of Health (to be issued by the medical institution designated by the Japanese Embassy) ---- 1 Original and 4 Photocopies;

- (7) ⑤ A Copy of the Official Diploma or Certificates of Graduation from the University the applicant last attended ---- 5 Photocopies;
- (8) ⑥ An Essay explaining applicant's future plans after the completion of the YLP ---- 1 Original and 4 Photocopies;
- (9) ⑦ A Copy of the Applicant's Family Register, Photocopy of Passport or Certificate of the Citizenship (any of these)---- 5 Photocopies;
- (10) ⑧ English Proficiency Certificate (TOEFL or other equivalent test score.) ---- 5 Photocopies;
- (11) ⑨ Answers to each of the designated essay questions ---- 1 Original and 4 Photocopies;
- (12) Others
- ① Use A4 paper as the standard for all submitted documents, which in principle should be typed. Handwritten documents should be written clearly.
 - ② These documents should all be written in English. If written in another language, attach an English version translated by a public institution. Caution is necessary as many applications are not written in English and do not come with an English translation, particularly recommendation letters and diplomas.
 - ③ Recommendation letters written by a workplace supervisor or an academic advisor from one's university should be written separately by two of them and must use the stipulated format. At least one and preferably two should be written by your direct boss at work.
 - ④ Reason for application and future plans will be important factors in selection, so submit a small essay of three pages explaining as much as possible what you expect from this program and what kind of job you seek in the short- and long-terms.
 - ⑤ If you submit test English proficiency scores from TOEFL or IELTS, please submit scores obtained roughly within the past two years. If you submit other certifications, please submit documents illustrating how to convert the score to TOEFL or IELTS.
 - ⑥ If you have a book or dissertation, submit a separate overview.
 - ⑦ Your application may be rejected if the above application is either incomplete or inaccurate, or if some documents are missing.
 - ⑧ Write the numbers 1 through 10 in line with the item number for the items above on each document in the upper right corner.

8. Notes

- (1) Each recipient is advised to learn some basic Japanese language and to acquire basic information on Japanese climate, geography, customs, university education, and social conditions in Japan, as well as about the differences between the Japanese legal system and that of his/her home country before departing for Japan.
- (2) The recipient should bring approximately US \$2,000 or the equivalent to cover immediate needs after arrival in Japan since the scholarship will be paid a while later.
- (3) Information regarding the MEXT Scholarship recipient (name, gender, date of birth, nationality, accepting university/graduate school/undergraduate school, field of specialty, period of enrolment, career path after completion of scholarship, contact information [address, telephone number, e-mail address]) may be shared with other relevant government organizations for the purpose of utilization for overseas students programs implemented by the Japanese Government (support during period of study in Japan, follow-up survey, improvement of the overseas student system).
Information in regards to the recipient other than date of birth and contact information may be made public in materials produced by the Japanese Government as publicity information for promoting the acceptance of overseas students in order to introduce the activities of past recipients in countries around the world after their study in Japan.
- (4) More detailed information on the YLP scholarship program is available at the Japanese diplomatic mission in your country.

Young Leaders Program (Law)
Curriculum Guidelines

I. Overview

The primary focus of the YLP in Law at Kyushu University is international economic and business law. The program has been specifically designed to expose students to both theoretical and practical perspectives on a wide range of contemporary legal issues related to international trade and commercial transactions. Courses taught within the framework of the YLP focus on “cutting edge” topics driven by the research interests of an international faculty. As such, the program aims to provide students with the necessary intellectual skills for pursuing a law-related career in an increasingly global economic environment.

II. Participants

As a one-year Master’s program in law, this course is primarily geared towards persons who have worked in the legal department of government ministries & business, as well as judges, public prosecutors, lawyers and other law-related professions. In particular, the program is suited to lawyers or government officials working on international trade issues or commercial transactions.

III. Indicative Courses

The following classes are offered within the framework of the YLP. They are divided into three categories: Foundational Classes, Recommended Classes for YLP & Other Elective Classes.

The following is an indicative list of classes offered in recent years and is subject to change.

(1) Foundational Classes

- Legal Research Methodology and Writing

(2) Recommended Classes for YLP

- Japanese Case Law & Practice
- Current Legal Issues and Roman Law
- Business Law in a Networked Age
- Int'l Law in Today's World
- Comparative Corporate Law
- International Business Law

(3) Other Elective Classes

- Introduction to EU Law
- World Trade Law
- Int'l Maritime Law
- Int'l Commercial Arbitration
- Consumer Protection Law
- IP and Private International Law
- Contemporary Issues in Competition Law
- Jap. Constitutional & Administrative Law
- White Collar and Corporate Crime
- Bioethics and the Law
- Int'l Sports Law
- Japanese Intellectual Property Law Practice
- Creative Thinking
- Mediation and Other Conflict Management Approaches

In addition, to coursework students are expected to complete a Master's thesis (50 pages minimum).

IV. Internships

Each YLP student will be assigned to a Fukuoka-based law firm for around 2 weeks (in February - March) to experience legal practice in Japan. The interns will attend court hearings and accompany the lawyers for consultations with clients. During the internship students will visit other law-related institutions and will engage in discussions with serving judges.

Students are also provided with various summer internship opportunities at Tokyo based law firms and/or large corporations. These internships provide students with the unique chance to experience international commerce and legal practice in Japan.

V. Fukuoka & Kyushu University

Located in the heart of East Asia, midway between Tokyo, Shanghai and Seoul, Fukuoka is the largest city in Kyushu, the southernmost of Japan's four main islands. It is a thriving modern metropolis that has not sacrificed its unique local character and charm. Historically known as Hakata, it has long been one of Japan's key ports for commerce with the rest of Asia, and today the spirit of Hakata lives on, for the growing continental ties of recent years have enabled the city to establish itself as a major regional center.

Newsweek has named Fukuoka as one of the "Ten Most Dynamic Cities" in the world, identifying an energetic regional economy, excellent infrastructure, and the proximity and openness to Asia as key features behind its continued growth. The Financial Times reported a survey of world cities that ranked Fukuoka as the 17th most livable city in the world, and awarded the city a special commendation for its downtown district.

Kyushu University is the largest university in Kyushu and one of the most prestigious national universities in Japan. Founded in 1911 as one of seven original Imperial Universities, it continues to be a focal point for academic and educational excellence. Graduate study in Kyushu University provides well-motivated students with the opportunity to study in a dynamic academic atmosphere and to enjoy life in one of Japan's fastest growing cities.

And yet, perhaps the most important feature of Fukuoka for the foreign resident is its people. Known throughout Japan for their friendliness, the people of Fukuoka have long enjoyed good relationships with visitors from abroad. For the foreigners living among Fukuoka's 1.7 million residents, life is both comfortable and stimulating.

VI. Further information

For further information:

<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/>

For further information on Kyushu University:

<http://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/>