# JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026

### **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

The Monbukagakusho:MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan) offers scholarships to Malaysian students who wish to study at Japanese universities as undergraduate students under the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship Program for the academic year 2026. Applicants must be Malaysian citizens and meet the qualifications stated below:

#### 1. FIELD OF STUDY

Course	Majors
Social Sciences and Humanities	Law, Politics, Economics, Business Administration, Pedagogy, Sociology, Literature, History, Finance, Japanese Language and others*.
Natural Sciences A	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Electronics, Electrical Engineering, Information Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture, Civil Engineering, Architecture, Environmental Engineering, Applied Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Industrial Chemistry, Textile Engineering, Metallurgical Engineering, Mining Engineering, Maritime Engineering, and Biotechnology.
Natural Sciences B	Agriculture, Agricultural Chemistry, Agricultural Engineering, Animal Science, Veterinary Medicine, Forestry, Food Science, Fisheries, Pharmacy, Hygienic, Nursing, and Biology
Natural Science C	Medicine and Dentistry

<sup>\*</sup>Applicants who choose 'others' may have difficulties in finding universities that can accept them depending on their majors. Applicants who choose more than one majors must choose from the same course as his/her second and third choice. If applicants choose Natural Science C, they can choose majors in Natural Science B as their third major.

### 2. TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The tenure of scholarship is 5 years except for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy 7 years as from April 2026 inclusive of 1-year intensive Japanese language Course. The grantee who has graduated and been admitted into the master's course of a graduate school during the term of scholarship could have his/her term of scholarship extended upon successful examination by MEXT.

## 3. QUALIFICATIONS

- Age: Applicants must be Malaysian passport holders' age between 18 to 25 years old as of 1 April 2026 (i.e., born on or after 2 April 2001). Applicants must have email and Malaysian address. Email is compulsory.
- Academic Background: Applicants must have completed SPM or UEC with at least eleven (11) years of formal education (excluding remove class). STPM students (lower or upper) and those who will sit for A-Level, Diploma, or Matriculation examination this year may also apply, provided that the results will be known by March 2026. Use your SPM result to apply. Forecast result not accepted.

#### Academic Requirement.

Academic level	Natural Science A, B & C	Social Science
SPM / UEC	<b>9A (A+ or A)</b> including both Mathematics & Add Math, English, Chemistry, Physics/Biology	
STPM	A- or GPA 3.6 in Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics/ Biology and Band 4.5 in MUET	A- or GPA 3.6 in Mathematics and Band 4.5 in MUET
A-Level/Foundation	<b>A</b> in Mathematics, English, Chemistry, Physics/ Biology	A in Mathematics and English
Diploma	CGPA 3.4 and above in related field of study	CGPA 3.4 and above in related field of study

• Japanese Language: Applicants must (be willing to) learn the Japanese language and (to) receive university education in the Japanese language.

#### 4. ALLOWANCES

Estimated monthly allowances of **117,000 yen** (subject to change) will be given to each grantee during the term of his / her scholarship. Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation and tuition at universities will be exempted.

#### 5. EXAMINATION

Only qualified applicants will be notified via **email** to sit for a written examination in Kuala Lumpur **tentatively in June 2025** (subject to change). Short-listed candidates will be called for an interview based on the results of the written examination.

## [Subjects for Examination (in English)]

Social Sciences and Humanities	English, Mathematics A and Japanese Language	
Natural Science A	English, Mathematics B, Chemistry, Physics and Japanese Language	
Natural Science B & C	English, Mathematics B, Chemistry, Biology and Japanese Language	

## 6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND IMPORTANT NOTE

- Attachment: Please attach a certified copy of SPM or STPM+MUET or A-Level+MUET or UEC or Matriculation examination result (photocopy must be certified by issuer or Government education officer grade 41 and above) with the completed form. For SPM 2024 candidates, please submit SPM trial result. Attach a copy of your IC (Identity Card) as proof of Malaysian citizenship. Do not submit any documents other than application form, copy of result and copy of IC.
- Field of Study: Applicants must state very clearly either {Social Science & Humanities}, {Natural Science A}, {Natural Science B} or {Natural Science C} on the top right-hand of the application form.
- Educational Background: Please fill in ALL columns, DO NOT leave any column BLANK.
- Number of Submission: Only ONE (1) application per individual. Two applications will be disqualified immediately.
- Closing Date: Your application form must reach the Embassy of Japan <u>before 4:00 p.m.</u>
   9 April 2025 (Wednesday) to qualify. Late applications will not be considered.
- Submitting of Application Form: All applications should be submitted directly to:

MEXT 2026 - UNDERGRADUATE
JAPAN INFORMATION SERVICE
EMBASSY OF JAPAN
NO.11, PERSIARAN STONOR,

OFF JALAN TUN RAZAK 50450 KUALA LUMPUR

- Envelope containing application form must indicate "MEXT SCHOLARSHIP 2026 -UNDERGRADUATE" on the top left-hand corner. Use only A4 size envelope.
   Submission via email is not accepted.
- No correspondence can be entered into as to why an applicant has not been short-listed. No request related to this matter will be entertain.
- The university which a grantee will enter will be decided by MEXT.

## 7. OTHER NOTES

The simplified guidelines and application form provided by the Embassy of Japan in Malaysia in March are provisional. Applicants short-listed for interview are required to submit new official application forms and adhere to the official guidelines compiled by the MEXT which will be provided along with the interview notification letter.