

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



JAPAN SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1.0. Call for Applications

The general public is hereby informed that various scholarship and research funding opportunities in Japan are now available for eligible Tanzanians wishing to pursue Undergraduate studies, Master's Degrees, PhD programs, professional training, and advanced research fellowships. These opportunities are offered by the Government of Japan (MEXT), The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japanese Universities, and leading public and private research institutions.

2.0. Types of Scholarships and Fellowships Available

2.1. Government of Japan (MEXT) Scholarships

- ✓ **Covers:** Undergraduate, Master's, PhD, College of Technology, Teacher Training, and Specialized Training.
- ✓ **Benefits:** Full tuition, monthly stipend, and airfare.
- ✓ **Link:** <https://www.tz.emb-japan.go.jp/>

2.2. JICA Scholarships and Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (KCCP)

- ✓ **Covers:** Short- and long-term training in areas such as infrastructure, statistics, agriculture, public policy, and industrial development.
- ✓ **Eligibility:** Government and institutional officers.
- ✓ **Mode:** Through nomination by Tanzanian authorities (Ministry of Foreign Affairs or PO-PSMGG).
- ✓ **More Info:**
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html

2.2.1. JICA Scholarships

- ✓ **Covers:** Short and medium term programs in key national development areas including Sustainable Urban Planning and Urban Transportation, Water Engineering and Utility Management, Mineral Resources Development. Agriculture Studies Networks for Food Security, public finance, economic policy, and national planning.
- ✓ **Eligibility:** Eligibility varies by program but generally includes: Government officials, researchers and technical experts. Some programs specifically require nomination by the relevant Tanzanian ministry.
- ✓ **More Info:** <https://www.jica.go.jp/english/>

2.3. Scholarships from Japanese Private Foundations & Non-Governmental Bodies

2.3.1. Matsumae International Foundation (MIF) Research Fellowship

- ✓ **Covers:** 3–6 month research stay in Japan for PhD holders.
- ✓ **Deadline:** Around June each year.
- ✓ **Fields:** Natural sciences, engineering, medicine.
- ✓ **Link:** <https://www.hisf.or.jp/en/scholarship/foreigner/> and [The Matsumae International Foundation | The Official Site of The Matsumae International Foundation](#)

2.3.2. . The Visiting Researcher Program – Bishop Williams Memorial Fund

- ✓ **Deadline:** October 11 annually.
- ✓ **Focus:** Humanities, theology, and cultural research.
- ✓ **Link;** <https://www.nichibun.ac.jp/en/> and [Nippon Sei Ko Kai Documents](#)

These fund 3 - 12 month research stays, stipends, tuition coverage or research grants.

2.4. University-Specific Scholarships in Japan

The following universities offer scholarships for Undergraduate, Master's, and PhD students.

University	Scholarship Link
Kyoto University	https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/current/how-to/financial-aid/scholarships-for-international-students

University	Scholarship Link
Hokkaido University	https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/scholarships-for-prospective-students-2/
Yokohama National University (YNU)	https://global.ynu.ac.jp/en/admissions/scholarship-programs-outline/
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)	https://en.apu.ac.jp/studentsupport/scholarship_tuition/international/
Kansai University	https://www.kuins.ac.jp/en/international/new_int_student/Scholarship.html
Tokyo University of Agriculture	https://www.nodai.ac.jp/english/ip/opportunities-study-tokyo-nodai/
University of Tsukuba	https://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/admissions/financial-scholarships/
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)	https://www.grips.ac.jp/en/education/information/scholarships/
Kumamoto University	https://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/media/medialibrary/2024/12/Scholarship_EN20241206updated_1.pdf

2.5. Research Internships and Postdoctoral Fellowships

2.5.1. JSPS Fellowships (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)

- ✓ **Types:** Postdoctoral Fellowship (Standard / Short-term / Long-term) and Invitational Fellowship for Research in Japan.
- ✓ **Fields:** All research areas in natural and social sciences.
- ✓ **Deadlines:** Short-term – April, Long-term - August
- ✓ **Link:** <https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/>

2.5.2. OIST Research Internship Program (Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology)

- ✓ **Covers:** 2–6 months internship in advanced science and technology fields (Physics, AI, Biology, Chemistry, etc.).
- ✓ **Deadline:** Usually April
- ✓ **Link:** <https://admissions.oist.jp/oist-research-internship-program-description>

2.5.3. ICYS Research Fellowships at NIMS (National Institute for Materials Science)

- ✓ **Covers:** Postdoctoral research in materials science, nanotechnology, energy, and related fields. Also advanced materials and energy research
- ✓ **Link:** <https://www.nims.go.jp/icys/>

2.5.4. Postdoctoral Fellowships at JAEA (Japan Atomic Energy Agency)

- ✓ **Deadline:** May
- ✓ **Field:** Nuclear science, radiation safety, energy systems, and related areas.
- ✓ **Link:** <https://www.jaea.go.jp/english/>

These scholarships cover airfare, stipends, research funds, accommodation support and health insurance.

3.0. General Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must generally:

- ✓ Be Tanzanian citizens.
- ✓ Meet academic requirements for the chosen programme.
- ✓ Provide certified academic transcripts and certificates.
- ✓ Meet health and character requirements.
- ✓ For JICA programs be nominated through respective Government Ministries.
- ✓ For research fellowships hold a PhD (for postdoctoral roles) or meet research criteria.

4.0. Scholarship Coverage

Most coverage include; Full tuition fees, Monthly stipend, Round trip international airfare, Health insurance, Research funds, Accommodation or settlement allowance, Japanese language training (where applicable).

5.0. Application Procedures

- ✓ For MEXT Scholarships, Apply through the Embassy of Japan in Tanzania via the link provided in section 2.1.
- ✓ For JICA/KCCP Programmes, Applications are submitted through Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PO-PSMGG or Respective Government Ministries.
- ✓ For University-Specific Scholarships, apply directly on university websites listed in Section 2.4.
- ✓ For Research Fellowships, apply online via the links in Section 2.5

6.0. Recommended Central Information Source

For more information on these scholarships, you can read the Study in Japan Official Scholarship Pamphlet at <https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/brochures/#002>

7.0. Application Deadlines

These vary by programme, but common cycles include:

- ✓ JSPS Fellowships: **April & August**
- ✓ OIST Internships: **April**
- ✓ ICYS NIMS: **March / September**
- ✓ Abe Initiative: **December - February**
- ✓ MIF Fellowships: **June**
- ✓ University programmes: **Rolling deadlines depending on institution**

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