

**Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)**  
**Student Exchange Support Program**  
**Scholarship for Short-term Study in Japan**  
[as of February 2016]

This scholarship is available for qualified international students who are accepted by Japanese universities under student exchange agreements on a short-term basis. JASSO selects exchange programs carried out by Japanese universities every year and allocates a scholarship quota to each university. Tohoku University will be able to nominate qualified students to JASSO within that quota.

**1. Eligibility**

- (1) Students demonstrating excellent academic and personal records at their home university.
- (2) Students having a definite motivation as well as a clear study plan in any field available at their host universities and likely to benefit from studying in Japan.
- (3) Students not having sufficient financial means to study in Japan.
- (4) Students who, upon termination of the period of study in Japan, will resume or complete their studies at their home university.
- (5) Students who will not receive any kind of scholarship that exceeds JPY 80,000 per month specifically for Tohoku University's exchange programs.
- (6) Students who do not currently possess Japanese citizenship.
- (7) Students who have a minimum GPA of 2.30 / 3.00 as calculated using JASSO's GPA calculation method shown below, based on a transcript from the previous academic year.  
\*Students who have a GPA between 2.00 and 2.30 may also be eligible for this scholarship if they submit a "Self-Recommendation Form" after passing the screening (the form will be offered to the successful applicants).
- (8) Students who will receive any of the scholarships below are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.
  - Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarships
  - Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students

**Calculating GPA:**

-You must demonstrate excellent academic achievements at your home university, as well as a good personality; in addition, you must have minimum GPA of 2.30 (or a GPA between 2.00 and 2.30 GPA and a "Self-Recommendation Form"), as calculated using JASSO's GPA calculation method, based on a transcript from the previous academic year. If your transcript from the previous academic year is not available, your GPA will be calculated based on a transcript from the previous semester. In case converting grades using JASSO's calculation method is impossible, we will measure your academic excellence from your transcript and other materials.

- Meeting JASSO's criteria alone does not guarantee acceptance to the scholarship program. All applicants go through an on-campus screening process.
- Use the table below to convert grades into grade points. Then use the grade points and the formula below to calculate the GPA.
- When calculating GPA, round off to two decimal places. For example, 2.654 would be rounded to 2.65, while 2.655 would be rounded to 2.66.

**Grade Point Conversion Table:**

	GRADE				
4-level rating (type 1)	-	Excellent	Good	Average	Fail
4-level rating (type 2)	-	A	B	C	F
4-level rating (type 3)	-	100-80	79-70	69-60	59 or less
5-level rating (type 1)	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	59 or less
5-level rating (type 2)	S	A	B	C	F
5-level rating (type 3)	A	B	C	D	F
<b>GRADE POINT (GP)</b>	3	3	2	1	0

**Grade Formula:**

$$\frac{([\text{No. of GP3 Credits}] \times 3) + ([\text{No. of GP2 Credits}] \times 2) + ([\text{No. of GP1 Credits}] \times 1) + ([\text{No. of GP0 Credits}] \times 0)}{\text{Total Number of Registered Credits}}$$

\*No. = Number

\*GP = Grade Point

\*If you have taken courses that are not part of the credit system, replace the number of credits in the GPA formula with the number of courses taken.

## **2. Scholarship Conditions**

Stipend: JPY 80,000 per month

Duration: Same as your duration of study at Tohoku University

- COLABS Intensive : 2 or 3 months
- COLABS Workshop-style : 1 month

\* April stipend will be distributed in May due to the Japanese budgetary system.

## **3. Application Method**

Submit the “Application Form for JASSO Scholarship” with application materials for COLABS Intensive/Workshop-style through the prospective academic adviser at Tohoku University no later than the application deadline. Direct applications from students to Tohoku University or to JASSO will not be accepted. Students cannot apply after the application period, including days after they come to Japan.

#### **4. Reference**

Japan Student Services Organization

Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-term Study in Japan)

[http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study\\_j/scholarships/scholarship/short\\_term.html](http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/scholarships/scholarship/short_term.html)

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As the screening process is becoming more rigorous each year, recommendation through Tohoku University for JASSO does not guarantee that candidates will be granted the scholarship.