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Application Guideline for the Academic Year 2026 Scholarship Programs for International Students

Note: The "Eligibility" for this recruitment, which is notified every year, will be significantly changed from this time. Please check carefully. MEXT Scholarship students and JICA students can also apply. Moreover, from this time, there will be no "interviews" and the applicant screening will be conducted only by document screening, so please make sure that the documents you submit are complete.

The process of evaluation and nomination by Niigata University for the Academic Year 2026 Scholarship Programs for International Students will be carried out according to this application guideline. The scholarship programs include JASSO honors scholarship, and other private scholarship funds.

In this solicitation, we will determine the order of priority for recommending students for multiple scholarships. Applicants will not be notified of the ranking or selection results all at once. After the screening, if there are any applicable scholarships for the next academic year, the university will contact students in order to recommend them. Students must respond when contacted through the university email at a later date.

As applications are accepted only once a year (there will be no secondary application period), students who wish to be nominated for AY2026 scholarship programs must apply during the set application period. Please note that those who do not apply during this time will not be considered for nomination for the AY2026 scholarship programs.

Nominations will also be made for scholarship programs for international students for the academic year 2027, including KDDI Foundation's, Heiwa Nakajima Foundation's, and SATOYO Foundation's. The application of these programs are expected to be announced from July to September 2026 and their application periods will end before the opening of the next academic year's application period set by Niigata University.

1. Eligibility

A student who will be granted a "Student" visa for his/her stay in Japan after April 2026 and who also meets the following conditions (1) or (2), as well as (3) and (4) is eligible to apply. Condition (5) must also be met by applicants to whom these requirements stated in (5) apply.

- (1) A non-Japanese student who is enrolled in Niigata University as a degree-seeking student as of April 2026. (Excluding those who are government sponsored students, recipients of the New Next Generation Project, and JSPS Research Fellows as of AY 2026.)
- (2) A student who plans to take an entrance examination to a graduate school between August of 2025 and March of 2026, and who is enrolled in Niigata University at the time of application for this recruitment.

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Should the result of the entrance examination not allow admission as a degree-seeking student in April 2026, the student will be excluded from the recommendation order.

- (3) Those who currently expect to graduate/complete their studies within the standard period of study.
- (4) A student who is not scheduled to receive other scholarship grants in AY 2026, or who is planning to receive a scholarship of less than 117,000 yen per month (undergraduate), 144,000 yen per month (master's course), 145,000 yen per month (doctoral course) .
- (5) A student who is married and lives with the spouse is eligible to apply if the annual income of the spouse is less than five million yen.

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2. Application Procedure

Please submit the following documents to Office of Student Mobility by email.

- (1) 奨学金申請調書 I [別紙様式 1] Scholarship Programs Application Form I [Form 1]
- (2) 申請調書 II a [別紙様式 2] Application Form II a [Form 2] (For undergraduate students)
申請調書 II b [別紙様式 3] Application Form II b [Form 3] (For postgraduate students and prospective postgraduate students)
- (3) 申請理由書[別紙様式 4] Statement of Reasons for Applying [Form 4] (It can also be submitted separately by an Academic Advisor. Comments by an Academic Advisor must be included.)
- (4) Academic transcript of previous academic year (Academic transcript of first half of AY 2025, as for students enrolling in April 2025) As for students enrolling in October 2025, academic transcript for the most recent year of the course you were enrolled in prior to admission.
- (5) 提出書類確認票 Documents Submission Checklist

3. Application Period

Friday, October 3, 2025 8:30 AM (JST) – Wednesday, October 15, 2025 12:00 PM (JST)

Please note that applications will not be accepted after the application period.

4. How to submit

Please submit documents to the following email address:

intl-scholarship@ge.niigata-u.ac.jp (Office of Student Mobility of Niigata University)

Write your student ID and name (English spelling) in your message text.

(The university will not send a receipt confirmation email after submission)

5. Determination of the Order of Nomination and Evaluation Criteria

The order of nomination will be determined through a comprehensive review of the following:

Undergraduate: the school year and academic records

Postgraduate: the school year, academic records, and evaluation of research activities

(1) Evaluation Criteria

1. Undergraduate School year : Academic records→ [1:1]
2. Postgraduate School year : Academic records : Research→ [4:3:6]

6. Notification to the Applicant

Applicants who will be nominated for a scholarship program will be notified of application details of the scholarship program through the Student Affairs Section of their faculty by the end of October 2026.

7. Other Notes

- (1) Since applicants will be informed only through their university email address, they must check email carefully.

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- (2) If applicants and/or their spouses are currently receiving other scholarship grants such as scholarships by MEXT, foreign governments, private foundations or enterprises, the information must be correctly provided on the application form.
- (3) An applicant may be removed from the nomination list if it is deemed that the applicant has not provided all the required information on the application form or that he/she has provided false information.
- (4) Not all applicants will be recommended to various scholarship foundations, etc. Furthermore, even if an applicant is recommended, there is no guarantee that he or she will be accepted.
- (5) As currently, there are very few private scholarships that can recommend MEXT Scholarship students or JICA students, even if those students are ranked highly in the selection process, they are often unable to be recommended. Additionally, MEXT Scholarship students, Niigata University Fund recipients, and JICA students cannot be recommended for the JASSO honors scholarship.