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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.

(Form1)

Academic Year 2026 Scholarship Programs Application Form I

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Student No.		Type of Visa		If your status of residence is other than "Student", when will you change it ? ()	Affix a photo taken within the past six months 3cm×4cm
Name (in Katakana)					
Name (Alphabets)					
Date of Birth		Nationality			
Present Address					
University or High school from which the Applicant last graduated					
Name of School:		Location:		Admitted(M/Y):	Graduated(M/Y):
Applicant's Status at the time of Application					
Faculty / Graduate School (M / D)		Course / Major		School Year	Admission Date(M/Y)
Applicant's Status in April 2026					
Faculty / Graduate School (M / D)		Course / Major		School Year	
Primary Academic Advisor					

Family Members

Name	Relationship	Age	Address (Country/City)	Workplace / School
	Spouse			
	Father			
	Mother			

Income

Applicant's Income	Financial Support	yen per month	Relationship	
	Scholarship	yen per month	Scholarship Name: Period Awarded:	
	Scholarship	yen per month	Scholarship Name: Period Awarded:	
	Salary from part-time job	yen per month	Type of Job:	
	Other	yen per month	What:	
	Total (Monthly)	yen per month	Exemption of tuition fee (Spring semester 2025)/(Circle one)	no exemption / half / exemption of all fee
Spouse's Income (Applicable if the spouse resides in Japan)	Scholarship	yen per month	Scholarship Name: Period Awarded:	
	Other	yen per month	Type of Job: What:	

*The boxes marked with ※ should be left blank.

*Provide all the family members' names under "Family Members."

Names of those who live separately (in the applicant's country) should also be provided.

*As of AY 2026, those who are Government sponsored students, recipients of the New Next Generation Project, and JSPS Research Fellows are not eligible to apply.

Date of Application:

, 2025

(Form 2- to be submitted by undergraduate students)

申請調書Ⅱ a

Student No. _____

Faculty _____

Name _____

1. Current Study and Study plan :

2. Whether you hope to work in Japan after graduation:

*Please check your preference.

☐ I hope to work in Japan.

(☐ after graduation from undergraduate ☐ after graduation from graduate school)

☐ I don't hope to work in Japan.

3. Future plans after graduation :

*If your answer is "I hope to work in Japan" in the above question, please include future prospect for your working plan.

4. Financial situation (any problems or difficulties in particular) :

5. Participation in the promotion of international exchange (describe in details)

① Activities in the past :

② Future plans :

6. Please choose from the options below regarding your Japanese language ability and place a check mark in the bracket that you think is closest. If you are unsure, please refer to the following website.

●Japanese-Language Proficiency Test "N1-N5 Summary of Linguistic Competence Required for Each Level" <https://www.jlpt.jp/about/levelsummary.html>

- ☐ The ability to understand Japanese used in a variety of circumstances. (N1)
- ☐ The ability to understand Japanese used in everyday situations, and in a variety of circumstances to a certain degree. (N2)
- ☐ The ability to understand Japanese used in everyday situations to a certain degree. (N3)
- ☐ The ability to understand basic Japanese. (N4)
- ☐ The ability to understand some basic Japanese. (N5)

[Notes 6]

Regarding question 6, it will not affect the selection process. Please fill in the information honestly.

(Form3- to be submitted by postgraduate students)

申請調書Ⅱ b

Student No. _____

Graduate Course *As of April 2026 _____

Name _____

Postgraduate students and prospective postgraduate students must submit this form.

1. Research objectives :

2. Research outlines :

3. Whether you hope to work in Japan after graduation:

*Please check your preference.

☐ I hope to work in Japan.

(☐ after completing the current course ☐ after going on to higher education)

☐ I don't hope to work in Japan.

4. Future plans after graduation :

*If your answer is "I hope to work in Japan" in the above question, please include future prospect for your working plan.

Furthermore, please provide efforts you have made to achieve your goal.

Note: If the space provided is not sufficient, please add lines or attach a separate sheet of paper.

(Form 3- to be submitted by postgraduate students)

5. Please provide specific details about your social activities (especially international and local exchanges) that you have undertaken so far.

The content must be checked by academic advisor (especially the number of conference presentations and number of papers), to avoid any falsehoods in the information. Also, the notes in this sheet must be read attentively.

6. The number of peer-reviewed research articles published / to be published in **international** journals : _____
Of which, the number of articles you wrote as the first author is: _____
the number of articles under submission is: _____

You must provide the following information.

① Authors name (incl. all the names of co-author's)

② Title of the article

③ Title of the Journal

④ Name of the publisher

⑤ Volume number

⑥ Page number

⑦ Year of publication

(You won't be eligible if you fail to provide the information above.)

7. The number of peer-reviewed research articles published / to be published in **domestic** journals: _____
Of which, the number of articles you wrote as the first author is: _____
the number of articles under submission is: _____

You must provide the following information.

① Authors name (incl. all the names of co-author's)

② Title of the article

③ Title of the Journal

④ Name of the publisher

⑤ Volume number

⑥ Page number

⑦ Year of publication

(You won't be eligible if you fail to provide the information above.)

Note: If the space provided is not sufficient, please add lines or attach a separate sheet of paper.

(Form3- to be submitted by postgraduate students)

[Notes for 6 and 7]

- “Peer review” means that a submitted paper is read by experts in the academic field and its content is assessed.

- The publications which are not considered as research articles (university academic bulletins, laboratory introductions, etc.) are not included.

- Graduation Thesis is not included.

8. The number of presentations made in **international** conferences including academic symposiums: _____
Of which, the number of presentations as the main speaker is: _____

You must provide the following information.

- ① Presentation title
 - ② Name of the conference
 - ③ Venue for the conference
 - ④ Year when the presentation was made
 - ⑤ Poster presentation or oral presentation (choose either one)
- (You won't be eligible if you fail to provide the information above.)

9. The number of presentations made in **domestic** conferences including academic symposiums: _____
Of which, the number of presentations as the main speaker is: _____

You must provide the following information.

- ① Presentation title
 - ② Name of the conference
 - ③ Venue for the conference
 - ④ Year when the presentation was made
 - ⑤ Poster presentation or oral presentation (choose either one)
- (You won't be eligible if you fail to provide the information above.)

Note: If the space provided is not sufficient, please add lines or attach a separate sheet of paper.

(Form3- to be submitted by postgraduate students)

[Notes for 8 and 9]

Limited to those who made an oral or poster presentation at international conferences or domestic symposiums, which have organizing committees and are widely recognized in society.

On-campus presentations or seminar presentations held in specific laboratories are not included.

10. Please choose from the options below regarding your Japanese language ability and place a check mark in the bracket that you think is closest. If you are unsure, please refer to the following website.

●Japanese-Language Proficiency Test "N1-N5 Summary of Linguistic Competence Required for Each Level" <https://www.jlpt.jp/about/levelsummary.html>

- ☐ The ability to understand Japanese used in a variety of circumstances.(N1)
- ☐ The ability to understand Japanese used in everyday situations, and in a variety of circumstances to a certain degree. (N2)
- ☐ The ability to understand Japanese used in everyday situations to a certain degree. (N3)
- ☐ The ability to understand basic Japanese. (N4)
- ☐ The ability to understand some basic Japanese. (N5)

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(Form 4)

申請理由書 (Statement of Reasons for Applying)

(To be filled out by the applicant)

Faculty/Graduate School :

Name :

Nationality :

Reasons for applying :

(To be filled out by the applicant's academic advisor)

Comments:

※申請者本人が2026年4月時点で大学院生の場合、以下をチェック☑願います。

☐ 学生作成の「申請調書Ⅱb」が虚偽無く記入されていることを確認しました。

(特に学会発表回数，論文件数について)

Academic Advisor

Date: _____

Organization/Faculty _____

Phone (Office) _____

Title _____

Name _____ ⑩ (Seal/Signature)

Note: Form 4 can also be submitted separately by Academic Advisor.

Academic Advisor is required either to fill in his/her name with a seal or to put a handwritten signature.

※ Submit this sheet with your application documents

※ 受付番号(担当職員記入)

- Please fill in the part enclosed by a thick line.
- Application Period
October 3, 2025 (Fri.) 8:30 - October 15, 2025 (Wed.) 12:00
- Please submit documents to the following email address.
Write your student ID and name (English spelling) in your message text.
intl-scholarship@ge.niigata-u.ac.jp (Office of Student Mobility of Niigata University)

Student Number	
Faculty / Graduate School (M / D)	
Name	
TEL	

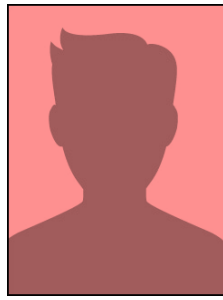
Documents Submission Checklist for the School Year 2026 Scholarship Programs for International Students

Check mark		Application Forms	Notes
Staff	Applicant		
		Scholarship Programs Application Form I [Form 1]	All students
		Application Form II a [Form 2]	undergraduate students
		Application Form II b [Form 3]	postgraduate students and prospective postgraduate students • Ask your Academic Advisor to check it
		Statement of Reasons for Applying[Form 4] (Your Academic Advisor should put a seal or a signature. It can also be submitted separately by your Academic Advisor.)	All students
		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.	All students
		Documents Submission Checklist (this sheet)	All students

(Form1)

Academic Year 2026 Scholarship Programs Application Form I

Sample

Student No.	Z24X000A	Type of Visa	Student	If your status of residence is other than "Student", when will you change it? () 
Name (in Katakana)	ニイガタ タロウ			
Name (Alphabets)	NIIGATA Tarou			
Date of Birth	2000/1/23	Nationality	China	
Present Address	#123 apartment, 8050 Ikarashi 2 no-cho, Nishi-ku, Niigata City			
University or High school from which the Applicant last graduated				
Name of School:		Location	Admitted(M/Y):	Graduated(M/Y):
Niigata University		JAPAN / Niigata	04 / 2023	03 / 2025
Applicant's Status at the time of Application				
Faculty / Graduate School (M / <input checked="" type="radio"/>)		Course / Major	School Year	Admission Date(M/Y)
Modern Society and Culture		Global Community	1	04 / 2025
Applicant's Status in April 2026				
Faculty / Graduate School (M / <input checked="" type="radio"/>)		Course / Major	School Year	
Modern Society and Culture		Global Community	2	
Primary Academic Advisor	Prof. SATO ○○			

Family Members

Name	Relationship	Age	Address (Country/City)	Workplace / School
NIIGATA Peach	Spouse	30	JAPAN / Niigata	Niigata University/Student
NIIGATA Pear	Father	55	CHINA/Guangdong Province	○○ Company
NIIGATA Banana	Mother	50	CHINA/Guangdong Province	△△ Company
NIIGATA Berry	little sister	20	Sri Lanka / Kandy	University of Peradeniya
NIIGATA Ineko	daughter	3	JAPAN / Niigata	

Income

Applicant's Income	Financial Support	50,000	yen per month	Relationship	Father
	Scholarship		yen per month	Scholarship Name: Period Awarded:	
	Salary from part-time job		yen per month	Type of Job:	
	Other	20,000	yen per month	What: Research Assistant	
	Total (Monthly)	70,000	yen per month	Exemption of tuition fee (Spring semester 2025)(Circle one)	no exemption / <input checked="" type="radio"/> half / exemption of all fee
Spouse's Income (Applicable if the Spouse resides in Japan)	Scholarship	100,000	yen per month	Scholarship Name: ΔΔ Scholarship Foundation Period Awarded: 04 / 2025 – 03 / 2026	
	Other	30,000	yen per month	Type of Job: Part-time job What: Cashier	

*The boxes marked with ※ should be left blank.

Date of Application: October **, 2025

*Provide all the family members' names under "Family Members."
Names of those who live separately (in the applicant's country) should also be provided.

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