

Application Guideline for The Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation Scholarship 2017 (Ver.1)

The Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation will support international students who conduct research related to our objectives “to contribute to international society by promoting mutual understanding between Japan and other countries” and “to create society where mankind coexists with nature”.

●Eligibility

1. Students with excellent academic performance who conduct research related to either or both of our objectives below:

- ①Mutual understanding between Japan and other countries
- ②Coexistence of mankind and nature

2. Qualifications

- Those from Asian, African, and Latin American countries
 - "Asia" includes West Asia (#1), Central Asia (#2) North end is Mongolia, and south end is Indonesia.
 - "Africa" includes African continent and surrounding islands.
 - "Latin America" includes southern from Mexico (including the Caribbean area).
- (#1) Six countries of Arabian Peninsula, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Turkey, and Cyprus
- (#2) Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan
- Those who begin Master's program in Japanese universities in fall
 - Including students who has already started studying in Japan as a bachelor or a research student.
- Those who does not gain salary or reward from company or organization.
- Those who does not receive other scholarship.
- Those who can participate in our events held a few times a year
- Japanese language skill is not essential but JLPT N3 or more is preferable.

●Scholarship outlines

1. Number of scholar to be accepted

Two from each university

2. Scholarship benefits

Living expense: 120,000 yen per month

Admission fee: up to 300,000 yen

Tuition: up to 600,000 yen per year

Travel expense: Economy class round trip airfare between Japan and your country*

(*Travel expense will be paid only to those who will arrive in Japan for the first time.)

Payment Method

Scholarship: to be paid directly to students once every 3 months

Date of payment: September 15th, December 15th, March 15th, and June 15th*

(*The first payment date can be scheduled later than Sept. 15th according to the time you are selected as a scholar and your arrival date for those who will newly arrive in Japan)

Admission fee & Tuition:

Students first have to pay and get reimbursed from KMMF later by submitting payment receipt to KMMF.

(When the scholar has difficulty for the first payment just after arrival, please consult KMMF.)

3. Scholarship term

From October 2017 until completion of Master's program in 2019

(Maximum 2 years)(The university of Tokyo: its term starts from Sept.)

4. Obligations for scholars

- Concluding pledge with us (right after you are selected as a scholar.)
- Submitting report quarterly
- Attending one night training seminar to learn philosophy of the KMMF (scheduled to be held in Nov.-Dec.)
(travel / accommodation fees will be covered.)
- Attending the events to facilitate interaction with other KMMF scholars
(travel / accommodation fees will be covered.)
- Contributing an article to anthology in the last year

●Selection

1. Selection method

University recommends candidates. (University recommends 4 candidates considering diversity of candidates' background.)

Application deadline: Early Aug, 2017 (Feasible to change over consultation according to the schedule of entrance exam and result announcement.)

Candidates are screened by required documents submitted. (Interview is to be given if necessary)

Required documents to be submitted:

- ①Application form
- ②Transcript
- ③Research plan
- ④Essay (one A4 page): Title: "My dream" (In Japanese or English)

2. Result announcement

Within 2 weeks after recommendation from university