

The Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation

Application Guidelines for 2018 Scholarship Program

The Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation provides support to international students who conduct research related to its two major objectives: “To contribute to international society by promoting mutual understanding between Japan and other countries” and “To create a society where mankind live in harmony with nature.”

I. Eligibility Requirements

1. Students with excellent academic performance who conduct research related to either or both of the followings:
 - Mutual understanding between Japan and other countries
 - Coexistence of mankind and nature
 2. Students from countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America who will start Master’s program in Japanese universities in fall 2018 (including those who already study in Japan as bachelor or research students)
 - "Asia" includes West Asia (*1) ,Central Asia (*2) , and Mongolia as north end and Indonesia as south end.
 - (*1) Six countries in Arabian Peninsula, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Turkey, and Cyprus
 - (*2) Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan
 - "Africa" includes countries in African continent and surrounding islands.
 - "Latin America" includes countries south of Mexico (including Caribbean countries).
 3. Students who are in need of financial support to study in Japan and do not receive scholarship from other organizations
 4. Students who do not receive salary or reward from any company or organization
 5. Students who can participate in all the official events the Foundation holds a few times a year
- *Japanese language skill is not essential but the level equivalent of JLPT N3 or above is preferable.

II. Outlines of Scholarship

1. Number of students to be accepted
 - Two students from each university
2. Amount of scholarship
 - Living allowance: 120,000 yen per month
 - Entrance fee : amount students are requested to pay (282,000 yen for students of national universities, up to 300,000 yen for students of private universities
 - Tuition fee : amount students are requested to pay (535,000 yen / year for students of national universities, up to 600,000 yen / year for students of private universities

Travel expense : fixed amount equivalent of economy-class air ticket
to and from Japan* (*for those who live outside Japan only)

3. Payment of scholarship

Scholarship shall be bank remitted directly to the recipient's account on the following remittance days.

Living allowance: 15th of September, December, March, and June.

Admission/tuition fees: remittance days set by the Foundation considering the due date of each university

4. Period of scholarship

For maximum of 2 years from the start of Master's Program (September or October, 2018) till the end of the Program in 2020

5. Obligations of scholarship recipients

1) A recipient must submit a pledge to KMMF at the start of the scholarship program

2) A recipient must keep the separate regulations specified in "KMMF Scholarship Rules," such as

- Submitting a report on present situation quarterly
- Attending the official events held by KMMF including Scholarship Awards Ceremony, Achievement Ceremony, Overnight Seminar (once or twice a year), One-on-one interview with KMMF (once a year), Get-together dinner with other scholars (once a year), etc.

(*Travel & accommodation fees to attend the official events will be paid by KMMF.)

III. Process of recommendation and selection

1. Each university will select 4 students to recommend as candidates for KMMF Scholarship recipients. In terms of diversity, please make sure that less than half of them have the same nationality
2. After selecting 4 students, the university must submit the following documents to KMMF by the beginning of August, 2018.
(Please consult KMMF office if the due date needs to be changed.)
 - ▼ List of the names of 4 applicants the university recommends with the date of birth, nationality, and the names of department or faculty they will belong to in the university. If possible, please also indicate the ranking of recommendation and the reasons.
 - ▼ Application documents filled out by the applicant either in Japanese or in English, including "Application Form For 2018," "Research Plan," "Reasons for applying for this scholarship," "Essay" titled "My Dream," and "Personal Information Acquisition Agreement."
 - ▼ Copy of academic transcript
3. After screening the documents, KMMF will select 2 students as candidates and notify the university within 2 weeks after receiving recommendation documents.
4. The candidates will be asked to submit a pledge after their arrival to Japan.
By submitting a pledge, they will be officially certified as KMMF scholars.