

MEXT Scholarship (Top Global University) Application Procedure Master Students Enrolling from Autumn Semester 2021

The Top Global University category of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) Scholarship provides funding to Sophia students to support their study and living expenses in Japan.

Sophia will select nominees from privately-funded international students based on document screening and nominate them to MEXT. Students who wish to be awarded this scholarship are requested to submit the application documents by the following deadline. Please note that the final decision for selection is handled by MEXT; nominated by the University to MEXT does not mean applicants will automatically be selected for the scholarship.

Deadline for submission of application documents: 3:30 PM Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Eligibility:

1. Applicants who have high academic standings in their current undergraduate or graduate program (as of October 1st, 2021).
2. Applicants who are qualified for university entrance (master's program) in Japan.
3. Applicants who will be (or are expected to be) enrolled as full-time degree students in the following master's program of Sophia University from Autumn semester 2021:

M.A. Program in Global Studies

M.A. Program in Global Environmental Studies*

M.S. Program in Green Science and Engineering

Note: For M.A. Program in Education, M.A. Program in Linguistics (TESOL), and M.A. Program in International Cooperation Studies, we will be accepting applications from applicants who will be enrolled as full-time degree students from Spring 2021. If accepted, the applicant will receive MEXT scholarship starting from Autumn 2021.

4. Applicants who hold a nationality of a country officially recognized by the Japanese Government. (In other words, applicants who do NOT have a Japanese nationality.)
5. Applicants who were born after April 2, 1986.
6. Applicants who will obtain (or are planning to obtain) and hold a "College Student" visa for studying in Japan.
7. Applicants who have no scholarships offered by institutions other than MEXT.

Details of the Scholarship:

Amount of stipend (per month):

Master program students ¥144,000

Tuition and Fees:

Entrance Fee, Semester Enrollment Fee, Tuition Fee, Education Enhancement Fee, and Laboratory & Research Fee are provided by Sophia University.

Note: Application Fee, Alumni Association Fee, Premium for Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research, and Traveling costs must be paid by the student.

Duration of Scholarship:

M.A. students who will enroll from Autumn 2021: October 2021 through September, 2023

Application Documents:

- (1) Application Form A (Application for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship)
- (2) Application Form B (Research plan or research status sheet)
- (3) Academic Transcript (all undergraduate (and graduate, if applicable) courses and grades received, and a list courses currently enrolled)
- (4) Proof of Graduation (university/college issued certificate of a degree or official letter, or a transcript indicating the degree received and date of conferral)*
- (5) English Proficiency Test Score Report (if applicable)*



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Application Documents Should be Submitted to:

Sophia University
Center for Global Education and Discovery (MEXT scholarship)
7-1 Kioi-cho Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8554 Japan

Electronic files of the application should also be sent to; inbound-co@sophia.ac.jp

(Note: Please indicate in the e-mail which graduate program you are applying to. In addition, if you are applying for another scholarship at Sophia at the same time, please indicate the name of that scholarship.)

Interview (Zoom): Held with applicants who pass the documentary screening in late May

*The time of the interview for each student will be notified through email around early-May

Results of Internal Selection: Will be notified via email around June 9

*If you fail the entrance exam, you will automatically fail the MEXT scholarship, so in this case, the results of MEXT scholarship will not be sent to you.

Final Announcement of Results from MEXT: Beginning of August 2021

<Inquiries>

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