

Article 1 : International student categories

International students are to enroll in Yamagata University for the purpose of conducting study and research.

1 Government-sponsored international students

There are seven types of Japanese government-sponsored scholarships available under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship program: those for research students, teacher training students, undergraduate university students, Japanese studies students, college of technology students, special training students and YLP (Young Leader's Program) students. Roundtrip fare (air ticket) is provided. University fees and living expenses covered within the scholarship.

(1) Recommendation by Embassy

In this category, applications are made through the Japanese Embassy or Consular Office outside Japan. The initial screening (document examination, written test and interview) is made at the embassy. The embassy then recommends the selected candidates to the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(2) Recommendation by University

Research students and Japanese studies students who will be studying in Japan as an exchange student based on inter-university student exchange agreements can be screened through the national, public or private Japanese university involved as a candidate for a Japanese Government Scholarship. The university directly recommends the selected candidates to the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

(3) Application by privately financed international students living in Japan

Privately financed, full-time postgraduate foreign students, prospective postgraduate students, and full-time, prospective four-year undergraduate university students (six-year students in the case of medical schools) can apply for study in Japanese universities. Universities carefully screen and then recommend academically and individually excellent students.

2 Japan-Korea Joint Program for Science & Engineering Students

Japan-Korea Joint Program for Science & Engineering students are exceptional Korean students who have graduated (or are about to graduate) high school and who intend to study engineering or science as undergraduates. These students are accepted and enroll into Yamagata University from the beginning of their preparatory education for university studies.

3 Privately-financed international students

(1) Foreign-government Sponsored Students

In order to promote the nurturing of their country's human resources, some countries have been dispatching students on scholarships sponsored by their own government to Japan in recent years, asking the Japanese government to cooperate in their acceptance.

(2) Privately-financed foreign students

All Privately-financed international students enter by a standard selection process.

(3) Short-term study students

Short-term study refers primarily to studying abroad while still enrolled at a university in one's home country on the basis of inter-university exchange agreements limiting the students study to one academic year.