

Outline of First Screening by the Embassy of Japan in Palau
Japanese Government (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) Scholarship for SY2027
Research Program

The Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Palau will conduct First Screening of applicants of the Japanese Government (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) Research Program for 2027 as follows. As for the fields of study, qualifications and conditions, and the details of the scholarship, please refer to the application guidelines.

1. Application procedure

Applicants must submit the following documents to the Embassy of Japan by the date below (The deadline must be met strictly). The submitted documents will not be returned.

(1) Application Deadline: 4:30pm, Friday, May 29, 2026

(2) Place: Embassy of Japan office in Ngerekebesang

(3) Documents to be submitted:

① Application form (1 original, 1 copy)

② Academic transcript for all school years of last school attended

(1 original, 1 copy)

③ Graduation certificate of last school attended (1 original, 1 copy)

④ Recommendation letter from the principal or teacher of last school attended

(1 original, 1 copy)

⑤ Certificate of enrollment (if applicant is enrolled at PCC or University)

*Note: At the application submission stage, applicants are not required to submit a Medical Certificate.

*Note: Please refer to guidelines for the details of the required documents.

2. First Screening by the Embassy

The Embassy of Japan will carry out First Selection of applicants based on submitted application documents, placement tests and interviews, following the schedule below.

(1) Placement tests

[Subjects for placement tests]

➤ All applicants must take placement tests in English & Japanese.

① Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 8:45am – 2:15pm

② Placement Tests Schedule

(Registration: 8:50am – 9:00am)

English: 9:05am – 10:05am

Japanese: 10:10am – 11:10am

③ Place: Palau High School

④ Notification of the result of the placement tests:

The Embassy of Japan will contact the applicants who passed the placement test by 4:30pm, Monday, June 29, 2026.

(2) Interview

① Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 (Schedule announced after all applications are received)

Research: AM

Others: PM

② Place: Embassy of Japan office in Ngerekebesang

② The notification of the results of the interview:

The Embassy of Japan will call the applicants who passed the interview by 4:30pm on Thursday, July 15, 2026. Applicants who have passed the interview will be recommended by the Embassy to MEXT.

3. After First Screening

Applicants who have passed First Screening are required to submit Health Examination Certificate.

(1) Submission of Health Examination Certificate (Original: 1, Copy: 1)

① Deadline: Monday, July 27, 2026

③ Place: Embassy of Japan office at Ngerekebesang

(2) The Embassy of Japan will send the following documents to the applicants who pass First Screening. (①&②: by hand delivery, ③~⑤: by Email)

② Passing Certificate of the Primary Selection

② 1 (one) set of submitted documents with Embassy's attestation

③ List of University

④ Letter of Provisional Acceptance for 2026

⑤ Placement Preference Form

(2) Each person who has passed First Screening is required to contact directly the Japanese university of his/her choice in order to obtain admission as a regular student for a degree or as a Research Student (non-regular student) in a graduate course, or a letter of provisional acceptance as a research student (hereinafter referred to as "Admission") by Tuesday, September 1, 2026. In order to obtain the admission, candidates can gain information regarding the contact office for international students

of each university etc. from the Embassy and the following websites of universities and researchers. Candidates are not allowed to contact Japanese universities after September 2, 2026.

① Researchmap

(Japanese) <http://researchmap.jp/>

(English) <http://researchmap.jp/?lang=english>

② (JST) J-GLOBAL

(Japanese) <https://jglobal.jst.go.jp/>

(English) <https://jglobal.jst.go.jp/en/>

③ JASSO: Information on Japanese schools (universities, colleges and Japanese language institutes)

(Japanese)

http://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/study_j/search/daigakukensaku.html

(English) http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/search/index.html

④ Japan Study Support Information for International Students

(Japanese) <http://www.jpss.jp/ja/search/>

(English) <http://www.jpss.jp/en/search/>

⑤ Program for Leading Graduate Schools

(Japanese) <http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-hakasekatei/index.html>

(English) <http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-hakasekatei/index.html>

⑥ INTER-UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROJECT

(Japanese Only) <http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-tenkairyoku/kekka.html>

⑦ スーパーグローバル大学創成支援事業

(Japanese only)

http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/kaikaku/sekaitenkai/1360288.htm

*Note

a) When the applicant contacts the university/professor, the following information must be relayed: - The fact that he/she has passed First Screening by the Embassy - Preferred name of the graduate school, the professor and field of study - Deadline to submit the letter of acceptance to the Embassy

b) The applicant must not delay in replying to the inquiry from universities.

c) The applicant can contact 3 universities to ask for the acceptance at the same time. In other words, he/she cannot contact more than 4 universities simultaneously.

d) It will take about 3 weeks for university to consider about the acceptance.

e) Certificate of acceptance is equal with the letter of acceptance, so the applicant

can get either one.

(3) Submission of Placement Preference Form and Letter of Provisional Acceptance/Certificate of acceptance

The applicant must fill in the names of the universities in which he/she would like to enroll on the basis of his/her status of obtained Admission from the universities.

② Submission Deadline: 4:30pm, Thursday, September 24, 2026

④ Place: Embassy of Japan office in Ngerekebesang

4. Second Screening

Applicants who have been selected through First Screening will be recommended to MEXT. MEXT will then conduct Second Screening of the recommended applicants and decide the scholarship recipients.

5. Notification of the selected applicants

The Embassy of Japan will call the applicants who are accepted as MEXT scholarship recipients by January 2027. If there are any delays, Embassy of Japan in Palau will inform applicants.