



Project for Future Researchers at IITH to Enhance Network Development
with Scholarship of Japan
(FRIENDSHIP)

IITH-Japan FRIENDSHIP Scholarship -2020- Application Guidelines

Project Overview

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been implementing the FRIENDSHIP project since 2012 based on the agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of India and now offers **the IITH-Japan FRIENDSHIP Scholarship for graduates from IITH for higher study at Japanese universities.**

The overall goal of the FRIENDSHIP project is to enhance world-class research network between IITH and higher education institutions/industrial clusters of Japan, whereby both should establish educational and research excellence in the field of science, technology and engineering in the future. To achieve the goal, the project promotes exchange of human resources for graduate-level research and thereby enhances research collaboration between IITH and Japan.

Availability of the Scholarship

The scholarship is available for enrollment in Japanese FY2020 (April 2020-March 2021).

The term of scholarship is 3 years for doctoral programs. 2-year scholarship for master's programs is available for applicants who are non-master holders.

Research Studentship for 6 months:

- Research studentship as an option is for preparation of masters/PhD course, at professors' discretion in the screening process.
- During the Period of research studentship, successful candidates will be subjected to the screening process set by Japanese Supporting Universities (some universities require applicants to take an examination and interview).
- If successful candidates cannot pass the screening by the universities to start master's/PhD course by the end of March 2021 (for April 2021 intake), they will lose the entitlement of scholarship and need to return to their countries at the end of research studentship.

Number of Available Scholarship

Maximum 30 for Japanese FY 2020

Field of Study

The field of study must be consistent with the degree obtained at IITH in the field of science, technology and engineering with particular emphasis on the five major fields of the FRIENDSHIP project as below:

Energy and Environment; Next Generation Communication Technology; Design and Manufacturing; Nanotech/science; and Sustainable Development.

The main language of the study programs offered by Japanese universities is English.

The following is a list of eligible universities. However, please consult us if you select universities that are not listed in the list.

- Hokkaido University (<https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/>)
- Keio University (<http://www.keio.ac.jp/index-en.html>)
- Kyoto University (<http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en>)
- Kyushu University (<https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/>)
- Nagoya University (<http://en.nagoya-u.ac.jp/>)
- Osaka University (<http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>)
- Ritsumeikan University (<http://www.en.ritsumei.ac.jp/>)
- Saitama University (<http://en.saitama-u.ac.jp/>)
- Shizuoka University (<http://www.shizuoka.ac.jp/english/>)
- Tohoku University (<http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/en/>)
- The University of Tokyo (<http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/index.html>)
- Waseda University (<http://www.waseda.jp/top/en>)

Eligibility

- 1) Nationality: Citizens of the Republic of India;
- 2) Age: Between 20 and 30 years old as of April 1 in the year of the participant's arrival in Japan in principle
(Note: Any age limitation put by individual university/program takes priority over this qualification.)
- 3) Graduates or expected graduates of one of the departments of engineering or science at IITH
(bachelor's/master's programs);
- 4) Military personnel are NOT allowed to apply;
- 5) Applicants must have a clear understanding on the overall goal of the FRIENDSHIP project and contribute to research collaboration between IITH and Japan;
- 6) Health condition: Mentally and physically sound;
- 7) English proficiency: Adequate for study in Japan;
- 8) Applicants must NOT be those who are to receive any other scholarship during the period of this scholarship; and
- 9) The scholarship is available only for those who apply for and obtain admission to one of the engineering/science programs offered by the designated Japanese universities.

Financial Assistance Provided

Tuition Fees; Living Allowance; Airfare; Insurance; and other allowance in accordance with the regulation of JICA.

Application Procedure

➤ **STEP 1 (By 23:59 IST, 11th December 2019): All applicants**

Download and fill in the application form of the IITH-Japan FRIENDSHIP Scholarship; then submit Data File in MS Word or PDF via E-mail: To the FRIENDSHIP project

<scholarship@friendship.iith.ac.in>. No late/incomplete/handwriting application is acceptable.

The FRIENDSHIP project selects candidates for the further steps through document screening and will notify each applicant of the result during the period between January and April 2020 Successful applicants should proceed to the STEP 2.

➤ **STEP 2 (January- April 2020): Successful applicants of STEP 1**

Candidates are invited to an interview session given by the FRIENDSHIP project to be held on either 21st or 22nd January. The interview is conducted in Hyderabad; those who are out of Hyderabad, a skype interview will be conducted. Detailed information will be sent to each candidate via e-mail as necessary.

Selection Criteria of STEP 1 and 2 include*:

- 1) Potential ability to conduct research at Japanese universities
- 2) Appropriateness of the research field and relevance of the research plan with prospective Japanese supervisor(s)
- 3) Motivation to complete the doctoral program at a Japanese university

*This means that you have already read 2-3 papers of a prospective Japanese supervisor(s) and can brief their abstract, interact with him/her before, etc.

*Due to highly competitive situation, those who apply for a master course of the University of Tokyo will be carefully examined

➤ **STEP 3 (April - May 2020): Successful applicants of STEP 1 and 2**

3-1 Application for Japanese University

1. Successful candidates are requested to submit official application for admission to a Japanese university; the admission application must be in line with the requirements of and your application for the IITH-Japan New Scholarship.
2. The application fee is borne by the project.
3. In the case where the university officially requires applicants' appearance at the entrance examination and/or interview in Japan, expenses necessary for sitting for the examination, such as travel cost and accommodation, are borne by the project in accordance with the regulation of JICA. Please be reminded that an applicant is required a full refund of the travel expenses including airfare, ground transportation, accommodation and daily allowance when you decline acceptance of a university.
4. In principle, declination of a course is not allowed after paying entrance fee to a university.
5. Should successful candidates withdraw from the scholarship, they cannot carry over their slot to the following year. They must apply for the scholarship for the following year again, i.e., submit an application form for the applied year and take an interview,

6. Should successful candidates withdraw from the scholarship, those who are on a waiting list will be successful and eligible to apply. This must be by the middle of April in principle,

3-2 Application for JICA

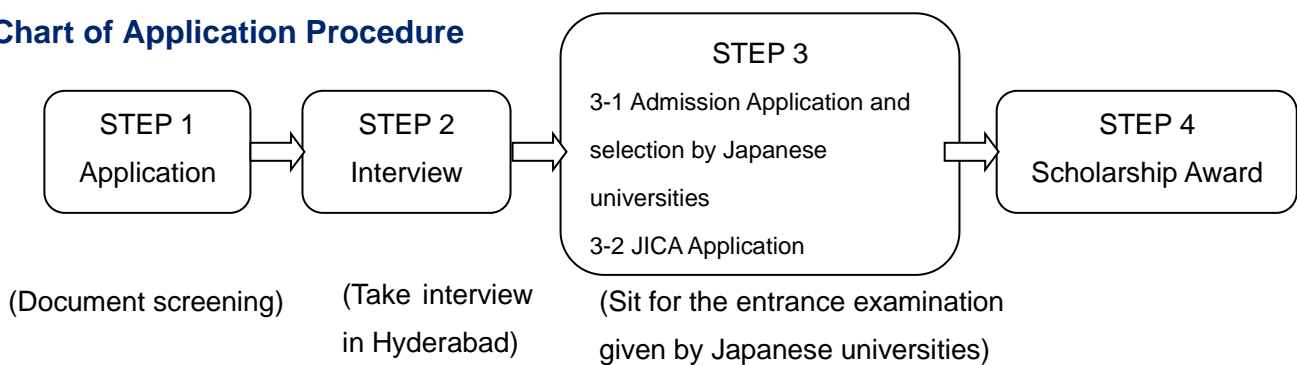
In parallel with 3-1, the FRIENDSHIP project will notify and request candidates to prepare and submit the JICA Application Form.

This form will be shared with JICA and the Government of India, i.e. Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, which are nodal points of Japanese Official Development Assistance.

➤ **STEP 4 (Final Result): Successful applicants of STEP 1, 2, and 3-1**

Final candidates who have received an admission certificate of a Japanese university are awarded the scholarship.

Chart of Application Procedure



Further Information

For any enquiry on the IITH-Japan New Scholarship, e-mail to <scholarship@friendship.iith.ac.in>

Disclaimer

The FRIENDSHIP project makes every effort to ensure that the information provided on this page is accurate and up to date. However, the matters covered, including numbers of recipients, values, courses, availability and structure of scholarship, are subject to regular reviews and renewed as necessary. Applicants are encouraged to address any enquiries in the first instance.