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## **MEXT** **Scholarship to Study in Japan 2015 (Research Students)**

Japanese Government, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT), will award the Scholarship for Research Students to Icelandic nationals for graduate level studies in Japan.

Each scholarship will be available from either April or October of 2015.

Those leaving in April will hold their award for two years, whilst those departing in October will hold theirs for 18 months.

The Government of Japan will provide a round-trip international air ticket, tuition and a monthly stipend. Under the fiscal 2014 budget, the monthly stipend will be 143,000~145,000 yen. (The amount of monthly allowance is subject to change.)

Those who are born on or after April 2, 1980 and have a bachelor's degree when the benefit period starts are eligible for the MEXT Scholarship for Research Student. Applicants must apply for a study field that they have specialized in or a related field.

Fields such as traditional performing arts and culture (Such as Kabuki) that are usually not taught at Japanese universities are excluded, unless you already have entrance permission from the university. For further information, kindly read the guideline.

It is essential that candidates have looked into suitable Japanese universities where they can conduct their research/studies and that these are listed on the attachment form at the time of application to the Embassy. Applicants who pass the Embassy selection stage of the application procedure will be expected to contact the universities listed on the attachment form to try and gain admission accordingly.

Scholarship applicants must be in good mental and physical health, as well as being willing to learn Japanese language. Also they are required to depart for and arrive in Japan between 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2015 or within two weeks of the date set by the receiving university for the beginning of the semester.

The primary screening will be carried out by the Embassy of Japan. The submitted application documents of the primary screened nominee(s) will subsequently be forwarded to MEXT in Japan where the final selection will be made.

Scholarship Guidelines and Application Forms are available at

<http://www.is.emb-japan.go.jp>

Completed applications must be submitted by **no later than Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014** to Embassy of Japan in Iceland, Laugavegur 182, 6F, 105 Reykjavik. (Applications have to be arrived by the deadline.)

An incomplete or late application will not be accepted.

All applicants who are subsequently short-listed will have an interview and Japanese and/or English language written examination at the Embassy of Japan **in July 2014**.

For inquiries, please contact **Embassy of Japan in Iceland**

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