



## STATE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2023 (RESEARCH STUDENTS)-PHD

Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka for selection of suitable candidates to be nominated for postgraduate scholarships offered by the Government of Japan.

#### 1. General eligibility requirements:

- (a) All applicant should be citizens of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Age: Applicant should be born **on or after April 2, 1988**
- (c) Should possess a Bachelor's Degree with a Second Class Upper Division or above and Master's degree in the relevant field from a recognized university
- (d) Should possess a high proficiency in English.
- (e) Should be employed in a Ministry/Department/University/State Sector or Private Sector Institution.
- (f) No application will be entertained from a person holding a temporary/casual/contractual appointment or a person who is unemployed. Only permanent and confirmed employees will be considered for the scholarships.
- (g) Employees on probation in the Universities are eligible to apply, provided that his/her confirmation is conditional upon acquiring a specified postgraduate qualification.
- (h) If you have already nominated for the scholarship offered by this Ministry please, do not apply for this scholarship accordingly

#### Note

A lecturer on probation is eligible to apply when he/she has been in continuous service for a period of one year from the date of his/her appointment by (As per the UGC-E Code Chapter X. Division II, 27:3)

#### 2. Scholarship benefits:

- (a) Airfare to Japan and back on completion of studies.
- (b) A monthly allowance of
  - i. 143,000 yen per month for a research student
  - ii. 144,000 yen per month for a Master or a professional degree program
  - iii. 145,000 yen per month for a Doctoral program
- (c) Approved tuition and examination fees.
- (d) A supplemental regional allowance of 2,000 or 3,000 yen

Scholars are required to bring approximately US\$ 2,000 to cover immediate needs

### **3. Application submission procedure:**

- Application must be submitted online through: <https://foreignscholarships.mohe.gov.lk/>
- The deadline for the submission of the application is **03<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**
- Each applicant should submit only one application.
- If applicant is a government sector employee should submit their applications through the Head of the institute. Other applicants can forward their application directly.

### **4. Nomination procedure:**

**Examination:** All eligible candidates should sit for a written test for English Language and Japanese Language conducted by the Embassy of Japan.

### **5. Selection procedure:**

The final selections will be made by the Japanese Government based on the examination merit accordingly. Therefore, candidate should not treat his/her nomination for the scholarship as an acceptance for an award.

Any form of canvassing or attempt to influence the selection of a candidate will disqualify such candidate.

**Note:** You are advised to visit the following web site for further information, guidelines and past papers of the qualifying examination.

<https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/smap-stopj-applications-research.html>

### **05. Cancellation of Nomination:**

- a) Any form of canvassing will be considered as a disqualification for a scholarship
- b) Any statement in the application, which is found to be incorrect, will render the applicant liable to disqualification if the inaccuracy is discovered before selection and to the withdrawal/cancel of the award if discovered after selection. In a case if a selected candidates who decline to accept the award after nomination will not be considered for any other award during the year.

### **06. Further details**

Please visit website of the higher education division of the Ministry of Education:  
[www.mohe.gov.lk](http://www.mohe.gov.lk)

### **07. Closing Date:**

Applications which are not sent according to the above requirements or incomplete in any respect or received late will be rejected.

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