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The ASJA Scholarship Program places a priority on offering the opportunity for the scholarship recipients to acquire a good command of the Japanese language and to know much about Japanese culture, tradition, and custom through the study in Japan.

1. Categories of Applicants for Scholarship

Category A1 (Post-Graduate Course)

Those who intend to be a research student and then to take the entrance examination for a Master's or Doctoral course at a Japanese graduate school after completing the intensive Japanese language training and the cultural experience programs.

Category A2 (Post-Graduate Course)

Those who have an advanced command of Japanese (including those who have already studied in Japan), therefore would like to skip the intensive Japanese language training and the cultural experience programs and to proceed directly to a post-graduate course.

Category B1 (Professional Skill Course)

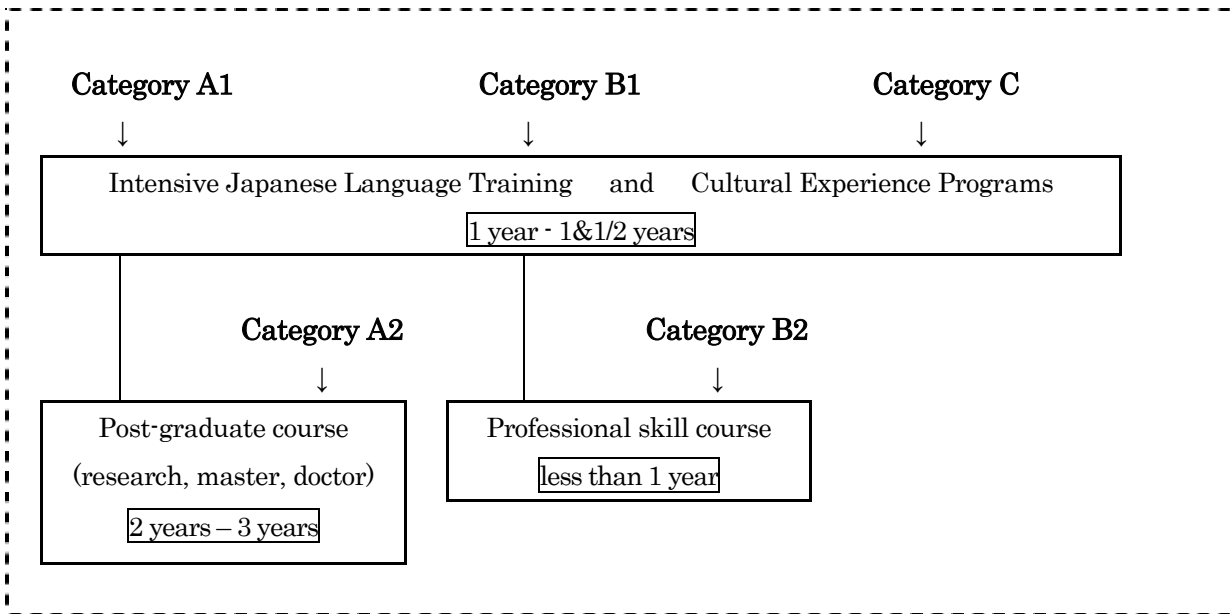
Those who intend to take a course for professional skill in such particular fields of study as Japanese language teaching, medical science, dentistry, and physical therapy for not more than 1 year after completing the intensive Japanese language training and the cultural experience programs.

Category B2 (Professional Skill Course)

Those who have an advanced command of Japanese (including those who have already studied in Japan), therefore would like to skip the intensive Japanese language training and the cultural experience programs and to proceed directly to a professional skill course.

Category C (Short Program)

Those who participate only in the intensive Japanese language training and the cultural experience programs for 1 year to 1 and a half years.



2. Eligibility

- (1) Nationality: The applicants must have citizenship of the residing country.
- (2) Age: The applicant must be at least age 18 and must be age 35 or below (age 18-20 for category C), as of April 1 of the year of selection.
- (3) Formal Education:
 - <Category A1 & A2>
The applicant must be a college graduate and have completed 16 years of school education. If an applicant is from a country where the completion of school education qualifies one to apply to a graduate school, he/she may apply if he/she is age 22 or above (he /she can be younger if he/she has skipped a grade), and at the same time, the Japanese graduate schools recognizes his/her academic background as equivalent to that of the applicant who has completed 16 years of school education.
 - <Category B1, B2>
The applicant may apply if the Japanese institute to which he/she would like to apply recognizes his/her academic background as appropriate.
 - <Category C>
The applicants must either have completed a 12-year-regular-course of school education or have graduated from a school equivalent to the senior high school in Japan.
- (4) Physical conditions: The applicant must not have a contagious disease or a record of psychiatric difficulties.
- (5) Language: The applicant, if he/she does not have a command of Japanese, must have a strong will to learn the Japanese language in order to effectively attend classes conducted in Japanese.

3. Period for the Scholarship being granted

(1) Category A1: The entire scholarship period will be 4 years (maximum). The scholarship will be granted for 1 year for the intensive training of the Japanese language and cultural experience programs. After the intensive Japanese language training, the scholarship shall be granted for 1 year at the longest for the study as a research student. If the student is able to advance to a post-graduate course in 1 year or less, the scholarship shall be granted for the Master's course or Doctoral course. It is also possible to skip the study as a research student and proceed directly to a post-graduate course after the intensive Japanese language training. For the Master's course, the scholarship shall be granted for 2 years (maximum). For the Doctoral course, the scholarship shall be granted for 3 years (maximum) including a research student period of 1 year or less, after the intensive Japanese language training. The entire scholarship period cannot exceed 4 years even if the Doctoral course is not completed.

Japanese: 1 year + Research student: 1 year (or less) + Master's course: 2 years = 4 years

Japanese: 1 year + Research student: 1 year (or less) + Doctoral course: 2 years = 4 years

Japanese: 1 year + Doctoral course: 3 years = 4 years

(2) Category A2: The entire scholarship period will be 4 years (maximum). The scholarship shall be granted for 1 year at the longest for the study as a research student. If the student is able to advance to a post-graduate course in 1 year or less, the scholarship shall be granted for another 2 years (maximum) for the Master's course, or 3 years (maximum) for the Doctoral course.

Research student: 1 year (or less) + Master's course: 2 years = 3 years

Research student: 1 year (or less) + Doctoral course: 3 years = 4 years

(3) Category B1: The entire scholarship period will be 2 years (maximum). The scholarship will be granted for 1 year for the intensive training of the Japanese language and cultural experience programs. After the intensive Japanese language training, the scholarship shall be granted for 1 year or less for a professional skill course.

Japanese: 1 year + Professional skill course: 1 year (or less) = 2 years

(4) Category B2: The entire scholarship period will be 1 year or less for a professional skill course.

Professional skill course: 1 year (or less)

(5) Category C: The entire Scholarship period will be 1 to 1&1/2 years for the Intensive Japanese Language Training and Cultural Experience Programs.

Japanese language training: 1 year

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(6) Should the student fail to proceed to a post-graduate course within the above-mentioned time-limits, take time off school for more than three months without reporting any

justifiable reason to the Secretariat, or travel back to his/her home country without an approval of the Secretariat, the Secretary General of ASJA International may terminate the scholarship.

4. Scholarship and Other Defrayment

(1) Scholarship allowance:

¥134,000 / month (intensive Japanese language training and cultural experience programs)

¥170,000 / month (for the first year in post-graduate courses)

¥160,000 / month (each year subsequently in post-graduate courses)

¥134,000 / month (professional skill courses, undergraduate level)

¥170,000 / month (professional skill courses, post graduate level)

(2) Travel expenses for coming to Japan and going back from Japan: Economy class air tickets shall be provided, not more than ¥100,000 for one way.

(3) Tuition etc.: The enrollment registration fee and tuition will be defrayed by ASJA International to post-graduate schools and other institutes concerned.

*It is highly recommended that a new scholar should bring approximately ¥100,000-200,000 (US\$1,000-2,000) to cover immediate needs just after arrival in Japan.

*The scholars of Category A1, B1 and C are supposed to live in the dormitory of Japanese language school during the first year in Japan. They need to pay the fee when they arrive in Japan and move in the dormitory. The amount will be about ¥129,000, which is the total amount of Dormitory Entrance Fee ¥15,000, Deposit ¥30,000 and Room Fee for 3 months ¥84,000 (¥28,000/month × 3 months).

5. The activities of ASJA International Scholarship Program

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6. Application & Selection Process

- (1) The Board of Directors decides the number of scholarship students and allocates them to ASJA member countries.
- (2) The ASJA Selection Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Selection Committee”) in each ASJA member country requires an applicant to submit the following documents according to the Category (the original and 2 copies for each):

Category A1

- (a) Application forms for ASJA scholarship (with 1 photograph attached)
- (b) A scholarly achievement certificate/transcript of the university from which the applicant graduated most recently, or a scholarly performance certificate/transcript acknowledged by the university that the applicant is now attending
- (c) Diploma of the university from which the applicant graduated most recently, or a studentship certificate issued by the university that the applicant is now attending
- (d) Summary of the research proposal the applicant hopes to pursue
- (e) Recommendation written by a faculty professor of the university from which the applicant graduated most recently, or the university which the applicant is now attending
- (f) Medical certificate (made out in the form of the Japanese governmental foreign students scholarship requirement)
- (g) Other documents required by the Selection Committee
- (h) Passport copy
- (i) Application forms for Tokyo Japanese Language Education Center
- (j) Application forms for Certificate of Eligibility
- (k) 10 photographs (3 × 4 cm) *5 for Tokyo Japanese Language Education Center, 2 for Certificate of Eligibility, 3 for ASJA International Secretariat

Category A2

- (a) Application forms for ASJA scholarship (with 1 photograph attached)

- (b) A scholarly achievement certificate/transcript of the university from which the applicant graduated most recently, or a scholarly performance certificate/transcript acknowledged by the university that the applicant is now attending
- (c) Diploma of the university from which the applicant graduated most recently, or a studentship certificate issued by the university that the applicant is now attending
- (d) Summary of the research proposal the applicant hopes to pursue
- (e) Recommendation written by a faculty professor of the university from which the applicant graduated most recently, or the university which the applicant is now attending
- (f) Certificate of admission issued by the university, which certifies the applicant's admission in April/October of the following year of selection
- (g) Certificate of Japanese language ability issued by an authoritative Japanese language institution (for instance, Level 1 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test by the Japan Foundation) and/or a scholarly performance certificate acknowledged by a Japanese language institute which the applicant attended/is now attending
- (h) Medical certificate (made out in the form of the Japanese governmental foreign students scholarship requirement)
- (i) Other documents required by the Selection Committee
- (j) Passport copy
- (k) 3 photographs (3 × 4 cm) *for ASJA International Secretariat

Category B1

- (a) Application forms for ASJA scholarship (with 1 photograph attached)
- (b) A scholarly achievement certificate/transcript of the university from which the applicant graduated most recently, or a scholarly performance certificate/transcript acknowledged by the university that the applicant is now attending
- (c) Diploma of the university from which the applicant graduated most recently, or a studentship certificate issued by the university that the applicant is now attending
- (d) Summary of the research project the applicant hopes to pursue
- (e) Recommendation written by a faculty professor of the university from which the applicant graduated most recently, or the university which the applicant is now attending
- (f) Name of the institute in Japan, in which the applicant hopes to take a course for professional skill, or preferably the certificate of admission/acceptance letter which certifies that the institute will accept the applicant
- (g) Medical certificate (made out in the form of the Japanese governmental foreign students scholarship requirement)
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Category B2

- (a) Application forms for ASJA scholarship (with 1 photograph attached)
- (b) A scholarly achievement certificate/transcript of the university from which the applicant graduated most recently, or a scholarly performance certificate/transcript acknowledged by the university that the applicant is now attending
- (c) Diploma of the university from which the applicant graduated most recently, or a studentship certificate issued by the university that the applicant is now attending
- (d) Summary of the research project the applicant hopes to pursue
- (e) Recommendation written by a faculty professor of the university from which the applicant graduated most recently, or the university which the applicant is now attending
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- (h) Medical certificate (made out in the form of the Japanese governmental foreign students scholarship requirement)
- (i) Other documents required by the Selection Committee
- (j) Passport copy
- (k) 3 photographs (3 × 4 cm) *for ASJA International Secretariat

Category C

- (a) Application form for ASJA scholarship (with 1 photograph attached)
- (b) A scholarly performance certificate acknowledged by the university the applicant is now attending, or a scholarly achievement certificate of the entire high school years if the applicant has just graduated from a high school
- (c) The diploma or certificate of the high school from which the applicant graduated
- (d) Recommendation written by a faculty professor of the university that the applicant is now attending, or written by a homeroom teacher of high school if the applicant has just graduated from high school
- (e) Medical certificate (made out in the format of the Japanese government al foreign student scholarship requirement)

- (f) Other documents required by the Selection Committee
- (g) Passport copy
- (h) Application forms for Tokyo Japanese Language Education Center
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(3) After the screening/elimination of candidates by the above-mentioned documents, the Selection Committee in each ASJA member country, comprised of one representative of the ASCOJA approved alumni organization (the ASCOJA chapter), one representative of the Japanese Embassy in each country and one from a third party such as a university professor, shall conduct interviews with the applicants.

(4) The Selection Committee recommends successful candidates to the Board of Directors.

(5) Responding to the recommendations from the Selection Committees of the ASJA member countries, the Board of Directors makes the final decision on successful scholarship recipients.

7. Time Schedule

~~In principle, the enrollment of ASJA Scholarship starts in April of a year.~~ The enrollment for October may be given special consideration subject to availability of vacancy and other circumstances.

(1) April Enrollment

Application deadline:	August 20
Screening/elimination:	August 21-31
Interviews:	September 1-20
Submission dead line of successful candidates:	October 10
*Must be reached original application forms & other documents to ASJA Secretariat	
Screening by ASJA Board:	October 11-31
Final result release from ASJA Secretariat:	November 1

(2) October Enrollment

Application deadline:	February 20
Screening/elimination:	February 21-28
Interviews:	March 1-20
Submission dead line of successful candidates:	April 10
*Must be reached original application forms & other documents to ASJA Secretariat	
Screening by ASJA Board	April 11-30
Final Result Release from ASJA Secretariat:	May 1

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