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**Tobitate! Ryugaku Scholarships for Senior High School (SHS) Students – 2<sup>nd</sup> round Overview**

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan (MEXT) has started taking applications for the 2nd round of Tobitate! Ryugaku Scholarships for SHS students. These scholarships will support Japanese SHS students who will study abroad. For this round 500 students will be selected through paper screening and an interview.

**1. Results of the 1<sup>st</sup> round**

MEXT introduced Tobitate! Ryugaku Scholarships for SHS Students in 2014. In the 1<sup>st</sup> round of applications 514 applications were received and 303 scholarships awarded. 45 recipients chose European countries as their study destination whereas the majority (136) chose the US or Canada. Around 70% stayed abroad for between 14 days and 1 month. Around half of the awardees departed in July.

**2. Major changes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round**

- The number of scholarships on offer has been increased from 300 to 500
- The academic category has been divided into 3 courses – “Academic Takeoff”, “Academic Short” and “Academic Long”. The Academic Takeoff course is purely for language study (in the previous round language study only was not accepted).

**3. Courses**

The scholarships programme consists of 6 courses.

**1. Academic Takeoff:**

2-3 weeks of language study and cultural exchange experience overseas

**Duration:** 2-3 weeks

**Number of students:** 140

**Scholarship (tuition fee, activity fee and travel costs / in the case of study in the UK):** 360,000 JPY (approx. 1,950 GBP)

**2. Academic Short:**

Short-term academic study (eg. summer school) at a high school / university in a foreign country

**Duration:** 2 weeks - 3 months

**Number of students:** 100

**Scholarship (tuition fee, activity fee and travel costs / in the case of study in the UK):**

14 – 29 days: 450,000 JPY (approx. 2,440 GBP)

30 – 43 days: 640,000 JPY (approx. 3,470 GBP)

44 – 57 days: 710,000 JPY (approx. 3,840 GBP)

58 – 71 days: 780,000 JPY (approx. 4,230 GBP)

72 – 85 days: 850,000 JPY (approx. 4,600 GBP)

86 – 99 days: 920,000 JPY (approx. 4,980 GBP)

100 – 106 days: 955,000 JPY (approx. 5,170 GBP)

### 3. Academic Long:

Long-term academic study at a high school (or equivalent) in a foreign country

**Duration:** 4 months – 1 year

**Number of students:** 20

**Scholarship (in the case of study in the UK):**

Tuition fee: 300,000 JPY (approx. 1,630 GBP)

Monthly allowance: 140,000 JPY (approx. 760 GBP)

Travel costs: 200,000 JPY (approx. 1,080 GBP)

### 4. Professional:

Practical training or internships in a technical area such as tourism, IT, culinary arts, farming and mechanics

**Duration:** 2 weeks – 3 months

**Number of students:** 80

**Scholarship (tuition fee, activity fee and travel costs / in the case of study in the UK):**

14 – 29 days: 450,000 JPY (approx. 2,440 GBP)

30 – 43 days: 640,000 JPY (approx. 3,470 GBP)

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### 5. Sports & Art:

Skills training at a sports training centre, education institution or art school

**Duration:** 2 weeks – 3 months

**Number of students:** 80

**Scholarship (tuition fee, activity fee and travel costs / in the case of study in the UK):**

14 – 29 days: 450,000 JPY (approx. 2,440 GBP)

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## 6. International Volunteer:

Participation in support activities organized by an NGO or international cooperation study at a relevant organisation

**Duration:** 2 weeks – 3 months

**Number of students:** 80

**Scholarship (tuition fee, activity fee and travel costs / in the case of study in the UK):**

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## 4. Eligibility:

- Study must commence during the period between 24 June 2016 and 31 March 2017
- The applicant must receive confirmation of admission from the host institution (not necessarily prior to the application)
- The study plan must be accepted by the applicant's home institution
- Japanese citizens / permanent residents

## 5. Application

Each school approves their student's plan and submits the application on the student's behalf. Applicants are required to include in their plans hands-on activities such as cultural exchange experiences outside of their host institution, as well as activities to introduce Japanese culture in their study destination. Scholars will be selected through paper screening and an interview.

## 6. Schedule

**By early February 2016:** Internal deadline at each school

**17 February 2016:** Application period closes

**March 2016:** Application screening

**Mid-late April 2016:** Individual interview or group interview

**Mid-late May 2016:** Results announced

**June 2016:** Pre-departure training

**24 June 2016 onwards:** Study abroad programme starts

\*The application schedule for new first-year SHS students who apply for the Academic Takeoff course will be announced separately. The screening will be by paper screening only and the application deadline will be open until April 2016.