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**Tobitate! Ryugaku Scholarships for Senior High School (SHS) Students – 3<sup>rd</sup> round Overview**

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan (MEXT) has started taking applications for the 3rd round of Tobitate! Ryugaku Scholarships for SHS students. These scholarships will support 500 Japanese SHS students who will study abroad.

**Courses**

The scholarships programme consists of 6 courses.

**1. Academic Takeoff:**

Language study and cultural exchange experience overseas

**Duration:** 2-3 weeks (14-21 days)

**Number of students:** 120 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students) / 50 (1<sup>st</sup> year students)

**Scholarship (tuition fee, activity fee and travel costs / in the case of study in the UK):** 360,000 JPY (approx. 2,830 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 (14-106 days)

**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. 3,530 GBP)

30 – 43 days: 640,000 JPY (approx. 5,020 GBP)

44 – 57 days: 710,000 JPY (approx. 5,570 GBP)

58 – 71 days: 780,000 JPY (approx. 6,120 GBP)

72 – 85 days: 850,000 JPY (approx. 6,670 GBP)

86 – 99 days: 920,000 JPY (approx. 7,220 GBP)

100 – 106 days: 955,000 JPY (approx. 7,500 GBP)

**3. Academic Long:**

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

**Duration:** 4 months – 1 year (107-365 days)

**Number of students:** 20

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

Tuition fee: 300,000 JPY (approx. 2,350 GBP)

Monthly allowance: 140,000 JPY (approx. 1,090 GBP)

Travel costs: 200,000 JPY (approx. 1,570 GBP)

**4. Professional:**

Study at a career college, practical training or internships in a technical area such as tourism, IT, culinary arts, nursing, farming and mechanics

**Duration:** 2 weeks – 3 months (14-106 days)

**Number of students:** 50

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

14 – 29 days: 450,000 JPY (approx. 3,530 GBP)  
30 – 43 days: 640,000 JPY (approx. 5,020 GBP)  
44 – 57 days: 710,000 JPY (approx. 5,570 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 (14-106 days)

**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. 3,530 GBP)  
30 – 43 days: 640,000 JPY (approx. 5,020 GBP)  
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**6. International Volunteer:**

Participation in volunteer activities to gain a better understanding in international cooperation

**Duration:** 2 weeks – 3 months (14-106 days)

**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. 3,530 GBP)  
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**Eligibility and requirements:**

- Study must commence during the period between **1 July 2017** and **31 March 2018**
- The study plan must be accepted by the applicant's home institution
- Applications for any category must include plans for self-planned activities such as cultural exchange experiences with local students and research activities
- Duration of study must be verified by official certificate issued by host institution
- Students should be Japanese citizens or permanent residents

**Application**

Each school approves their student's plan and submits the application on the student's behalf. Scholars will be selected through paper screening and an interview (or screening by presentation video).

**Schedule**

**By early February 2017:** Internal deadline at each school  
**3 February 2017:** Application period closes  
**By end of February 2017:** Application paper screening  
**By early April 2017:** Individual interview or group interview  
**Mid May 2017:** Results announced  
**June 2017:** Pre-departure training  
**1 July 2017 onwards:** Study abroad programme starts

\*The application schedule for new first-year SHS students who apply for the Academic Takeoff course differs as below:

By late April 2017: Internal deadline at each school  
21 April 2017: Application period closes  
By early May 2017: Selection (based on documents and presentation video submitted by applicants)  
Mid May 2017: Results announced  
June 2017: Pre-departure training  
1 July 2017 onwards: Study abroad programme starts