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2018 (4th round) Tobitate! Ryugaku Scholarships for Senior High School (SHS) Students Overview

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan (MEXT) has started taking applications for the 4th 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: 14-21 days

Number of students: 100 (2nd and 3rd year students) / 50 (1st year students)

Scholarship (tuition fee, activity fee and travel costs / in the case of study in the UK): 360,000 JPY (approx. 2,380 GBP) or 216,000 JPY (approx. 1,429 GBP) depending on the student's financial situation.

2. Academic Short:

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

Duration: 14-106 days

Number of students: 90

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

14 – 29 days: 450,000 JPY (approx. 2,975 GBP) or 270,000 JPY (approx. 1,785 GBP)

30 – 43 days: 640,000 JPY (approx. 4,232 GBP) or 384,000 JPY (approx. 2,539 GBP)

44 – 57 days: 710,000 JPY (approx. 4,694 GBP) or 426,000 JPY (approx. 2,817 GBP)

58 – 71 days: 780,000 JPY (approx. 5,157 GBP) or 468,000 JPY (approx. 3,093 GBP)

72 – 85 days: 850,000 JPY (approx. 5,620 GBP) or 510,000 JPY (approx. 3,372 GBP)

86 – 99 days: 920,000 JPY (approx. 6,083 GBP) or 552,000 JPY (approx. 3,650 GBP)

100 – 106 days: 955,000 JPY (approx. 6,314 GBP) or 573,000 JPY (approx. 3,789 GBP)

*The amount will be decided depending on the student's financial situation.

3. Academic Long:

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

Duration: 107-365 days

Number of students: 20

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

Tuition fee: 300,000 JPY (approx. 1,984 GBP) or 180,000 JPY (approx. 1,189 GBP)

Monthly allowance: 140,000 JPY (approx. 925 GBP) or 84,000 JPY (approx. 556 GBP)

Travel costs: 200,000 JPY (approx. 1,322 GBP) or 120,000 JPY (approx. 794 GBP)

*The amount will be decided depending on the student's financial situation

4. Professional:

Practical training or internships to nurture specific knowledge and skills

Duration: 14-106 days

Number of students: 80 (including 50 students whose study focus is in the IT field)

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

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5. Sports & Art:

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

Duration: 14-106 days

Number of students: 80

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6. International Volunteer:

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

Duration: 14-106 days

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Eligibility and requirements:

- Study must commence during the period between **1 July 2018** and **31 March 2019**
- 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 submits the application on the student's behalf. Scholars will be selected through paper screening and an interview (or screening by presentation video).

Schedule

Mid-late January 2018: Internal deadline at each school

1 February 2018: Application period closes

By end of February 2018: Application paper screening

By end of March 2018: Individual interview or group interview

Mid May 2018: Results announced

June 2018: Pre-departure training

1 July 2018 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 early April 2018: Internal deadline at each school

26 April 2018: Application period closes

By early May 2018: Selection (based on documents and presentation video submitted by applicants)

Mid May 2018: Results announced

June 2018: Pre-departure training

1 July 2018 onwards: Study abroad programme starts