

Scholarships

The scholarship system endeavors to equalize educational opportunities and encourage learning by providing support to students for whom schooling is economically difficult and by providing incentives for students achieving superior academic performance. You can check invitations for applications for scholarships handled by our university on the Student Affairs Office website's scholarships pages (university website top page ⇒ Campus Life / Job Placement Assistance ⇒ Scholarship ⇒ Scholarship).

Scholarship guide materials are distributed at the Student Affairs Division counter, which also handles inquiries and counseling concerning scholarships. (The guide is also posted to the Student Affairs Office website.) Students in need of assistance because of a sudden change in their family's economic situation (the unemployment, long-term hospitalization, convalescence, death, or disaster-victim-status of the chief breadwinner) should consult with the Student Affairs Division as necessary.

In the submission of applications please strictly observe the prescribed deadlines and office operating hours.

Various scholarship information



Scholarship guide



Meiji Gakuin University scholarships

This is our university's own scholarship system. The funds are all provided as grants and do not need to be repaid later.

(Scheduled for academic year 2024)

Name	Purpose	Application Requirements	Application period	Grant Amount
Meiji Gakuin University Academic Achievement Award	To recognize students with superior academic achievement	① Students enrolled for at least 2 years and within minimum years of study ② Designation as one of the students of each department/year with superior academic performance	Early June (Individual contact)	¥200,000, 100,000 or ¥70,000
Meiji Gakuin University Hepburn Scholarship * Some of the funds for this scholarship are received from the Meiji Gakuin University Guarantor Association as donations.	Economic assistance	* The following are the application requirements for academic year 2023. Please check the application guidelines to be published later regarding academic year 2024 requirements. ① Students for whom economic assistance is deemed necessary, and whose studies are not impeded by a health condition ② Students who are receiving JASSO scholarship loans or other scholarship loans. Or students who applied for JASSO scholarship loans (in the case of second-year students and above, those who applied for Category 2 scholarship loans) or other scholarship loans for the given year but had their application rejected ③ In principle, students who have acquired the standard units for their school year. However, first-year students and transfer students are not required to have the standard units in the academic year in which they enroll only. ④ Students within minimum years of study. However, transfer students may apply during the three years after enrollment. ⑤ International students cannot apply.	Fall semester (new students) Late September (EG and JG curriculum international students: middle of July)	The upper limit is an amount equal to one-half of annual tuition plus one-half of annual facilities fees.
Meiji Gakuin University Scholarships for Approved Overseas Study (Long-term)	Support for international study	Undergraduate students to which the Meiji Gakuin International Student Exchange Regulations Article 5 Paragraph 1 Item 1 apply (however, excluding persons engaging in the short-term overseas study stipulated in the same regulations, Article 8 Paragraph 2.	Fall overseas study: Late June Spring overseas study: Late Jan.	Payment of ¥250,000 per 1 semester for semesters when school registration at this university is "currently engaged in overseas study" due to the said overseas study (however, the amount varies for some of the overseas study programs)
Meiji Gakuin University Curriculum International Student Scholarship	Support for international study	Undergraduate students to which the Meiji Gakuin International Student Exchange Regulations Article 5 Paragraph 1 Item 3 apply (however, only 2016 and later students)	(Set based on the timing of the overseas study)	Support for international study ¥250,000 is paid one time only while the student is enrolled
Kunitsugu Ono Fund (scholarship)	Academic incentive	① Third year (or later year) students aspiring to work in a social welfare or psychology related field in the future	Late June	TBA (¥80,000 in academic year 2023)

Meiji Gakuin University International Student Academic Achievement Award	To recognize students with superior academic achievement	② Christian students given preference ① International students enrolled for at least 2 years and within minimum years of study ② Designation as one of the students of each year with superior academic performance	Early June (Individual contact)	¥150,000
Guarantor Association International Student Scholarship	Economic assistance	① Students who have "College Student" resident status ② Long-term international students for whom economic assistance is deemed necessary, and whose studies are not impeded by a health condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowances (excluding enrollment fees and tuition) average less than ¥90,000 per month • In the case that you have dependents living in Japan, their annual income must be less than ¥5,000,000 ③ Regardless of loans or benefits, a person who is not paid an amount more than the Ministry of Education Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students as a monthly scholarship from other sources ④ In principle, students who have acquired the standard number of units for their school year. However, first-year students and transfer students are not required to have the standard units in the academic year in which they enroll only. ⑤ Students within minimum years of study. However, transfer students may apply during the three years after enrollment.	Late September (EG and JG curriculum international students: middle of July)	The upper limit is one-half of annual tuition

* In addition to the scholarships listed in the above table, there is also the Shirokane no Oka Scholarship which is a scholarship of the type that is promised to students before they enroll, but the university does not offer this to enrolled students.

■ Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) scholarship loans [URL](https://www.jasso.go.jp/) https://www.jasso.go.jp/

These scholarship loans (Note 1) are provided to outstanding students who are deemed to have difficulty pursuing their studies for economic reasons, and who meet both the academic standards and income standards defined by the JASSO.

	Category 1	Category 2
Application period	Early April (check the Student Affairs Department website for details) * A second round of applications may be accepted in September and October. * Students who urgently need a scholarship due to a sudden change in their family's economic situation should consult with the Student Affairs Division as necessary.	
Scholarship loan amount (2017 actual amount)	Monthly loan amount (Note 1) At home: ¥20,000 - ¥ 54,000 Away from home: ¥20,000 - ¥64,000	Monthly loan amount Choose multiples of ¥10,000 from the ¥20,000 - ¥120,000 range
Loan period	Limited to within minimum years of study	
Interest	No interest	Interest (at repayment time, maximum of 3%/year)
Repayment	After graduation, repayment using method defined by JASSO.	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the scholarship loan is granted, the prescribed methods are to be followed for the loan grant procedures (submission of repayment pledge) and continuation procedures. If you fail to properly follow these procedures, you will not be able to receive the scholarship loan. • [First year students] Students who received a "Candidate for Granting of Scholarship Loan" (reservation student) decision while still in high school must submit the "Notification of Candidate Decision for Granting of Scholarship Loan" to the university. (Details will be explained at the scholarship explanation meeting in April). • Students receiving JASSO scholarship loans at schools, etc. prior to enrolling at Meiji Gakuin University should refer to the "Repayment Guide" and submit an "Enrollment Notification" to the Student Affairs Section by the end of April. Submission of the notification will result in scholarship loan repayment being postponed while you are enrolled here. 	

(Note 1) The monthly loan amount that can be chosen differs depending on the academic year of enrollment. Please see the scholarship guide for details.

Category 1 scholarship loans will be partially restricted for students who have been accepted under the new system for supporting higher education studies.

■ New system for supporting higher education studies (JASSO scholarships and reduction of or exemption from tuition, etc.)

* The following is information as of January 2024. Please check the Japan Student Services Organization website for the most up-to-date information.

URL https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/hutankeigen/index.htm

For students from households that are exempt from local taxes and equivalent households, reduction of or exemption from tuition, etc. will be applied along with the provision of a scholarship. Applications will be accepted in spring (April) and fall (September) of each year during a student's enrollment.

Reduction/exemption from tuition, etc.	* Reduction of or exemption from the admission fee is available only for students admitted (including transfers) in 2024 (not eligible if already received at previous institution).			
Reduction/exemption amount (annual) * Determined according to support category	Tuition reduction/exemption amount (annual)		Admission fee reduction/exemption amount	
	Category 1	¥700,000	Category 1	¥200,000
	Category 2	¥466,700	Category 2	¥133,400
	Category 3	¥233,400	Category 3	¥66,700
	Category 4 (family with many children)	¥175,000 (planned)	Category 4 (family with many children)	¥50,000 (planned)
	Category 4 (sciences)	Reduction or exemption focusing on the difference with the average tuition fee of liberal arts faculties (planned)	Category 4 (sciences)	Reduction or exemption focusing on the difference with the average tuition fee of liberal arts faculties (planned)
Applicable period	Limited to within minimum years of study for graduation			

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Grant amount (monthly) * Determined according to support category	Commuting from home (monthly)		Commuting from lodgings (monthly)	
	Category 1	¥38,300	Category 1	¥75,800
	Category 2	¥25,600	Category 2	¥50,600
	Category 3	¥12,800	Category 3	¥25,300
	Category 4 (family with many children)	¥9,600 (planned)	Category 4 (family with many children)	¥19,000 (planned)
	Category 4 (sciences)		Category 4 (sciences)	
Applicable period	Limited to within minimum years of study for graduation			

◆ Application procedures

It is necessary to meet standards for all of these: (1) academic ability; (2) family finances; and (3) family assets. Please check the Student Affairs Office website for details. In principle, applications are accepted from enrolled students in the spring semester (April) and fall semester (September), but if your income suddenly decreases to a level equivalent to that of a household exempt from inhabitant taxes due to a change in the economic situation of your livelihood maintainer, you can apply at any time, even in the middle of the academic year. If you are applying due to a sudden change in your family's economic situation, you need to apply within three months from the time of the cause of that change, so please consult with the Student Affairs Division of your campus without delay.

■ Scholarships offered by local public-sector organizations and private-sector scholarship foundations

There are various types of scholarships offered by prefectures, cities, towns and villages to students who are resident there or were born there. Private-sector scholarship foundations also offer scholarships for various purposes. Essential application information for such scholarships will be posted on the Student Affairs Office website and bulletin boards as soon as it is received by the university.

There are also cases in which students directly apply for scholarships without going through the university. In such cases it is important to directly contact the relevant organization, such as the Board of Education, city hall, etc. of your hometown or current place of residence, or collect information on the Internet, etc.

Student Affairs Division handles inquiries concerning scholarships.

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