

(ANNEX TO THE APPLICATION GUIDELINES)

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2026 (THAILAND)

— RESEARCH STUDENTS —

Additional to the Application Guidelines, the details of the selection and some special requirements are set by the Embassy of Japan in Thailand as following. **Please read carefully before submitting the application.**

1. FIELD OF STUDY

Applicants should apply for the field of study they majored in at university or its related field. Moreover, the fields of study must be subjects which applicants will be able to study and research in graduate courses at Japanese universities.

Social Sciences and Humanities	R1A	(A) Law/Politics (B) Language/Literature (C) History (D) Philosophy/Aesthetics (E) Education (F) Art/Design (G) Others
	R1B	(A) Economics (B) Business Administration/Commerce (C) Others
Natural Sciences	R2	(A) Science (B) Engineering (C) Architecture (D) Agriculture (E) Medicine (F) Dentistry (G) Pharmacy (H) Others

2. QUALIFICATION

(1) Applicants must have Thai nationality and have been born on or after April 2, 1991.

(2) Applicants must satisfy any one of the following conditions.

2.1 Applicants who are studying or graduated at an undergraduate level and have attained a **cumulative GPA of at least 3.25** on a 4.00 GPA scale.

2.2 Applicants who are studying or graduated at an undergraduate level and have attained a **cumulative GPA of 3.00** on a 4.00 GPA scale and satisfy any one of the following conditions.

- (a) Have passed Level N1 or N2 of the Japanese–Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).
- (b) Have achieved at least 200 points (excluding ‘Writing’) in Japanese as a Foreign Language subject of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU).
- (c) Have achieved an English language proficiency test score that is equivalent to CEFR level B2 or higher (for example: TOEFL iBT 72, IELTS 5.5, TOEIC 785 or higher).
- (d) Completed or expected to complete undergraduate or graduate program at an institution where the language of instruction is Japanese or English and whose graduates are eligible for admission at a Japanese graduate school.

2.3 Applicants who are studying or graduated at a graduate level and have attained a **cumulative GPA of at least 3.50** on a 4.00 GPA scale at a graduate level and also have attained a **cumulative GPA of at least 3.00** on a 4.00 GPA scale at an undergraduate level.

Note: The date of issue of the certificates of language proficiency should be no earlier than two years from the date of application.

3. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES IN THAILAND

The Embassy of Japan in Thailand will conduct the First Screening of applicants by means of screening the submitted application documents, written examination and interview. **The decision on successful candidates made by the Embassy of Japan is final and the reasons will not be disclosed. Any queries on the final decision will not be entertained.**

(1) APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

No.	Documents	Amount	Remarks
1	Admission Form	1 original	Submit both parts
2	Application Form	1 original	
3	Field of Study and Research Plan	1 original	
4	Placement Preference Application Form	1 original	The names of universities in each choice should be different.
5	Academic transcript for all academic years of university attended	1 original	
6	Certification of graduation or degree certificate of the university attended or Certificate of prospective graduation (if applicants are pursuing an undergraduate/graduate program)	1 original	A copy is acceptable if the copy is attested or issued by an authorized official of the university; a photocopy is not acceptable.
7	Abstracts of theses	1 copy	If the applicant has written theses.
8	Certificate of English or Japanese language proficiency <u>with score</u>	1 copy	If applicable. (JLPT, TOEFL, IELTS etc.)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. **These documents must be written in English or Japanese**, or if they are written in any other languages, a translation in either English or Japanese should be attached.
2. Applicants are **not requested to submit Recommendation Letter and Medical Certificate at the time of application** even though they are written in the application guidelines.
3. Applicants must paste photographs to the Application Form and Admission Form. However, the photograph data can also be pasted and printed out.
4. If applicants are graduate students or graduated at a graduate level, applicants must submit their academic transcripts and certificates of graduation both undergraduate and graduate level, or the certificate of prospective graduation if not yet graduated.
5. Applicants will be disqualified if the applicants do not fulfill all the requirements or the submitted application is incomplete.
6. The submitted **documents will not be returned**.

7. Applicants must choose **one** of the examination venues (Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Khon Kaen, Songkhla) and circle **on the Admission Form**.
8. Applicants must submit the above application documents **by post** to the Embassy of Japan in Thailand or Consulate-General of Japan in Chiang Mai. The set of applications **must be arrived** at the Embassy or Consulate-General **by Wednesday, 4 June 2025** (regardless the date of the postal stamp). Hand or messenger delivered documents will not be accepted.
- 1) For those who will take the written examination in Bangkok, Khon Kaen and Songkhla, please send the applications to this following address:
 MEXT Scholarship Section
 Japan Information Service
 Embassy of Japan
 177 Witthayu Road,
 Lumpini, Pathum Wan,
 Bangkok 10330
- 2) For those who will take the written examination in Chiang Mai, please send the applications to this following address:
 MEXT Scholarship Section
 Consulate-General of Japan in Chiang Mai
 Unit 104-107 Airport Business Park,
 90 Mahidol Road,
 T. Haiya, A. Muang,
 Chiang Mai 50100
9. The Embassy of Japan will shortlist applicants to the written examination by screening the submitted applications. Applicants can check the list of examinees and the examination venues on the website of the Embassy of Japan in Thailand on Friday, 20 June 2025, 15.00 hrs.

(2) WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Date: Sunday, 29 June 2025

Venues: ①Bangkok ②Chiang Mai ③Khon Kaen ④Songkhla

Subjects of Written Examination and time schedule (divided by field of study):

Time	Social Sciences and Humanities		Natural Sciences
	R1A	R1B	R2
08:30 – 10:10	Japanese (A)	Japanese (A)	Japanese (B)
10:25 – 11:25	English (A)	English (A)	English (B)
11:25 – 12:30	BREAK		
12:30 – 13:30		Mathematics (A)	Mathematics (B)
13:45 – 14:45			Physics /Biology*
15:00 – 16:00			Chemistry*

*Natural Sciences (R2) applicants must take one subject of examination from Physics, Biology, and Chemistry and circle on the Admission Form.

Sample of Past Written Examination:

<http://studyinJapan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarships/mext-scholarships/examination.html>

(3) **RESULT OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION** will be announced on the website of the Embassy of Japan in Thailand on Tuesday, 22 July 2025, 15.00 hrs.
Only successful candidates will be called for an interview.

(4) **INTERVIEW EXAMINATION**

The applicants who pass the written examination will take an interview examination at Embassy of Japan in Thailand. The interview will be given in English and/or in Japanese for those who have knowledge of Japanese language.

Social Sciences and Humanities (R1A and R1B)

Date: Monday, 4 August 2025 – Tuesday, 5 August 2025

Natural Sciences (R2)

Date: Wednesday, 6 August 2025 – Thursday, 7 August 2025

* The schedule is subject to change

(5) **RESULT OF INTERVIEW EXAMINATION** will be announced on the website of the Embassy of Japan in Thailand on Wednesday, 13 August 2025, 15.00 hrs.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO MEXT

The Embassy of Japan in Thailand will recommend candidates to MEXT. Then, MEXT will make the final selection. Therefore, those who are recommended will not necessarily be selected as the MEXT Scholarship grantees.

MEETING FOR CANDIDATES

Date: Friday, 15 August 2025 (online)

Time: 09:00 – 10:00 hrs.

5. INQUIRIES

- 1) Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Thailand
Tel: 02-207-8504, 02-696-3004
E-mail: japanese-scholarship@bg.mofa.go.jp
Office Hours: 09.00 – 12.00 / 13.30 – 16.30 (Monday – Friday)
URL: https://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_th/index.html
- 2) Consulate-General of Japan in Chiang Mai
Tel: 052-012-500 ext. 190
E-mail: culture@tm.mofa.go.jp
Office Hours: 08.30 – 12.00 / 13.00 – 16.30 (Monday – Friday)
URL: https://www.chiangmai.th.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_th/index.html