

Q&A(Guidance of NCU MEXT Scholarship Program, 25th Aug,2021)

1. About the MEXT scholarship program

Q1 What are the eligibility requirements to apply for the program?

A1

Our MEXT scholarship program is only for graduate school students and you can participate as our regular student after graduate your home university. The following are the conditions of eligibility.

- 1) Nationality other than Japan.
- 2) Under 35 years of age (Birth date after April 2, 1987)
- 3) Academic background qualified to enter each graduate school
- 4) MEXT GPA score of 2.30 or higher

Q2 What kind of language skill do I need to join the program?

A2

Required language levels are different between Special Program and General Program.

- 1) Special Program (ENPHAS)
“English CEFR level of B2 or higher”
- 2) General Program
“Japanese JLPT level of N2 or higher” or “English CEFR level of B2 or higher”.
Required language, Japanese or English, should be decided by the supervisor.

Q3 Which graduate schools are covered by MEXT scholarship program?

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- 1) Special Program (ENPHAS)
Medical Science / Pharmaceutical Science / Science
- 2) General Program
All the graduate schools

Q4 To apply Special Program (ENPHAS), do I need to be the graduate of science field?

A4 Special Program is established jointly by Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Science. It is desirable for the participants to have the academic backgrounds of the related fields to follow the

lectures in these graduate schools.

Q5 How can I find a potential supervisor and contact him/her?

A5

- 1) Check each Graduate School's website and confirm the research field of the potential supervisor. Many professors list their contact address on the website.

Graduate School of Medical Sciences

<https://www.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/med/english/organization/>

Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

<https://www.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/phar/english/research/>

Graduate School of Economics

<https://eng.econ.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/eng/gra/faculty-members/>

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

<https://www.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/human/english/about/>

Graduate School of Design and Architecture

<https://www.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/sda/english/faculty/>

Graduate School of Nursing

<https://www.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/nurse/english/faculty/>

Graduate School of Science

<https://www.nsc.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/researchers-e.htm>

NCU Researcher Database – Some information are written in Japanese.

<https://nrd.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/search/index.html?lang=en&template=template1>

- 2) Contact the supervisor and tell him/her about your intention to study at NCU. Discuss your research field and study topic by e-mail or other remote communication method.
- 3) Confirm whether the supervisor is ready to accept and recommend you as a MEXT scholarship student.

Q6 Can I contact more than one supervisor for my application?

A6

You cannot contact more than one potential supervisor at the same time. You can

contact another supervisor after canceling contact with the first. The cancelation should be made with the consent of the relevant supervisor. The deadline must be met.

Q7 Is there a possibility that the program will be suspended next year due to COVID-19?

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Last year, we started the program on October, but the MEXT scholarship students could not come to Japan at the beginning due to travel restrictions. We have developed a combination of online and on-campus lectures to deal with the situation. By the special immigration arrangements supported by MEXT, all the participants could join us on campus by December and the program has started without suspension. We expect the same scenario in 2022 even if COVID-19 situation continues.

Q8 Can I join NCU on my own budget if I am not qualified as a MEXT scholarship student?

A8

Yes, you can join NCU as a self-sponsored student after passing our entrance examination.

Q9 How can I calculate my MEXT GPA?

A9

MEXT GPAs are scored on a 4-tiered system from 0 to 3. A score of 0 means Fail, 1 is Fair, 2 is Good, and 3 is Excellent. If the GPA of your grade transcript is scaled on a 5-tiered or 100-point grading system, convert them into a MEXT GPA using this formula. Please refer to the following chart.

Grade formula:

$$\text{GPA} = ((\text{No. of Credits with GP3} * 3) + (\text{No. of Credits with GP2} * 2) + (\text{No. of Credits with GP1} * 1) + (\text{No. of Credits with GP0} * 0)) / \text{Total Number of Registered credits}$$

	Grade				
4 level rating		Excellent	Good	Fair	Fail
4 level rating		A	B	C	F
4 level rating		100-80	79-70	69-60	59-0
5 level rating	S	A	B	C	F
5 level rating	A	B	C	D	F
5 level rating	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	59-0
Grade Point(GP)	3	3	2	1	0

2. About students exchange program

Q10 What are the eligibility requirements to apply for the program?

A10

Our student exchange program opens for all the faculties, schools and graduate schools. You can participate the classes of NCU as a special audit student up to one year while maintaining student status in your home university. The following are the conditions of eligibility.

- 1) You should be the regular student of your home university which has the "Student Exchange Agreement" with NCU.
- 2) You need to fulfill the language level, either Japanese or English, which is required to follow the classes conducted in NCU. Usually your JLPT level needs to be N3 or above to join the lectures of undergraduate schools.

Q11 How can I apply to student exchange program?

A11

NCU announces the recruitment of exchange students for each semester to the international offices of the partner universities which has "Student Exchange Agreement" with NCU. The timing of the announcement is April for the second semester and October for the following year's first semester. Please get the guideline and application sheet from your international office and send your information in the application sheets to us through your international office by the dead line date.

Q12 Do you have exchange international students every year?

A12

We usually accept around 20 exchange students every year. The international students can choose either 1st or 2nd semester to start the program.

Q13 Is the exchange program applicable to all school year students?

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It depends on the “Student Exchange Agreement” between NCU and your home university. Please check it with your international office.

Q14 Is there any scholarship available in the exchange program.

A14

The scholarship of JASSO, Japan Student Service Organization, is available. You need to fill the qualification and pass our interview to become eligible to the scholarship before coming to Japan. This may terminate due to the budget scale of JASSO.

General

Q15 After paying the tuition for 1st and 2nd semester, is there any scholarship available for my 3rd semester onward?

A15

There are several private funded scholarships available for the international regular students. To get the scholarship, you have to fill the qualifications and pass the examination. Please refer the below website for the list of the scholarships available.

<https://www.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/english/study/information/scholarships/>

Q16 I am a second year philosophy students of the faculty. Does NCU offer philosophy program?

A16

NCU does not have philosophy program but there are professors whose fields are related to philosophy. Please check the professors list of Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences and researcher database.

Q17 Can I apply to any other course offered by NCU even though it is not relevant to my current major?

A17

Yes, you can apply to other course after passing our interview and examination.

Q18 Will there be a program for undergraduate students in 2022?

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We do not and have MEXT scholarship program for undergraduate students.
We have and will have exchange program for undergraduate students.

Q19 Is it required to be fully vaccinated before going to Japan?

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Currently it is not required. Only PCR test is mandatory. Please refer the following Web-site of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare for the latest boarder control situation.

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html>

Q20 Is the Japanese Language Program at NCU also offered for undergraduate students?

A20

Yes, there are the following intermediate level programs with credits for undergraduate students.

Classes and the number of credits

Class Name	1st Smst	2nd Smst
Japanese Reading / Listening	2	2
Japanese Writing	2	2
Japanese Discussion	2	2
Japanese Presentation	2	2
Advanced Japanese	2	2
Japanese Report Writing	2	2

Q21 Is there Japanese language / major in Japanese study course.

A21

There are professors who major in Japanese language. Please check the professor list of Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences and researcher database.

Q22 I have studied Japanese for two years and I am an undergraduate creative writing student. Is it possible to apply for the Japanese Language Program or take up Japanese culture under School of Humanities and Social Sciences?

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It depends on your level of Japanese language. If your JLPT level is N2 or higher, you can take up Japanese culture class along with Japanese language program.

Q23 Are there available scholarship for ASEAN students?

A23 MEXT and JASSO scholarship is applicable for ASEAN students. In addition to that, some private funded scholarships are available to the international regular students which can be applied after coming to Japan.

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