

July 18, 2025

To Private-Expenses International Students:

Call for Application: Sato Yo International Scholarship Foundation – Scholarship for Self-supporting Students (2026 April)

We would like to inform you that we have received scholarship application information from the Sato Yo International Scholarship Foundation. Please read through the details below.

If you are interested, please consult your supervisor first. Only excellent students who will be able to follow the foundation's regulations can obtain a recommendation letter from their supervisor.

The followings are some of the important regulation.

※**Please also read the attached foundation's regulation (in Japanese) very carefully.**

- Scholars must continue study and research without interruption at the university in which they are enrolled or plan to enroll at the time of their application.
- Scholars must complete their studies within the standard course period.
- Scholars must attend the award ceremony and exchange meetings.
- Scholars must accurately complete and submit the Living Report every month and other required documents on time.
- Traveling abroad must be within the set time frame (within 45 days a year), and prior permission or approval must be obtained from the Foundation by submitting an application form.

Details

The Sato Yo International Scholarship Foundation supports students who

- excel academically and devote themselves to their studies.
- strive for international exchange, such as cross-cultural understanding, including Japanese culture.
- strive to contribute to society through community exchange and volunteer activities.
- are motivated to make use of what they have learned for society.

1. Eligibility Criteria

The candidate must be a self-supporting international student who is already enrolled in a graduate school in Japan and meets all of the following conditions.

- (1) Those who have only the nationality of the following target countries:
Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Brunei, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, East Timor, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives
- (2) Those who reside in Japan at the time of application.
- (3) Those who are not receiving any scholarship or similar money, goods, or salary from other

sources.

※Except TA/RA, loan-type scholarships, and the HUSM International Exchange Scholarship

※The HUSM International Exchange Scholarship will be suspended at the end of March 2026 if the candidate is granted this scholarship.

- (4) Those who are not receiving unrestricted funds from on-campus special programs, etc.
- (5) Those who do not have a parent who works in Japan.
- (6) Those who do not have a doctoral degree.
- (7) Those who have a study course period for at least one year left at the start of the scholarship.
(students who are expected to graduate in March 2026 are eligible.)
- (8) Those who have sufficient Japanese language proficiency to study or to conduct research without problem.
- (9) Those who have a strong interest in cross-cultural exchange and social contribution.
- (10) If awarded, you must attend the Foundation's exchange meetings (held six times a year, mainly in Tokyo.).
- (11) Those who have the willingness to remain active as alumni of the Foundation after the scholarship period ends.

2. About the Scholarship

Number to selected : Limited to a small number

Scholarship amount : 200,000yen/month (transferred every two months)

Scholarship period : For over one year and a maximum of two years from April 2026

Additional support : Tuition fee support up to 1 million yen a year

(Available to those who resulted no full exemption from the university.)

Conference attendance support up to 200,000 yen a year

(Carry-over of unused support fee to the next year is possible. However, it's up to 100,000 yen if your course period has less than 1 year left.)

3. Application procedure (International student/ Supervisor)

Several documents are required for the application. Some are to be completed by the supervisor and some by the international student him/herself. We have sent the application guidelines to the supervisors of international students who meet most of the eligibility requirements.

If you are selected as a candidate from your laboratory, please apply according to the following process.

(1) **If you have a firm intention to apply, you should notify the International Center after obtaining approval to receive a recommendation letter from your supervisor. You must get the “Administration Number” and the “Reference Number” which will be required for application.**

(1) Administration Number issuance deadline: Thursday, July 31, 2025

The “Administration Number” will be issued by the International Center.

The “Reference Number” will be issued by the Foundation. The international office will provide

the international student with the procedure.

(2) **You must inform your supervisor** of the “Administration Number” and the “Reference Number” and **request to make a recommendation letter and an evaluation form**.

(3) **You need to prepare candidate’s application documents** and submit them to the International Center.

(4) **The supervisor** needs to send the recommendation letter and the evaluation form to the International Center **by intra-campus mail**, without going through the international student.

(2)~(4) Application documents submission deadline: Wednesday, August 20, 2025

(5) The International Center will compile the submitted documents and upload them by the method designated by the Foundation. (It will be handled by the International Center)

(5) Submission deadline to the Foundation: Friday, August 29, 2025

4. Application documents

《Important notes when preparing the documents》

- Please fill in the university and year level as of October 2025.
Students who will be entering higher education in April 2026 must state as of April 2026.
- Please fill in Forms 1-3 neatly and legibly in your own handwriting (hiragana is acceptable) with a black ballpoint pen.
- Please fill in “Reference Number” in the upper right corner of all documents, including transcripts and the research plan.
- There is an “Administration Number” field on a recommendation letter and an evaluation form.

<Documents to be prepared by the candidate>

- (Form 1*) Resume-1
 - (Form 2*) Resume-2
 - (Form 3*) Essay
 - Transcripts (All transcripts from the 1st year of undergraduate level to the latest one available at the current university)
※please refer to the attached file 補足資料 I (supplementary material 1).
 - Research Achievements and Research Plan (in Japanese, a typed-in document is acceptable)
※Please refer to the attached file 補足資料 II (supplementary material 2)
 - A certificate of enrollment
- *Designated forms 1-3 are attached.

<Documents to be prepared by the supervisor>

- (Form 4*) A recommendation letter

- (Form 5*) An evaluation document

*Designated forms 4 and 5 are sent to the supervisor.

4. **Announcement of the result:**

Candidates who have passed the **1st screening (document screening)** will be contacted by the foundation by November 5, 2025.

The 2nd screening (interview) is scheduled on November 15 or 16 in 2025. It **will be conducted online and in Japanese.** The candidate must be in Japan at the time of the interview.

The final result will be announced by November 20 in 2025.

※ Awarded students **must attend the award ceremony scheduled to be held in Tokyo on December 6, 2025.**

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