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Application Guideline for the Academic Year 2025 Scholarship Programs for Privately-financed International Students

The process of evaluation and nomination by Niigata University for the School Year 2025 Scholarship Programs for Privately-financed International Students will be carried out according to this application guideline. The scholarship programs include MEXT scholarships for international students living in Japan, JASSO honors scholarship, and other private scholarship funds.

In this solicitation, we will determine the order of priority for recommending students for multiple scholarships. Applicants will not be notified of the ranking or selection results all at once. After the screening, if there are any applicable scholarships for the next academic year, the university will contact students in order to recommend them. Student must respond when contacted through the university email at a later date.

Applications are accepted only once a year (there will be no secondary application period). Students who wish to be nominated for AY2025 scholarship programs must apply during the set application period. Those who did not apply during this time will not be considered for nomination for the AY2025 scholarship programs.

Nominations will also be made for scholarship programs for international students for the academic year 2026, including KDDI Foundation's, Heiwa Nakajima Foundation's, and SATOYO Foundation's. (These programs are expected to be announced from July to September 2025 and their application periods will end before the opening of the next academic year's application period set by Niigata University.)

1. Eligibility

A student who will be granted a "Student" visa for his/her stay in Japan after April 2025 and who also meets the following conditions (1) or (2), as well as (3) is eligible to apply. Condition (4) must also be met by applicants to whom these requirements stated in (4) apply.

- (1) A privately-financed non-Japanese student who is enrolled in Niigata University as a degree-seeking student in AY 2025.
- (2) A student who plans to take an entrance examination to a graduate school between August of 2024 and March of 2025, and who is enrolled in Niigata University at the time of application for this recruitment.

Should the result of the entrance examination not allow admission as a degree-seeking student in April 2025, the student will be excluded from the recommendation order.

- (3) **A student who is not scheduled to receive other scholarship grants in AY 2025, or who is scheduled to receive scholarship grants of less than 80,000 yen per month in AY 2025.**
- (4) A student who is married and lives with the spouse is eligible to apply if the annual income of the spouse is less than five million yen.

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2. Application Procedure

Please submit the following documents to International Office by email.

- (1) 奨学金申請調書 I [別紙様式 1] Scholarship Programs Application Form I [Form 1]
- (2) 申請調書 II a [別紙様式 2] Application Form II a [Form 2] (required of undergraduate students)
申請調書 II b [別紙様式 3] Application Form II b [Form 3] (required of postgraduate students and prospective postgraduate students)
- (3) 申請理由書[別紙様式 4] Statement of Reasons for Applying [Form 4] (It can also be submitted separately by an Academic Advisor. Comments by an Academic Advisor must be included.)
- (4) (Required of undergraduate students)
Official transcript of the last academic year New students: transcript of spring semester 2024
- (5) 提出書類確認票 Documents Submission Checklist

3. Application Period

Thursday, October 3, 2024 8:30 AM (JST) – Tuesday, October 15, 2024 12:00 PM (JST)

Please note that applications will not be accepted after the application period.

4. How to submit

Please submit documents to the following email address:

intl-scholarship@ge.niigata-u.ac.jp (International Office of Niigata University)

Write your student ID and name (English spelling) in your message text.

(The university will not send a receipt confirmation email after submission)

5. Determination of the Order of Nomination and Evaluation Criteria

The order of nomination will be determined through a comprehensive review of the following:

Undergraduate: the school year, academic records at Niigata University, and result of the interview session

Postgraduate: the school year, evaluation of research activities, and result of the interview session

(1) Evaluation Criteria

1. Undergraduate School year 1/3 Academic records 1/3 Interview 1/3
2. Postgraduate School year 1/3 Research 1/3 Interview 1/3

(2) Interview categories and point distribution

1. Interview Categories

- Studies and research activities
- Social activities (especially participation in international exchange and interaction with local communities)
- Future plans and prospects

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2. Points Distribution

Category Level	Studies and Research	Social Activities	Future Plans and Prospects
Undergraduate	50	20	30
Postgraduate	70	10	20

6. Interview Dates

Interview sessions will be scheduled on Thursday, November 7 and Friday November 8, 2024. The specific time, date and venue of their interview sessions will be sent to applicants' email account from intl-scholarship@adm.niigata-u.ac.jp at least five days before the interview. If applicants do not receive a notification regarding the interview, they should inquire International Office.

Applicants who want to have the interview in English must tell interviewers about it before the interview starts.

Applicants must inform the International Office in advance in the case that his/her interview schedule is not convenient. If applicant is absent from the interview without notice, he/she will be disqualified for nomination of scholarship.

7. Notification to the Applicant

Applicants who will be nominated for a scholarship program will be notified of application details of a scholarship program through the Student Affairs Section of their faculty by the end of October 2025.

8. Other Notes

- (1) Applicants will be informed only through their university email address, thus they must check email carefully.
- (2) If applicants and/or their spouses are currently receiving other scholarship grants such as scholarships by MEXT, foreign governments, private foundations or enterprises, the information must be correctly provided on the application form. If applicants have been awarded MEXT scholarship grants by the Japanese government, the period of scholarship grants must be reported.
- (3) An applicant may be removed from the nomination list if it is deemed that the applicant has not provided all the required information on the application form or that he/she has provided false information.
- (4) There is no guarantee that all applicants will be nominated for scholarship programs or that nominees will be selected as a scholarship recipient.
- (5) Interview sessions will be conducted via Zoom. Applicants will need a web camera and sound device that works for two-way communication.