

TOKIO MARINE KAGAMI MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
2026 Scholarship for ASEAN International Students in Japan

Tokio Marine Kagami Memorial Foundation was established in 1939 on the basis of a bequest of Kenkichi Kagami, former chairman of Tokio Marine and Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., in order to promote the development of human resources and academic research that contribute to our society widely.

From the perspective of promoting international exchange of human resources and academics between Japan and ASEAN countries, as well as promoting friendship and goodwill, the Foundation will recruit ASEAN International scholarship students as follows.

1. Eligibility

Applicants who must meet all of the following requirements and must have been recommended by their university.

- (1) Privately financed international students who hold the nationality of an ASEAN member country, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam
- (2) Students who are, or will be, formally enrolled in a master's or doctoral program at a graduate school of a university designated by the Foundation, and who will continue their studies throughout the program period. There is no designated field of study.
- (3) As of April 1, 2026:
Master's program ... 30 years old or younger
Doctoral program ... 35 years old or younger
- (4) Good health condition and excellent academic performance.
- (5) Those who proactively learn Japanese with initiative and attempt to communicate in Japanese, and who are motivated to work toward achieving Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 level by the end of the scholarship period.
- (6) Students who have an interest in international goodwill and are motivated to participate in Foundation events and exchanges between the scholarship students.
- (7) Students who are not receiving any other scholarships and do not plan to apply for other financial support.
However, receiving the "Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students" is permitted.

2. Number of Scholarship Recipients

Approximately 5 students will be selected from the 14 designated universities listed below:

University of Tokyo, Hitotsubashi University, Institute of Science Tokyo, Tsukuba University, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Keio University, Waseda University, Sophia University, Kyoto University, Tohoku University, Osaka University, Nagoya University, Hokkaido University and Kyushu University.

(Reference: In the previous year, the planned number of recipients was approximately 6, and the actual number selected was 11.)

3. Scholarship Benefits and Duration (No repayment required)

(1) Monthly Stipend

- Master's program (first stage of doctoral program): JPY 180,000 per month (JPY 2.16 million per year)
- Doctoral program (second stage): JPY 200,000 per month (JPY 2.40 million per year)

(2) Duration

From April 2026 to the end of the minimum standard period of study for the regular program in which the student is enrolled.

However, if the required degree is obtained before the end of the minimum period, the scholarship will end at the time the degree is obtained.

(3) Payment Method

The monthly stipend for each month will be transferred to the student's own bank account.

However, the first payment—covering the three months from April to June 2026—will be made in June 2026.

4. Application Procedure

Submit the following documents through the administrative office of your university to the Foundation.

- (1) Application for Scholarship, Self-Declaration Form, Curriculum Vitae, and Personal Statement
- (2) Certificate of Enrollment
(For applicants who have not yet enrolled: a copy of the admission letter or a notification of acceptance)
- (3) Academic Transcript
(The transcript of the most recently completed academic program: undergraduate transcript for applicants to a master's program; master's transcript for applicants to a doctoral program)
- (4) Letter of Recommendation from the academic supervisor
(Japanese or English acceptable)

- (5) Health Certificate (may be submitted at a later date)
- (6) Copy of Passport

5. Application Deadline

Thursday, April 2, 2026

(All documents must arrive at the Foundation by this date.)

6. Selection, Notification of Results, and Certification Ceremony

[First Selection] Document screening

Result notification: Tuesday, April 14 (via email)

[Second Selection] Interview on Friday, April 24

Details regarding the venue and time will be sent individually by email.

Result notification: Monday, April 27 (via email)

[Notification of Acceptance]

On or after Monday, May 18, notification will be sent to the selected students by email and post.

For reasons of fairness, the Foundation cannot respond to any inquiries regarding the selection results.

[Certification Ceremony]

Wednesday, May 27, 12:00–16:00, in Tokyo

For students enrolled at universities outside the Tokyo metropolitan area, the Foundation will cover the round-trip transportation costs (Shinkansen or domestic airline tickets) for both the interview and the certification ceremony.

7. Main Obligations of Scholarship Students

- (1) To meet monthly with Foundation personnel, either at the Foundation office or online.
- (2) To attend mandatory Foundation events:
 - ① Certification Ceremony: Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 12:00–16:00, in Tokyo
 - ② Exchange Gathering (for current scholarship students and alumni):
Annually in early November, 18:00–20:00, in Tokyo
The next Exchange Gathering will be held on Friday, November 6, 2026, 18:00–20:00
- (3) To submit the prescribed report to the Foundation every three months.

8. Suspension, Cancellation, or Abolition of Scholarships

- (1) The scholarship payment will be suspended if the student takes a leave of absence, is absent for an extended period, or studies at a university other than the host university in Japan.

- (2) The scholarship payment will be stopped if deemed necessary for guidance due to academic performance or misconduct.
- (3) The scholarship payment will be abolished if:
- the student is unlikely to complete the program due to illness or other reasons,
 - academic performance or conduct is poor,
 - the student loses his/her enrollment status at the host university,
 - the student changes the visa to one for employment purposes,
 - the student no longer meets the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1 above.
- Furthermore, if two scholarship students of this Foundation marry each other, the scholarship payment for one of them will be abolished.

9. Other Matters

Matters not stated in this application guideline shall be governed by the regulations of the Foundation for ASEAN International Students' Scholarships.

10. Foundation Homepage

URL: <http://www.kagami-f.or.jp/>