

# Application for International M.A. Program in Economics

For October 2016 admission



Department of Economics

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# Preface

The Department of Economics at Yokohama National University (YNU), located in the second largest metropolis in Japan, launched a new graduate program in Fall 2013 (both M.A. and Ph.D.) in economics taught entirely in English. The program is designed to provide students with academic knowledge and tools in economic theory and empirics of the highest global standards, and at the same time is well-grounded in policy-relevance. We seek motivated students from all over the world, who are eager to work as academic researchers, specialists or professionals in the international arena. Our program has two distinctive paths. First, we offer an American-style economics program with an emphasis on international economics and labor economics. Second, we also offer a policy-oriented program employing both comparative economic systems and political economy approaches.

Graduates of the M.A. Program (typically taking two years) will leave YNU with a broad, but high level of knowledge in economics. Together with an in-depth knowledge of domestic, regional, and international affairs in both developed and emerging economies, graduates can apply these skills in their future careers, whether it be in government, the private sector, or if they choose to continue on an academic path.

Our M.A. Program welcomes not only those applicants straight out of a Bachelor's degree, but also those who already have some work experience and who strive to improve and augment their existing knowledge of economics to a level equivalent to a US or European graduate school.

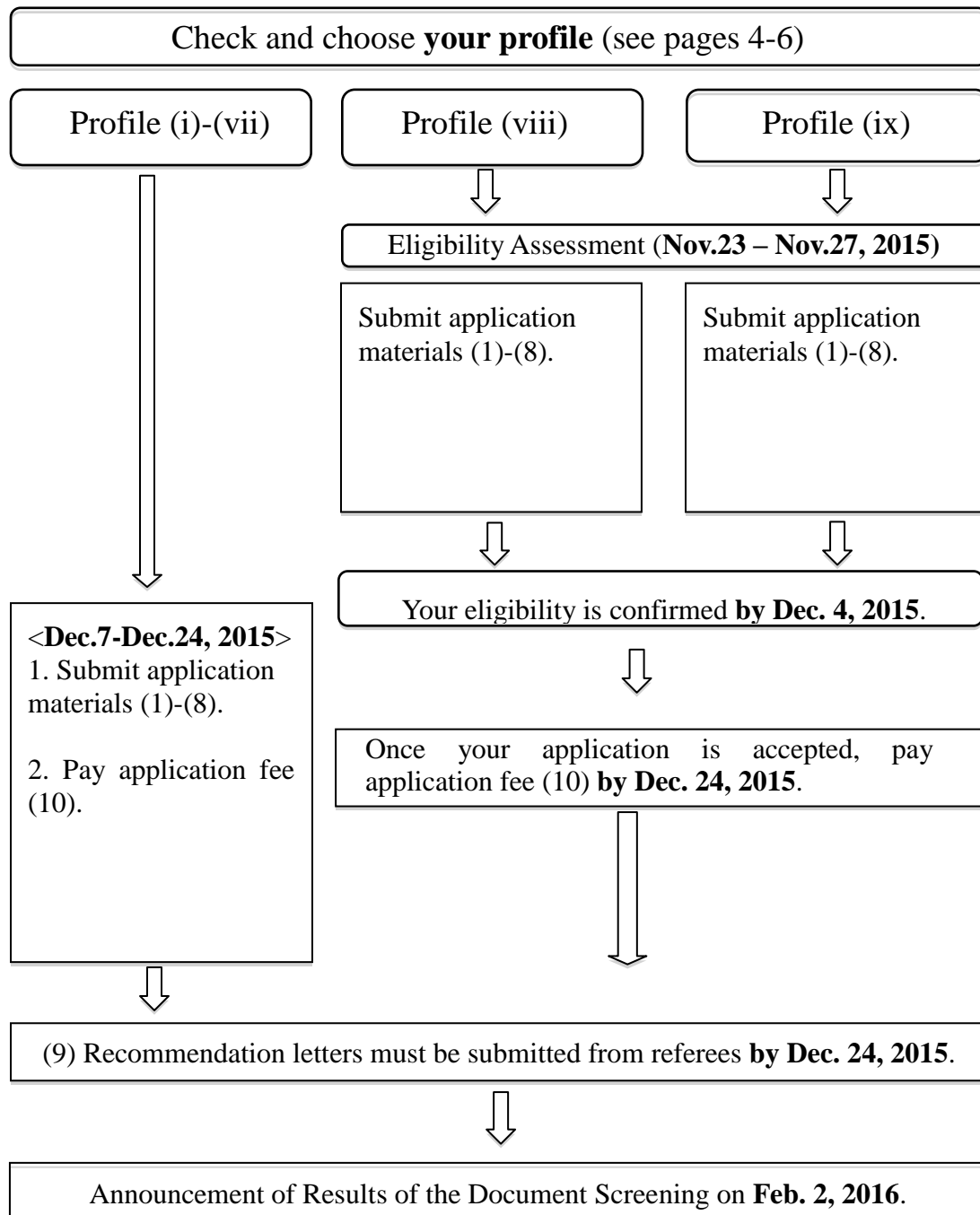
Our M.A. program offers not only an American-style economic track, but also a policy-oriented research track. First, in the core, students can learn graduate level microeconomics, macroeconomics, statistics, economic systems and economic policy. Second, in the advanced courses, various fields are offered such as international economics, public economics/finance, economic development and environmental economics. Advanced microeconomics and advanced statistics (econometrics) can also be pursued further. Third, each student has the option of either taking a Qualifying Examination or writing a traditional Master's thesis, in addition to the required credits, for fulfillment of the degree. Those who choose to write a thesis will be instructed by his/her own academic supervisor (one of our faculty members). The aim of our curriculum is to cultivate not only candidates who wish to pursue doctoral research, but also business experts and internationally-minded civil servants specializing in economic analysis. The degree of Master of Arts in Economics is conferred upon completion of the program.

International M.A. Program in Economics (IMAP) stems from several of our existing M.A. programs conducted in English, which are based on agreements with the World Bank and the Indonesian government and have admitted around ten public servants from developing countries a year since 1996. We have decided to launch IMAP as an open M.A. program in

order to attract students from diverse backgrounds, however small its initial scale may be relative to our existing M.A. program conducted in Japanese.

***—Submission of your application materials—***

(See pages 6-10 for details on application materials (1) through (10).)



*See Application and Screening Schedule on page 12 for further details.*

## ***First, Determine Your Profile.***

Applications can only be accepted from among:

A) Applicants who received higher education from Japan's educational institutions and meet one of the following profiles:

(i) Applicants who graduated after March, 1951 or are scheduled to graduate by September 30, 2016 from an existing Japanese university.

(ii) Applicants who are scheduled to graduate from programs at Japanese junior colleges or colleges of technology by September 30, 2016, fulfill requirements by Japan's National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation, and will have applied for degree conferment to the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation by April 2016.

(vi) Applicants who obtained or are scheduled to obtain a bachelor's degree by September 30, 2016 from Japanese vocational schools.

(vii) Applicants who received education under Japan's old education system such as the old university and old normal high school and obtained a qualification equivalent to graduation from university.

(viii) Applicants who entered a graduate program of another Japanese university by skipping grades and who are recognized by the graduate school of YNU as having the appropriate academic ability in order to follow the graduate courses.

or

B) Applicants who received higher education from educational institutions in a country or countries other than Japan and meet one of the following profiles:

(iii) Applicants who completed or are scheduled to complete by September 30, 2016 a 16-year program of school education from elementary school through university in a country or countries other than Japan.

(iv) Applicants who received education through correspondence courses provided by a country or countries other than Japan while residing in Japan and are otherwise identical to applicants (iii).

(v) Applicants who were enrolled in non-Japanese schools located in Japan, such as Temple University Japan Campus, Far Eastern Federal University Hakodate Campus, and Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine Japan Campus,

and are otherwise identical to applicants (iii).

or

C) Other Applicants:

(ix) Applicants who do not meet any one of the profiles (i)-(viii) above, who have been recognized by the graduate school of YNU in their individual application eligibility assessment as having an ability equivalent or superior to a university graduate and who are at least 22 years old or will be 22 years old by September 30, 2016.

**[Special Remarks on Application Eligibility]**

1) The graduate school individually assesses the eligibility of applicants who meet profiles (viii) and (ix) prior to application.

2) In (ii) applicants who are scheduled to obtain a bachelor's degree by September 30, 2016 refer to applicants who are scheduled to graduate from programs at Japanese junior colleges or colleges of technology that are recognized as fulfilling requirements by Japan's National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation, according to Article 6, Paragraph 1 of Japan's Rules for Degrees and who will have applied for degree conferment to the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation by April 1, 2016.

3) Applicants who completed less than 16 years of education from elementary school to university and have completed an undergraduate degree may be eligible to apply. Please contact Graduate School Affairs Office for detail.

4) Applicants who meet profile (ix) refer to applicants who do not have a qualification as a university graduate, such as applicants who graduated from junior colleges, colleges of technology, vocational schools, miscellaneous educational institutions or graduated from a university in a country where a 16 year program of school education is not required, and who have been engaged in research as a research student or a researcher at a university in Japan or a country or countries other than Japan, Japan's Inter-University Research Institute Corporation, or an equivalent research institution for at least one year.

5) To obtain a student visa, applicants must demonstrate that they have the financial means to support student life in Japan.

6) Applicants eligible for the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program for Public Policy and Taxation (WB-PPT), Indonesian Government Scholarship Program (IGS), Indonesia Linkage Program (ILP) or African Economics and Business Initiative (AEBI) program should only apply for WB-PPT/IGS/ILP/AEBI. One should not apply for both

International M.A. Program in Economics (IMAP) and WB-PPT/IGS/ILP/AEBI. Although the educational program of IMAP is similar to those of WB-PPT/IGS/ILP/AEBI, no tax law courses, internship at the National Tax Agency, or field trips are available in IMAP.

## Degree Conferred

Master of Arts in Economics

## Number of Students Admitted Each Year

The Department of Economics plans to admit around thirty eight students to IMAP and the existing M.A. program conducted in Japanese combined. The Department will decide the number for each program, taking into account numerous factors including the quality of applicants to each program.

## Language Requirement

All the lectures and seminars will be conducted in English and therefore, students are expected to have a good command of English.

## Application Period

See Quick Guide on page 3. For further details, see Application and Screening Schedule on page 12.

- 1) November 23, 2015-November 27, 2015: Application Eligibility Assessment Period  
(If your eligibility profile is (viii) or (ix), all application materials except application fee and recommendation letters must arrive at the Graduate School Affairs Office by November 27, 2015.)
- 2) December 7, 2015- December 24, 2015: Application Period  
(The postmark must be no later than December 25, 2015)

All the dates are in Japan Standard Time.

## Application Materials

**(1) Web Application Forms** (Refer to sections (2) through (10) for details on requirements.) Enter your name, birth date, sex, citizenship, address, phone, email, educational history, employment history, research activity history, an English proficiency test score, GRE Quantitative Reasoning percentile point, GPA (if available), two academic references, intended field of study, statement of purpose<sup>1</sup>, application status of scholarship from the

government, and any need for TA-ships and/or tuition waiver, etc. on the web application system. After completing the web application forms, download, and print them. Note that completed applications cannot be amended. Place the printed application forms and other documents in one envelope and send them by registered mail to the following address:

Graduate School Affairs Office  
Yokohama National University  
79-3 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku  
Yokohama, 240-8501 JAPAN

1. The statement of purpose should include what you have studied thus far, what you wish to study in the program, and your future career goal. (Approx. 1000 words.)

## **(2) Writing Samples**

Upload a copy of your undergraduate senior thesis. If the thesis is written in a language other than English<sup>1</sup>, upload a 800 word (minimum) English summary<sup>2</sup> along with the thesis. If you do not have a completed thesis, submit an English summary (800 words minimum) of the research/study you have carried out thus far<sup>3</sup>. Print your name in the upper left-hand corner of the first page. *Embed fonts into your documents.*

1. “Language other than English” including Japanese.
2. The main text excluding the reference list, footnotes, figures and tables must be 800 words minimum. There is no upper limit.
3. For example, if you are planning to write a senior thesis later, you can describe what you intend to contribute in your thesis. Alternatively, you can pick up several courses you have taken in your undergraduate study and explain how you think these courses will be useful for your research at YNU. If you are involved in a joint research project instead of single-authored thesis, you can describe the project itself and contributions that you made for the project.

## **(3) Academic transcripts for undergraduate education**

Academic transcripts must include the school’s official seal or signature. Submit transcripts for all the schools you attended if you transferred between schools. Be sure to also submit the standards for grade assessment. If a course title, a grade, or any other information in the certificates contains codes or abbreviations, an explanation should be attached.

## **(4) The certificate of graduation (or prospective graduation) from the university**

The certificate of graduation (or prospective graduation) must include the school’s official seal or signature. Applicants who graduated from the school in a country other than Japan and obtained the bachelor degree should also submit the certificate of degree conferment unless the degree conferment can be confirmed on academic transcripts.

Submit certificates pertaining to your Eligibility for Application. Applicants who meet profile (ii) should submit the certificate of degree conferment or the certificate of receipt of degree conferment application instead.



**(5) English proficiency test scores or university certificate**

All applicants, whose native language is not English or who have not completed their bachelor or master's degree in English as the medium of instruction within the last five years, must submit TOEFL (iBT or PBT) or IELTS (academic or general training module) scores. Make arrangements to have official scores sent directly from the testing institution. The official scores must reach YNU by November 27, 2015 if your eligibility profile is (viii) or (ix), and by December 24, 2015 if your profile is (i)-(vii). The ETS institutional code for YNU is 0410 and the department code is 99. Note that in all cases only the results of tests taken after December 24, 2013 will be considered as valid for your application.

**[Special Remarks on the English language requirement waivers and the university certificate for your English proficiency]**

1) The English language requirement will be waived if the applicant is a native of or completed his/her bachelor or master's degree in English as the medium of instruction within the last five years in the U.S., the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand or English medium universities in Canada or South Africa.

2) Applicants who completed their bachelor or master's degree in English as the medium of instruction within the last five years in other countries, such as India, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, etc., are not exempt from the English language requirement. Instead of submitting TOEFL or IELTS scores, these applicants can provide an official letter from the university certifying that English was the language of instruction.

**(6) GRE Score**

Submit a Certified GRE Score Report. Note that only the Quantitative Reasoning Scores will be used for evaluation. Official scores must be sent directly from the testing institution by the deadline. The ETS institutional code for YNU is 0410 and the department code is 99. Note that in all cases only the results of tests taken after December 24, 2013 will be considered as valid for your application.

**(7) Documents showing other strengths**

If available, submit these documents.

**(8) Document validating your nationality and residence status**

This document may be, for example, a copy of your passport or a certificate issued by an embassy office in Japan. It should be prepared in English; attach a translation if it is issued in any other language. If you reside in Japan, you must also submit a certified copy of your residence record.

**(9) Two Letters of Recommendation**

Two faculty members of the school you last attended, typically the undergraduate school where you earned or will earn a bachelor's degree, must write letters of recommendation. Provide the names, affiliations, addresses, work phone numbers, and official University email addresses of two faculty members. You must provide at least one referee, typically

your academic supervisor, with (2) the writing samples you submit and ask him/her to comment on them. Each referee will be contacted via email by the web application system and requested to submit a letter of recommendation on the system.

Be sure to contact your intended referee in advance to 1) confirm that you have his/her current email address, 2) double check that he/she is willing to upload a reference on your behalf prior to fully completing your web application, and 3) explain that he/she will be sent an email from no-reply@e-apply.jp with the following subject line: [Yokohama National University International M.A. and Ph.D. Programs in Economics] - Letter of Recommendation Upload Request].

Note: YNU is not responsible for technical problems with the referee's email server.

#### **(10) Application fee: 5,000 yen**

The application fee must be paid by credit card or China UnionPay card through the web application system. The fee is payable only after your eligibility is confirmed by the graduate school. You will be requested to enter your email address when making the application fee payment. Enter the same email address as the email address you entered for the web application. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your payment. Submit a printout of this email by postal mail. ***Note that the application fee received by the University is non-refundable. Applicants, who have been nominated for scholarship programs designated by YNU, are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for exemption, a copy of scholarship certificate must be submitted along with the application documents. If you have further questions about the application fee requirements, please contact the Graduate School Affairs Office.***

#### **[Important Points on Completing Application Materials and Submitting Application]**

- 1) The application procedure depends on the individual's eligibility profile. See the next table for details.
- 2) Do not use nicknames or abbreviations when writing your name on application documents. You must write your name in English as it appears in your passport.
- 3) It is recommended that you send documents by registered express mail or an equivalent air courier (e.g. Federal Express, DHL, UPS).
- 4) No changes to any of the documents are allowed after submission.
- 5) For non-English documents, the document-issuing school or authority must provide a corresponding English or Japanese translation of the original language. If the school or authority does not provide such a service, the documents must be translated and verified by an outside translation organization and certified to be the same as those issued by the school or authority. Be sure to submit both the original documents and the certified

translations.

6) Application documents submitted cannot be returned. However, certain materials that cannot be reissued will be returned upon request by February 9, 2016. Attach a note to this effect.

7) If, after admission, it is discovered that any of the documents have been falsified or any necessary details or documents have been omitted, admission will be cancelled, even in the event that the candidate has already been admitted to the university.

## Screening

Document screening is the principal method for selection for admission.

### **IP-Phone Interview**

The IP-Phone interview may be conducted to help the final candidates for admission.

#### **[Important Points on the IP-Phone Interview]**

Please get your PC environment prepared so that you can run Skype for an interview. You must prepare the following items for the interview and test your equipment and software together well in advance of the interview.

- 1) Software: Skype (free software). You can download and install it for free.
- 2) Your Skype name: You can create your Skype account (Skype name) while installing the software.
- 3) Internet connection: broadband (i.e. high-speed Internet connectivity)
- 4) Equipment: built-in or separate web camera and microphone

## Applicants with Special Needs

Applicants with physical disabilities, applicants who are visually impaired, applicants who are deaf or hard of hearing, applicants with significant health or medical problems, and applicants who get injured after submitting the application are welcome at the Department of Economics and should contact the Graduate School Affairs Office as soon as possible to discuss their particular needs. The purpose of this procedure is to alert the Department of Economics of the particular needs of the applicant/student, so that preparations can be made to provide the necessary support and make appropriate arrangements for the

applicant/student.

## Privacy Policy

YNU is committed to protecting the individual privacy of applicants and students by restricting the use of all collected information as specified by Policies on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Yokohama National University based on the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Agencies. In accordance with these policies, the information on this application may be used by YNU officials only for appropriate administrative and research purposes.

## Application and Screening Schedule

Procedure	Dates	The eligibility profiles i)-vii)	The eligibility profiles viii) & ix)
Application Eligibility assessment	Nov. 23, 2015 - Nov. 27, 2015	N.A.	Submit (1) & (2) using the web application system. Your ID is assigned. Submit the original copies for (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) along with the printed application forms (1) by postal mail.
Confirmation of application eligibility	Before Dec. 4, 2015	N.A.	After your eligibility is assessed by the graduate school, you will be notified of the result by email.
Application and Payment of the fee	Dec.7, 2015-Dec.24, 2015	Submit (1) & (2) using the web application system. Your ID is assigned. Pay (10) the application fee of 5,000 yen by credit card or China UnionPay card using the web application system. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your payment. Submit the original copies for (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) along with the printed application forms (1) and the printed email by postal mail.	Your application is accepted when your eligibility is confirmed by the graduate school. After your application is accepted, pay (10) the application fee of 5,000 yen by credit card or China UnionPay card using the web application system. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your payment. Submit a printout of this email by postal mail.
Letters of Recommendation Due	Dec.24, 2015	Referees must submit (9) on the web application system by this date.	
Announcement of Results of the Document Screening	Feb. 2, 2016	The IDs of the applicants who pass the document screening are announced on the program's homepage <a href="http://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html">http://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html</a> .	
Arrangement for Schedule for "IP Phone" Interviews	Feb. 3, 2016-Feb. 8, 2016	The time and date for the interview are arranged by email.	
Interviews	Feb.9, 2016-Feb.17, 2016	Applicants are interviewed in their countries using Skype or other IP Phone service.	
Announcement of Final Results	Mar. 7, 2016	The IDs of applicants who pass the final selections based on the interview are announced on the program's homepage and contacted by postal mail. <a href="http://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html">http://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html</a>	

# Admissions and Tuition

You will formally enter the program on October 1, 2016.

The incoming students must complete the admission procedure by postal mail by the designated date. Failure to do so will be considered as a withdrawal from the program.

The incoming student must pay precisely the admission fee of 282,000 yen at the time of admissions procedure.

## [Notes]

1) Tuition for the first semester is 267,900 yen (535,800 yen for the full year). The admission fee and the tuition figures are for 2015 and are subject to change. The tuition is subject to change during the years of enrollment. The revised tuition must be paid from the time the change takes place.

2) Further information is provided to the applicants who pass the final selections.

# Key Addresses and URL

1) All the documents for applications to be submitted **by postal mail** [except (5) the certificate for English proficiency test scores and (6) certified score report of GRE] must be sent to the following address:

Graduate School Affairs Office  
Yokohama National University  
79-3 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku  
Yokohama, 240-8501 JAPAN

Phone: 81-45-339-3659

Email: [int.gakumu-all@ynu.ac.jp](mailto:int.gakumu-all@ynu.ac.jp)

2) YNU Web Application System  
<https://e-apply.jp/e/ynu/>

3) Website of International Graduate Programs in Economics  
<http://www.economics.ynu.ac.jp/igp/index.html>

## TOEFL/IELTS/GRE

1) The Official Score Report of TOEFL/GRE is sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to YNU. The Official Score Report is different from Examinee Score Report sent to individual examinees. Make sure you make an arrangement using the following institutional codes early so the Official Score Report will arrive at YNU by the deadline. The TOEFL/GRE administration offices in each country explain the procedure for requesting the Official Score Report to be issued, the number of days required for issuing the Official Score Report, etc. on their websites. Keep the Score Report Request Acknowledgement sent to you from ETS after requesting for the Official Score Report to be issued just in case the graduate school needs to verify the fact that you made a request to ETS.

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Institutional Code: 0410  
Department Code: 99

2) The IELTS Test Report Form is sent directly from the IELTS administration office in each country to YNU. The Test Report Form is different from what is sent to applicants taking IELTS. Make sure you make an arrangement early so the Test Report Form will arrive at YNU by the deadline. The IELTS administration office in each country explains the procedure for requesting the Test Report Form to be issued, the number of days required for issuing the Test Report Form, etc. on their website. Use the following address:

Admissions Division, Student Affairs Department  
Yokohama National University  
79-8 Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku  
Yokohama, 240-8501 JAPAN

# Scholarships

Reservation Program for Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship (Gakushu Shoreihi) for Privately Financed International Students are available for international students enrolled full-time in the program.

**Reservation Program for Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Honors Scholarship (Gakushu Shoreihi) for Privately Financed International Students**  
*[Must be applied for after matriculation.]*

Japan Student Services Organization (hereafter "JASSO") offers MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students who attend a university or other institution of higher education in Japan. In conjunction with this scholarship, JASSO sponsors a reservation program that sets aside scholarships for privately financed international students who enroll in a graduate school in Japan directly from overseas (i.e. applicants do not have to visit Japan before enrollment). Privately financed international students who enroll in YNU's International M.A. Program in Economics meet these criteria.

The scholarship (graduate level) is paid in the monthly amount determined for that traditional Japanese school year (April-March). The amount is subject to change each year. For reference, the monthly stipend for the 2015-2016 school year is 48,000 yen.

After a scholarship has been reserved for an applicant, it is awarded for a certain period that is based on the time that the applicant enrolls in a Japanese graduate school. For students enrolling in the International M.A. Program in Economics in October 2016, duration of the scholarship is six months, from October 2016 to March 2017. Students need to compete for the Monbukagakusho (regular) Honors Scholarships or other scholarships for privately financed international students during the subsequent period.

All applications must be processed through YNU. Direct applications from students will not be accepted. ***The 2016-2017 application for Reservation Program for MEXT Honors Scholarship must be made after matriculation.***

For more information, check the YNU website below:

[http://www.gakuseisupport.ynu.ac.jp/expense/foreign/jasso\\_reservation\\_programe/](http://www.gakuseisupport.ynu.ac.jp/expense/foreign/jasso_reservation_programe/)



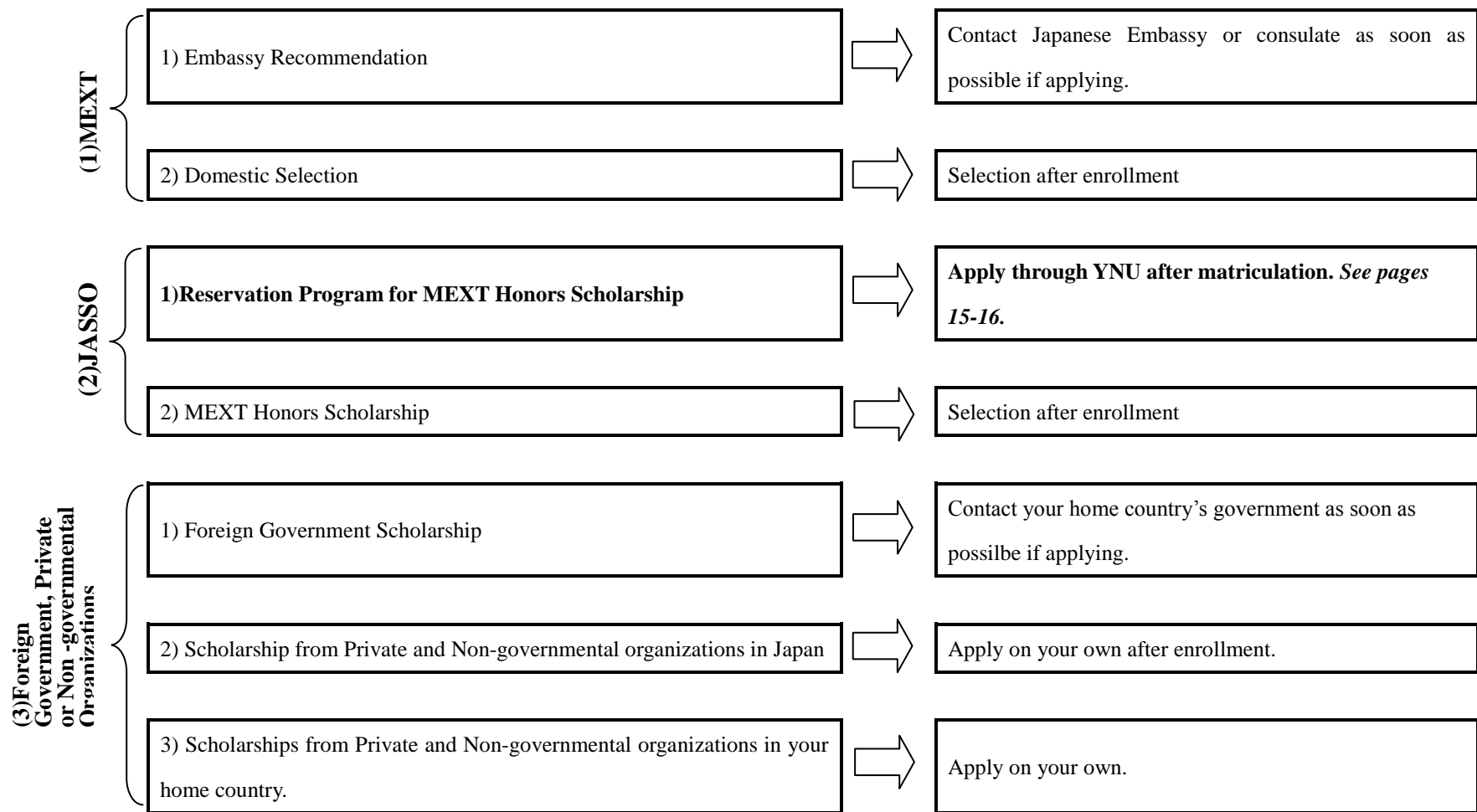
## **Other scholarships**

There are some scholarships from Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT), Independent Administrative Intuition (the Japan Student Services Organization, hereafter, JASSO), private organizations and non-governmental organizations, which international students can apply for after matriculation. However, both the number of recipients and the amount paid are limited. For further information, please contact the Financial Support Section of the Student Support Division after being admitted to YNU.

The following chart shows scholarships offered by MEXT, JASSO (i.e. MEXT Honors Scholarships), foreign governments or other organizations for privately financed international students.

### **[Important Points on other scholarships *related to the Reservation Program for MEXT Honors Scholarship*]**

The Reservation Program for MEXT Honors Scholarship (*See pages15-16*) for Privately Financed International Students cannot be awarded to students scheduled to receive one of the following scholarships.



## **(1) MEXT**

The Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) offers scholarships and international travel expenses for international students who study in higher education institutions, selected on the recommendation of:

- 1) a Japanese embassy or consulate general (Embassy Recommendation), and
- 2) the Japanese university in which the student is currently enrolled if he/she is privately-financed and already studying in Japan (Domestic Selection).

The scholarships provide the monthly stipend (147,000 yen as of 2015 but possibility of change) for up to three years of study contingent upon excellent academic performance. YNU offers a tuition waiver to students with the MEXT scholarships. The MEXT scholarship recipients will receive priority in their housing application for a furnished room with internet connection in the Ooka International Residence. The average commute to YNU is 40 minutes.

### **1) Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship (Embassy Recommendation)**

Scholarship recipients are recruited and initially screened by a Japanese embassy or consulate general, depending on the country. The application process differs by country, therefore please inquire at the Japanese embassy or consulate general in your country for details.

For more information, check the MEXT and YNU websites.

[http://www.mext.go.jp/a\\_menu/koutou/ryugaku/boshu/1333463.htm](http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/boshu/1333463.htm)

[http://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/international/accept/jp\\_gov\\_scholarship.html](http://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/international/accept/jp_gov_scholarship.html)

### **2) Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship (Domestic Selection)**

MEXT offers scholarships and international travel expenses to an applicant's home country for privately financed international students who are currently enrolled and studying in Japan. Applicants with excellent academic records are recommended to MEXT through YNU. The duration of the scholarship starts the next Japanese academic year (i.e. April) and will be offered until the end of standard course term.

## **(2) JASSO**

### **1) Reservation Program for MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students (*See pages 15-16.*)**

### **2) MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students**

Privately financed international students studying at YNU are eligible to apply for MEXT Honors scholarships offered by JASSO. Application for the scholarship should be made

through university recommendation. Please note that the JASSO scholarship is highly competitive.

### **(3) Scholarships from Foreign Government, private organizations and non-governmental organizations**

#### **1) Foreign Government Scholarships**

Foreign Government Scholarships are available for those who are sent to Japan to study by the government of their home country. Please inquire at the relevant authority in your country for details.

The foreign government scholarship recipients will receive priority in their housing application for a furnished room with internet connection in the Ooka International Residence, from which the average commute to YNU is 40 minutes..

#### **2) Scholarships from private organizations and non-governmental organizations in Japan**

Please note that these scholarships are highly competitive.  
For more information, check the YNU website below:  
<http://www.gakuseisupport.ynu.ac.jp/expense/foreign/>

#### **3) Scholarships from private organizations and non -governmental organizations in your home country**

You can apply on your own.

## **Housing**

### **Ooka International Residence**

Ooka International Residence is a quality housing complex for the international community of students, researchers, and faculty and administrative staff of YNU, aimed to promote multicultural exchanges and mutual understanding. The average commute to YNU is 40 minutes.

International students with Japanese government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) or foreign government scholarships are given priority in applications to Ooka International residence (as of 2015).

For more information and application, visit <http://www.int-residence.jp/english/>

### **Minesawa International Student Dormitory and International Student House**

YNU has two dormitories for its international students: YNU International Student House and the Minesawa International Student Dormitory. The former dormitory is a 5-minute walk from Gumyoji subway station. The latter dormitory is a 5-minute walk from the university. The Minesawa International Student Dormitory has only single rooms, and the International Student House has shared rooms and family rooms as well as single rooms.

There are two periods for moving into the dormitory: April and October. The maximum length of residency is one year. There are monthly residence fees and charges. Applications to fill vacant rooms are accepted twice each year. Because of the large number of applicants, residents are selected by lottery. International students with Japanese government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) or foreign government scholarships cannot apply for a single room in Minesawa or International Student House (as of 2015).

For more details, please refer to the application guidelines distributed by the Student Support Division in early July.

For more information, check the YNU website below:

<http://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/campus/institution/association.html>

### **Hazawa International Residence**

Hazawa International Residence is located near the main YNU campus. YNU students, faculty and administrative staff as well as international researchers are eligible to reside in the residence (Available from April 1, 2014 until March 25, 2019.) The average commute is approximately 10-minute walk from the North Gate of the campus. The tenancy is 4 years for undergraduate and 5 years for graduate at the longest. (\*Remarks: Available until March 25, 2019).

Privately-funded students are given priority in application to Hazawa International Residence.

For more information and application, visit

<http://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/campus/institution/accommodation2.html>