

FAQ and Useful information for MEXT Scholarships

[ER] : Embassy Recommendation (recruitment every year)

[UR] : University Recommendation (General frame) (recruitment every year)

[MICH]: Special Program of MEXT scholarship (recruitment year; 2019, 2020, 2021)

[AiQuSci] : Special Program of MEXT scholarship (recruitment year; 2020, 2021, 2022)

Note: If you find any discrepancy between this FAQ and previous ZOOM information session, please consider that this FAQ is official instruction.

【OVERVIEW】

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: How many students will UEC recruit annually?

A:

Program	Recruits No.	Nationalities	Preparatory course	Screening result
ER	Ask to Japanese Embassy in your home country			
UR	2 (either D or M)	Only Priority	max 1.5 years	Jun. 2021
MICH	6 D and 2 M	Priority and Non-Priority	None	Mar. 2021
AiQuSci	6 D and 2 M	Priority and Non-Priority	None	Mar. 2021

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: Are these “Student exchange program” or “Degree course program”?

A: These MEXT programs are NOT “Student exchange program” and for the student who seeks Master degree or Doctoral Degree.

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: Is these programs for Bachelor degree?

A: No. These programs are only for Master and Doctoral degrees, not for Bachelor degree.

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: I have Ph.D already in home country. Can I apply for doctoral course?

A: Yes. Application for Master course is also acceptable even if you have a master degree.

[MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: I'm planning to join in "Double Degree (DD) Program" between UEC and my home university. Can I also apply for MEXT scholarship as a DD student?

A: Yes. Please note following conditions of DD programs with MEXT scholarship;

- You can get scholarship for the duration of only physically presence in Japan.
- Application periods for DD and MEXT scholarship are usually different, however you have to apply for MEXT scholarship this time as a DD applicant for next October.

We have three double degree programs between UEC and China, France and Mexico. Please take care that these DD countries are not the countries of "Priority nationalities", which means highly competitive and limited number of recruitment. See the information of **【Prioritized Nationalities】** below.

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: Can I apply for different research fields other than the field of my previous academic degree?

A: Yes or No, by MEXT scholarship regulation, we will not accept application of completely different research fields and no relation with previous research, however if you show relation with previous research and new fields and promising supervisor accepts you, it's possible. Please talk carefully about your research plan with promising supervisor.

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: I'm living in Japan now. Can I apply?

A: Yes, but you must meet both condition 1 and 2.

Condition-1: You must be outside Japan by recommendation to MEXT (25th Mar. 2021).

Condition-2 :You must newly get residence status "Study" (在留資格「留学」) for entry to Japan. If you have residence status now, you must return residence card to Immigration by recommendation to MEXT (25th Mar. 2021).

[ER][UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: I can't graduate in standard years of my degree course (Master 2 years and Doctoral 3 years), and the scholarship period is over. Can I extend scholarship?

A: No. After scholarship period is over, you have to manage by yourself. However you can apply for "Tuition waiver", "Research assistant", "Teaching assistant" and also you can do part-time job at the outside of UEC. It's not easy, actually we recommend you that you save money during scholarship period to prepare extra year, but many students managed it so far. Do your best!

[ER][UR]

Q: I will apply for MEXT scholarship of Master course and I want to go on Doctoral course after graduation of Master course. Can I extend scholarship when I go on Doctoral course?

A: It may be possible, but very competitive and limited. Try to be No.1 international student and keep highest GPA at least 2.8 and hopefully over 2.9 in maximum 3.0 scale.

[MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: I will apply for MEXT scholarship of Master course and I want to go on Doctoral course after graduation of Master course. Can I extend scholarship when I go on Doctoral course?

A: Only the first round Master students of [MICH] and [AiQuSci] may be possible.

The first round Master students of [MICH] : Master students who enrolled in 2020

The first round Master students of [AiQuSci] : Master students who enroll in 2021 (this application opportunity)

Try to keep high GPA through whole Master period.

[MICH] and [AiQuSci] are not permanent programs. The recruitments of new students will finish after 3 years from the beginning of programs. So only the first round master students will be able to apply for the third round doctoral course.

[ER]

Q: I'm looking for the details of MEXT scholarship Embassy Recommendation.

A: It depends on country by country. Ask Japanese Embassy in your home country. University don't know details of screening, schedule, deadline, eligibility, requirement etc.

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: Important date?

A:	Application deadline:	19 th Feb. 2021
	Screening result in UEC:	mid. Mar. 2021
	Recommendation to MEXT:	25 th Mar. 2021 *1
	MEXT screening result:	June 2021 *2
	Enrollment to UEC:	Oct. 2021

*1 Successful applicants for [MICH] [AiQuSci] will be decided in March, MEXT accepts full students recommended by UEC.

*2 Successful applicants for [UR] will be decided in June, MEXT screens by its own criteria after UEC's recommendation.

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: I have my family. Can take my family to Japan when I enter Japan?

A: You can invite your family AFTER you enter Japan. At the same time of your arrival, it's NO.

You need to apply for family VISA by yourself to immigration office after arrival and it takes two or three months for VISA(s), then your family can come to Japan. Please contact with ISO in advance, we inform you which kinds of documents you have to prepare in home country.

【Applying for two or three MEXT Programs】

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: How many programs does UEC offer?

A: UEC offers three MEXT programs of [UR], [MICH] and [AiQuSci].

See below page for each WEB site.

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: Can I apply for two or three programs?

A: Yes, you can apply for all three programs of [UR], [MICH] and [AiQuSci] at same time.

As supervisor in UEC inform ISO the priority order of your applications, so please discuss how many and about the priority order.

Q: Do I have to find two or three supervisors to apply for two or three MEXT programs?

A: No. You need to find only one promising supervisor for two or three MEXT programs. If you find several supervisors, it makes confusion to elaborate research plans and to decide priority order for applications.

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: How do I prepare for two or three programs?

A: We have two sets of application forms for MEXT scholarship, “Application for general frame.zip” is only for [UR], “Application for special frame.zip” is common forms of [MICH] and [AiQuSci].

In summary, if you apply;

Your Application(s)	You have to prepare following form(s)
Only [UR]	One set of forms of “Application for general frame.zip”
Only [MICH], Only [AiQuSci], [MICH] and [AiQuSci]	One set of forms of “Application for special frame.zip” even if you apply for both.
[UR] and [MICH], [UR] and [AiQuSci], [UR] and [MICH] and [AiQuSci]	One set of forms of “Application for general frame.zip” and One set of forms of “Application for special frame.zip”, even if you apply for all programs.

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: Do I have to submit two or three sheets of same certificate, when I apply for two or three programs?

A: No. We can share one set of certificates for two or three applications.

【WARNING】

[ER]

Q: I passed the first screening for MEXT scholarship of “Embassy Recommendation [ER]” and have not yet passed second-final screening. Can I apply for [UR], [MICH] or [AiQuSci]?

A: No. If you are applying for [ER] and not yet fixed final result, you can not apply for [UR], [MICH] or [AiQuSci].

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: Can I apply for UEC MEXT programs and other university’s MEXT programs?

A: Definitely NO. If MEXT finds applicant who are applying for MEXT scholarships to plural universities, that applicant lose eligibility to all applications. Be careful.

【Prioritized Nationalities】

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: What is the “Priority Nationalities”?

A: Japanese government decided “Priority Nationalities” to recruit MEXT scholarship students.

See below page for the list of “Priority Nationalities”.

For [UR], only the “Priority Nationalities” can apply for [UR].

For [MICH] and [AiQuSci], both of “Priority Nationalities” and Non-“Priority Nationalities” can apply for [MICH] and [AiQuSci], however the number of recruitment students is 75 % from “Priority Nationalities” and 25 % from Non-“Priority Nationalities”. As a result [MICH] and [AiQuSci] will recruit 6 students from “Priority Nationalities” and 2 students from Non-“Priority Nationalities”, respectively.

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: I am a “Priority National” and graduated from a university of “Non-Priority” country.

A: It depends on “Nationality”, not the country of graduated university. Yes, you are “Priority Nationalities”.

【Language requirements】

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: What kind of Language proficiency is required for MEXT Scholarship?

A: English (CEFR B2 or higher) or Japanese (N2 or higher).

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: How to prove my language proficiency?

A: You must meet one of following condition 1, 2 ,or 3.

Condition-1: To prove by the official certificate. TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC, JLPT etc.

Condition-2: To prove that the educational language of your graduated university is English or Japanese. Please submit a letter to prove educational language from a dean or head of department of your university.

Condition-3: UEC accredits that your language proficiency is enough. But for this condition-3, you must submit a kind of evidence, for example, expired old TOEFL certificate, a score sheet of university's own English test and letter from English teachers, a score sheet of English test of your home country with reasonable score conversion table by the third party. Please consult with ISO in advance.

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: How to convert my score of language proficiency to CEFR standard?

A: See below page for details.

[UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: I have a certificate of language proficiency, but expired of validation period.

A: For condition-1 mentioned above, you can not use the expired certificate. However you can use the certificate as an evidence of condition-3. Please consult with ISO in advance.

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: What kind of Language proficiency is required for Master course in UEC?

A: Many of master course lectures in UEC are in Japanese, so after you enroll master course of UEC you have to take regular lectures and also Japanese lectures. You need hard work, not easy, however most of students actually had done and got graduation, even though they learned the Japanese language for the first time. You can do!

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: What kind of Language proficiency is required for Doctoral course in UEC?

A: Only English. All academic activity including lectures and research must be implemented in English.

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: Is Japanese language skill important to get job in Japan after graduation?

A: Yes or No. If you hope to join in Japanese company, it's very important for almost all kinds of professions. If you hope to join in foreign-affiliated company in Japan, it depends on companies and positions.

【Preparatory course】

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: What is “preparatory course” and which programs are available?

A: Before you go on degree course (Master or Doctor), you can be available of “preparatory course” for 0.5 to 1.5 years. You can take intensive Japanese language course and prepare for research activity. This “preparatory course” is only available for [ER] and [UR], NOT available for [MICH] and [AiQuSci].

[ER] [UR]

Q: Is “preparatory course” with scholarship?

A: Yes, you also get scholarship under “preparatory course”. And you can extend scholarship period for the degree course.

【GPA in JASSO regulation】

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: What is “GPA in JASSO regulation” and how to calculate?

A: See below page how to calculate.

“GPA in JASSO regulation” is to evaluate your academic excellence. All of MEXT scholarship requires 2.3 point or more in “GPA in JASSO regulation” for application. Try to calculate by yourself and then contact us (iso@office.uec.ac.jp) with transcript to verify your GPA point. Please do not forget the official information of evaluation and grade scales, such as “Excellent” to “Fail”, “A” to “D (Fail)” or “.100” to “0 – 60 (Fail)”, etc.

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: How does I deal with credits without grade (only pass or no-pass)?

A: Please just ignore credits without grade. We use only credits with grade to calculate GPA.

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: I graduated without any credits with grade in home country and I can't calculate GPA.

A: In case that you graduated without any credits with grade under unique educational system, GPA can not be calculated. To prove your academic excellence, you must submit “Recommendation letter” signed by dean or more senior position including information that you are within the TOP 30% of the student population.

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: How long calculation period is for GPA?

A: Full academic period of previous degree.

MEXT scholarship	Previous degree	Calculation period
Master	Bachelor	Full academic period of Bachelor
Doctor	Master	Full academic period of Master
Doctor	Joint/Integrated Bc and Ms *1	Full academic period of Master, if your joint/integrated course separately give you the degree at different time. Ex) Your Educational system is total 5 years, and you got Bachelor at 3 rd or 4 th year and got/will get Master at graduation.
Doctor	Joint/Integrated Bc and Ms *2	Full academic period of both Bachelor and Master, if your joint/integrated course give you both degrees at the graduation of the course. Ex) Your Educational system is total 5 years, and you got/will get both Bachelor and Master at the same time of graduation.

[MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: Is “GPA in JASSO regulation” important only for application?

A: For [MICH] and [AiQuSci], “GPA in JASSO regulation” is essential to keep scholarship. You are evaluated by the GPA every year and if you lose 2.3 point of GPA, then you lose the eligibility of scholarship from next year. Be careful and try to keep high GPA.

Note: It is very important to consult with supervisor which lectures you take, because if you register too many lectures and give up some lectures, your final GPA might fall below the minimum criterion.

For [ER] and [UR], “GPA in JASSO regulation” is only utilized at screening of the application. You can keep scholarship at least for standard academic periods (2 years for master course and 3 years for doctoral course) even with low GPA.

【How to find my supervisor of UEC】

[ER] [UR][MICH][AiQuSci]

Q: I can't find any supervisors.

A: We are sorry that ISO DON'T introduce any supervisors. You have to find them by yourself.

Firstly, please go to the website listed below, or simply use Google search with your interested words, such as "Laboratory", "UEC" and your research field. Secondly, contact directly to UEC faculty members by e-mail or ZOOM to get his/her permission.

Lab Search (Japanese Text only. Use google translation or similar software to translate contents into your language)

<https://cf.arc.uec.ac.jp/labsearch/>

Researcher Information of the UEC (English/ Japanese Text)

<http://kjk.office.uec.ac.jp/scripts/websearch/kani.htm?lang=en>

【University Dormitories】

You can apply for university dormitories after successful screening.

See below for information of each dormitory.

<http://kokusai.office.uec.ac.jp/dormitory/index.html>

We will instruct you after successful screening.

【Application Documents】

Q: What's "Certificate of University Academic Record, authorized by the University",
"Certificate of University graduation, diploma or degree, authorized by the University."

A: Generally, "Transcript",
"Certificate of graduation" and/or "Certificate of degree", respectively.

Q: What's "Certificate of a higher rank of academic records at the University"?

A: We need information of quantitative and/or objective academic excellence, such as "GPA" by home university, the information of your order out of student population, or the information of that only excellent students belong to your course/class/group, etc.

If your transcript includes GPA of home university, you don't need any documents for "Certificate of a higher rank of academic records at the University".

If your recommendation letter includes the information of your order or the information of your exclusive and outstanding course/class/group, you don't need any documents for "Certificate of a higher rank of academic records at the University".

In other than above, please prepare documents that includes information of GPA or the order of yourself or your course/class/group and contact ISO in advance.

Q: What kinds of language is acceptable for certificate?

A: In English or Japanese. If you can't prepare it in English or Japanese, we need translation for each certificate. Please contact with ISO in advance.

Q: I have only the transcript of previous academic degree in English and it is not JASSO scale for GPA calculation. Do I need to ask my university to make new transcript with GPA in JASSO regulation?

A: No. You don't need to submit any certificate of JASSO GPA. To calculate and verify the JASSO GPA of applicants is UEC's duty, and what you need is to submit your transcript in English. Please do not forget the official information of evaluation and grade scales, such as "Excellent" to "Fail", "A" to "D (Fail)" or ".100" to "0 - 60 (Fail)", etc.

Contact Information and useful links

MICH web site including Application, Pamphlet and Inquiry form

http://www.fedu.uec.ac.jp/en/future_students/mich/

AiQuSci web site including Application, Pamphlet and Inquiry form

http://www.fedu.uec.ac.jp/en/future_students/aiqusci

Introductory WEB page for [ER] and [UR] including Application and Guideline

http://www.fedu.uec.ac.jp/en/future_students/japanese-government-scholarship-students/

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<https://www.uec.ac.jp/>

Center for International Programs and Exchange (CIPE)

<http://www.fedu.uec.ac.jp/en/>

MEXT scholarship web (only in Japanese)

https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/06032818.htm

Language conversion table

CEFR	CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENT ENGLISH			GTEC	IELTS	TEAP	TEAP CBT	TOEFL iBT	TOEIC L&R	
									Listening	Reading
C2	(230)				9.0 8.5					
	230 200									
C1	199 180		(210)	(1400)	8.0 7.0	400 375	800	120 95	490~	455~
		(190)	C2 Proficiency	1400 1350						
B2	179 160	(170)	(180)	(1280)	6.5 5.5	374 309	795 600	94 72	400~	385~
	B1 Preliminary/ for schools	B2 First/ for schools	C1 Advanced	Advanced						

Note: In TOEIC test, both Listening 400 and Reading 385 are minimum score, so you have to meet both scores.

The list of Priority Nationalities

East Asia

Mongolia

South East Asia

Indonesia
Cambodia
Singapore
Thailand
Philippines
Brunei
Vietnam
Malaysia
Myanmar
Laos

South West Asia

India
Sri Lanka
Nepal
Pakistan
Bangladesh
Bhutan
Maldives

Middle East / North Africa

Afghanistan
United Arab Emirates
Yemen
Israel
Iraq
Iran
Oman
Qatar
Kuwait
Saudi Arabia
Syria
Turkey
Bahrain
Jordan
Lebanon
Palestine
Algeria
Egypt
Tunisia
Morocco
Libya

Africa

Angola
Uganda
Ethiopia
Eritrea
Ghana
Cabo Verde
Gabon
Cameroon
Gambia
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Kenya
Cote d'Ivoire
Comoros
Republic of the Congo
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Sao Tome and Principe
Zambia
Sierra Leone
Djibouti
Zimbabwe
Sudan
Eswatini
Seychelles
Equatorial Guinea
Senegal
Somalia
Tanzania
Chad
Central African Republic
Togo
Nigeria
Namibia
Niger
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Benin
Botswana
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
South Africa
Mozambique
Mauritius
Mauritania
Liberia
Rwanda
Lesotho
South Sudan

North America

United States of America

South America

Argentine
Uruguay
Ecuador
Guyana
Colombia
Suriname
Chile
Paraguay
Brazil
Venezuela
Peru
Bolivia

Central and Eastern Europe

Albania
Ukraine
Austria
Cyprus
Greece
Croatia
Switzerland
Slovakia
Slovenia
Czech
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Hungary
Bulgaria
Poland
North Macedonia
Liechtenstein
Romania
Serbia
Montenegro
Kosovo

Russia and CIS countries

Azerbaijan
Armenia
Uzbekistan
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
Belarus
Moldova
Russia

*This list is an unofficial translation of the list of countries and regions on the JASSO website, created for reference purposes only. Please see the original (Japanese version) below.

https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/tantoshu/study_j/scholarship/shoureihi/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2020/10/23/kuni_chiiki.pdf

JASSO Conversion of Units System/scale

Calculate/convert whole units of "the previous academic degree" to the grade point average (GPA) by using the following method.

	Grades				
4 Grade Evaluation (Pattern 1)	-	Excellent	Good	Pass	Fail
4 Grade Evaluation (Pattern 2)	-	A	B	C	F
4 Grade Evaluation (Pattern 3)	-	100 - 80 marks	79 - 70 marks	69 - 60 marks	below 59 marks
5 Grade Evaluation (Pattern 4)	100 - 90 marks	89 - 80 marks	79 - 70 marks	69 - 60 marks	below 59 marks
5 Grade Evaluation (Pattern 5)	S	A	B	C	F
5 Grade Evaluation (Pattern 6)	A	B	C	D	F
Grades Conversion Points	3	3	2	1	0

Grade Point Average (GPA) calculation

$$\frac{(\text{Credits at 3 points} \times 3) + (\text{Credits at 2 points} \times 2) + (\text{Credits at 1 point} \times 1) + (\text{Credits at 0 point} \times 0)}{\text{Total Credits}}$$

*The units that without grades (only has Pass and No pass) are excluded.