

WASEDA University Academic Year 2026
 Application Guidelines Scholarship for Fostering Researchers in
 Doctoral Programs
 (For the students who entered by Academic Year 2022)

[For April Enrollees (currently enrolled students)
 and

For September Enrollees (only who took leaves of absence in fall semester of 2025)]

Overview of the scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2009 to help students currently enrolled in a doctoral program to become outstanding scholars with superior research capabilities and extensive knowledge of their fields.

This scholarship will be awarded to the students who meet all application requirements and apply for the scholarship.

Scholarship grant (annual)

Graduate School	Scholarship grant (annual)
Graduate School of Political Science, Graduate School of Economics, Graduate School of Law, Graduate School of Letters, Arts and Sciences, Graduate School of Commerce, Graduate School of Education, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Graduate School of International Culture and Communication Studies	400,000yen
Graduate School of Fundamental Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Creative Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Information Production and Systems, Graduate School of Environment and Energy Engineering	500,000yen
Graduate School of Education (Content Studies of Mathematics), Graduate School of Human Sciences, Graduate School of Sport Sciences, Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies Graduate School of Japanese Applied Linguistics	600,000yen

I. Eligibility

Students who meet ALL of the following requirements, (1) through (3)

(1) 1st - 3rd year doctoral students and 1st-5th year doctoral students enrolled in a consistent five-year doctoral program (actual course year: based on the length of enrollment excluding leaves of absence and study abroad) who are April enrollees enrolled by the academic year 2022

or

those who are September enrollees enrolled by academic year 2022 and took leaves of absence in the fall semester of 2025.

However, students who have received the grants three times (Consistent five-year doctoral program: five times) are not eligible to apply.

* September enrollees who took leaves of absence for the fall semester of 2025 and returned to school for the spring semester of 2026 are eligible to receive this scholarship only for the spring semester. They must follow the application guidelines of the fall semester of 2026 to apply for this scholarship for the fall semester of 2026 to the spring semester of 2027.

(2) Students under 30 years of age as of April 1, 2026 (born on April 2, 1996 or later)

(3) Students in any of the following categories cannot apply:

- ① Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) government-sponsored international students
- ② Waseda University research associate
- ③ Part-time lecturer at Waseda University Senior High School, Waseda University Honjo Senior High School, Waseda University Art and Architecture School of Waseda University
- ④ Recipients of a Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) DC Research Fellowship for Young Scientists
- ⑤ Recipients of other full tuition waivers (school fee waived due to disasters, etc., or other reasons)
- ⑥ Students receiving full Waseda University tuition (or a full reduction) from a government, corporation, or scholarship foundation
- ⑦ Students on leave of absence

*Those who will take leaves of absence for the fall semester of this year are eligible to apply. They need to apply at this time.

*For students who take leaves of absence for the spring semester of this year and return to school in the fall semester of the same year, they will need to follow the application guidelines of the fall semester of this year to apply (guidelines will be informed around late October).

[Note] - If one or more of the conditions in (3) ① through ⑦ becomes applicable to you during the period from April 1st, 2026, to March 31st, 2027, it will be necessary to return the full amount (or a portion of the amount) of the scholarship.

- Even if you fulfill the "I. Eligibility" at the time of application, it will be necessary to return the full amount (or a portion of the amount) of the scholarship when you do not meet the requirements during the period from April

1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027.

Please contact the Scholarships and Financial Assistance Section if you fall under the situation stated above.

-If a student is subject to disciplinary action, it will be necessary to return the full amount or a portion of the amount of the scholarship, depending on the nature of the disciplinary measure.

-If you are unsure whether you are eligible to apply, please contact "Inquiries(written at the bottom of this guide)" in advance.

2. Application Periods

Application period : **June 24, 2026(Wednesday) through July 22, 2026(Wednesday)**

[Deadline to be strictly adhered to]

Date of scholarship recipients is selected : **August 28, 2026(Friday) (tentative)**

Scholarship payment date : **September 30, 2026(Wednesday) (tentative)**

*Please complete the account registration together with the application for this scholarship, as the transfer will be made to your "Personal Account" registered in MyWaseda.

For Reference: How to Register Personal Bank Account

[01_Application and Procedures for Changing Information – Support Anywhere](#)

3. How to apply

Please complete the web application form by the deadline.

<https://forms.office.com/r/4emngHLBeU>

Web Application Form Entry Fields

Item	Points to note when entering
Student ID Number	Please enter 8 digits excluding - (hyphen) or less.
Name	Enter one double-byte space between the first and last names.
Research topic	Please enter a research topic.
Research project and the status	Please submit a Word, PowerPoint, PDF, or other file (any format) with specific details of your research project and its status. If the content of the application is insufficient, you will be disqualified for this scholarship application.
Name of research guidance advisor	Please enter the name of your research guidance advisor. * Please make sure to confirm with your research guidance advisor that you will apply for this scholarship before submitting your application.

[Note] If we find anything fraudulent in your application documents, you will be disqualified from this scholarship application, and it will have an influence on your application eligibility for this scholarship in the future.

4. Others

If the income of the applicant's family supporter (parents, etc.) meets specific criteria, the government will provide a certain amount of subsidy to the University. The subsidy will be used as a source of funds for this scholarship from the following year onward. Applicants for this scholarship are required to agree in advance that they may be asked to submit documents such as proof of income from their household supporter after being selected for this scholarship (the acceptance or rejection will not be affected by proof of income from the household supporter).

Inquiries

**Waseda University Student Affairs Division
Scholarships and Financial Assistance Section**

(Monday through Friday 10:00 to 16:00)

gakunai-tantou@list.waseda.jp

(Please write your student ID number, name, and name of the scholarship that you would like to ask about in your e-mail.)

Personal information recorded on the application form will be used only for work pertaining to this scholarship and not for any other purpose.
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