

WASEDA University Academic Year 2026  
 Application Guidelines Scholarship for Fostering Researchers in  
 Doctoral Programs  
 (For the students who entered in or after Academic Year 2023)

[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 the following four requirements, (1) through (4)

(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 in or after academic year 2023.

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 who have earned a master's or professional degree within 8 years as of April 1, 2026 (who have earned a master's or professional degree in the academic year 2018 or later)

\*If the applicants have not earned a master's or professional degree, the scholarship may be awarded within 10 years of undergraduate graduation as of April 1, 2026(those who have earned undergraduate graduation in the academic year 2016 or later)

(3) The student's total income of the latest income certificate (during the fiscal year 2025) must meet the table below. (If the applicant has more than one type of income, the total will be added up and judged comprehensively.)

Salary and pension income (before taxation)	Business income and other income amounts
4.42million JPY or less	1.94million JPY or less

(4) 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 leave 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 (4) ① through ⑦ become applicable to you during the period from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

- Those who pay part of their tuition fees (including parents' assistance) may be eligible to apply. For more information, please contact the Scholarships and Financial Assistance Section.

- 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

Two procedures are required: ①. Fill out the web application form, and ②. Mail the required documents. Please complete both procedures within the application period.

① Fill out the web application form

Please complete the web application form by the deadline.

<https://forms.office.com/r/4fgjwxc3xj>

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.
Name of the university	Please enter the name of the university where you earned your master's or professional degree. If you have not completed a master's or professional degree program, enter the name of the university from which you graduated with an undergraduate degree.
Year and month of graduation	Please enter the year and month you completed your master's or professional degree program. If you have not completed a master's or professional degree program, please enter the date of your undergraduate graduation.
Student ID Number	Please enter the Student ID Number when you earned your master's or professional degree. * Only for those who have graduated from Waseda University
Research topic	Please enter a research topic.
Research project	Please submit a Word, PowerPoint, PDF, or other file (any format) with specific details of your research project If the content of the application is insufficient, you will be disqualified from 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.

② Mailing of required documents

Please mail the required documents to the Scholarships and Financial Assistance Section within the application period. [Postmarked on the day]

Mailing Address (Application Documents are acceptable by post.)

Scholarships and Financial Assistance Section Student Affairs Division, Waseda University 1-24-1 Toyama, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 162-8644	〒162-8644 東京都新宿区戸山 1-24-1 早稲田大学 学生部奨学課 「大学院博士後期課程研究者養成奨学金（2023年度以降入学者）」係 宛
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[Note] If you need confirmation of arrival, please send by registered mail or Letter Pack, or any other method with a delivery record. If you use regular mail, we will not be able to consider the case of non-delivery due to postal accidents, etc.

Required Documents: Please read the following carefully and prepare the necessary documents. Incomplete or missing applications will not be considered.

<p><b>(1) 「Scholarship for Fostering Researchers in Doctoral Programs」 Checklist and Pledge</b> <a href="#">WORD</a> ver. <a href="#">PDF</a> ver. (prescribed form, A4 size)</p>
<p>Please enter everything in the bolded box correctly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Automatic Receipt ID is a number that appears in the e-mail you receive from gakunai-tantou@list.waseda.jp after completing the web application.</li><li>• After reviewing the required documents and making sure that all checkboxes are marked with “○,” please send this form with the applicable documents. Please organize all applicable documents in this order.</li><li>• Please confirm the pledges and sign the date and the applicant’s signature.</li></ul>
<p><b>(2) Official certificates showing annual gross income in 2025</b> 「課税証明書」・「非課税証明書」・「住民税証明書」・「課税台帳記載事項証明書」 etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please submit the applicant’s “Income Certificate for the year 2025”. <b>Issued by the local government in Japan</b></li><li>• The type (breakdown) and amount of income/income must be clearly indicated.</li><li>• Even if you are unemployed or have no income, please submit a tax exemption certificate that states “0” for gross income.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Even if you have no income, you are required to submit the certificate.</li></ul></li><li>• The “Notice of Determination of Special Tax Collection for Citizens’ Tax and Prefectural Citizens’ Tax” and “Certificate of Withholding Tax” are not acceptable.</li><li>• The names of the documents may differ depending on the local government.</li></ul>
<p><b>★Copies of tax returns (Tables 1 and 2) *Only for W-SPRING, W-SPRING-AI adopters in the previous year</b></p>
<p>This scholarship can be used in conjunction with W-SPRING. The amount equivalent to living expenses provided by W-SPRING, W-SPRING AI will be deducted from the amount on the income certificate in (2) for screening.</p> <p>If you were selected for W-SPRING the previous year, please submit a copy of your tax return (Tables 1 and 2) (確定申告書). If you do not submit a copy of your tax return, your application will not be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*If you will be filing a tax return in the future and wish to undergo reassessment, please notify us by the submission deadline.</li><li>*If you file a tax return after the due date or have your income amount determined, you may be subject to additional tax for non-filing in addition to the tax due, depending on the details of your return, etc. Please check the notice from the National Tax Agency yourself.</li></ul> <p>Reference: <a href="#">No.2024 確定申告を忘れたとき   国税庁 (nta.go.jp)</a></p> <p><u>*If you have applied for an exemption or other tax relief under a tax treaty, you are not required to submit a copy of your income tax return. Instead, please submit a copy of your Tax Treaty Application Form or other relevant supporting documents.</u></p>

■Those who cannot obtain an income certificate from a local government in Japan.

**(3) Documentation of gross income during the year 2025**

If you are unable to obtain an income certificate from a local government in Japan due to reasons such as having resided overseas during 2025, please obtain and submit one of the following documents. If English is not provided on the document, please attach an English or Japanese translation.

- The latest (for the year 2025) income certificate (issued by the municipal office of the country in which you resided)

\*If you have no income, submit a certificate proving that you have no income (e.g., proof of the fact that you have not filed a tax return).

- Document proving your total income during 2025 (issued by your employer. (Documents issued by the employer stating the amount of income before deductions, with a Japanese translation attached).

- A copy of the tax return (tables 1 and 2) for the year 2025

■ Those who have completed a master's or professional degree program at a university other than Waseda University.

#### (4) Certificate of graduation/completion

Please obtain and submit a certificate of graduation or completion from your university or school.

Please be sure to submit a certificate issued by the university or school from which you graduated or completed your studies with the date of graduation or completion clearly indicated on it.

If you have not completed a master's or professional degree program, please issue and submit an undergraduate (bachelor's degree) graduation certificate.

[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 household supporter (parents, etc.) meets certain 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 proofs of income from their household supporters after being selected for this scholarship (the acceptance or rejection will not be determined depending on 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](mailto: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.