Ajinomoto Scholarship Foundation

**Ajinomoto Scholarship for ASEAN+ONE International Students**

**2019 Application Guidelines**

**1. Aims**

This program enables students from six countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Russia) wishing to enroll in a master’s course (at specified graduate schools in the sciences) at designated universities in Japan to secure scholarships before their arrival in Japan. It aims to cultivate individuals capable of leading Asia in the twenty-first century and to contribute to the development of Asia and the world as well as to mutual understanding between these countries and Japan.

**2. Eligibility**

Applicants who wish to enroll in a master’s course in one of the sciences: **Biosciences, Food Technology, Agriculture and Nutrition** (at specified graduate schools) at **the University of Tokyo, Kyoto University, Nagoya University, Ochanomizu University, Waseda University and Kagawa Nutrition University** (hereinafter “Universities”) and who fulfill the following requirements and qualifications.

1. The applicant must be a citizen of Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam or Russia.
2. The applicant must have graduated or be expected to graduate with an excellent academic record (with 16 years of education completed or expected to be completed) and must receive the recommendation of his/her university president or academic advisor or be otherwise qualified to enroll in the University.
3. The applicant must be under the age of 35 on April 1, 2019.
4. In principle, the applicant must be able to obtain approval of acceptance as either a postgraduate international research student (hereinafter “Research Student”) or a graduate school student (master’s course) (hereinafter “Master’s Course Student”) from the University and be registered as a Research Student or a Master’s Course Student for April 2019 or October 2019.
5. The applicant must acquire adequate Japanese language proficiency that is required in order to research and study in a master’s course, when enrolling as a Master’s Course Student.
6. The applicant must file an application and attend selection procedures in the country eligible for this program.
7. The applicant must be in good physical and mental health and have a strong motivation for learning.
8. The applicant must not be receiving other scholarships.

**3. Scholarship Amounts**

a) Research Student at graduate school: \150,000/month (for 1 year).

b) Master’s Course Student at graduate school: \180,000/month (for 2 years).

c) Examination, admission and tuition fees: covered in full.

d) Airfare to Japan: provide a one-way air ticket from one of the 6 countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam or Russia) to Japan (economy class flight ticket, in principle).

**4. Number of students to be accepted**

One student from each of the 6 countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Russia).

**5. Period of Scholarships**

- 3-year scholarship: 1 year studying as a Research Student, and 2 years as a Master’s Course Student.

- 2-year scholarship: 2 years as a Master’s Course Student.

The scholarship will be suspended when the scholarship recipient (who enters as a Research Student) fails to pass the entrance exam for a master’s course within a year after arriving in Japan.

Depending on specific university, student may apply for admission either as a research student (3-year scholarship) or to a master’s course (2-year scholarship). In principle, applicants who seek direct admission to a master’s course must come to Japan for screening.

For Waseda University, in principle, scholarships will be provided for 2 years studying as a Master’s Course Student.

Refer to Appendix 1 for Application details for each graduate school (science courses) at each university.

**6. Designated universities in Japan**

1. University of Tokyo
2. Kyoto University
3. Nagoya University
4. Ochanomizu University
5. Waseda University
6. Kagawa Nutrition University

Refer to Appendix 1 for the list of Graduate schools of each university that applicants can apply and choose the fields relating to Biosciences, Food Technology, Agriculture and Nutrition accordingly.

**7. Application details of the Universities**

Refer to Appendix 1 for details.

1. **List of universities providing applicants in Vietnam**

Students in fields of Biosciences, Food Technology, Agriculture and Nutrition from below universities can apply:

1. Hanoi University of Science and Technology
2. Hanoi University of Science, Vietnam National University
3. Vietnam National University of Agriculture
4. HCMC University of Agriculture and Forestry
5. HCMC University of Science
6. HCMC University of Technology
7. Can Tho University
8. Da Nang University of Technology
9. Hanoi Medical University

**9. Application Documents**

1. Application form and study program (specified form)
2. Transcript of scholastic record issued by the university or graduate school attended (or certified true copy transcript from the university, if the university does not issue copies of transcripts)
3. A letter of recommendation from academic advisor (specified form)
4. Certificate of graduation (\*)

(\*) Those who had not yet graduated at the time of application are requested to submit an authorized statement of anticipated graduation as soon as possible and before October, 2018.

1. Photocopied documents proving Japanese proficiency of the applicant (such as results of JPLT, EJU and other tests provided by Japanese training institutions) when required by the University; TOEFL and GRE scores when required by the graduate school which the applicant wishes to enroll (if any) (Refer to “Documents for 2nd Screening” in Appendix 2)

\* The documents submitted shall not be returned under any circumstances.

**10. Selection Process**

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| **Ord.** | **Major activities** | **Schedule** |
| 1 | Ajinomoto VN (AVN) sends scholarship information to universities &  posts scholarship announcement on the corporate website | January, 2018 |
| 2 | Each university announces to their students (websites, posters, at classes) | January, 2018 |
| 3 | Each university receives applications from applicants | March 15th, 2018 |
| 4 | Each university screens, selects and sends documents of selected applicants to AVN | March 20th, 2018 |
| 5 | AVN Selection Committee screens documents of all applicants provided by universities at AVN office | March 22rd, 2018 |
| 6 | AVN Selection Committee conducts Writing Test of English Capability Evaluation for qualified applicants | March 26th, 2018 |
| 7 | AVN Selection Committee organizes the interview in English to select and rank 3 successful candidates (1st, 2nd and 3rd candidate) | April 3rd, 2018 |
| 8 | The certified scholarship candidate (1st candidate) obtains an informal acceptance for the admission from the host professor. | April - Early of July, 2018 |
| 9 | Selection Committee has another interview (by phone) with the certified scholarship candidate who has obtained the informal consent of acceptance. Then, notify the candidate that he/she has been selected as a prospective scholarship student and guide him/her for formal application. | Right after he/she obtains informal acceptance for the admission from the host professor |

\* Selection process may change upon actual situation.

**11. Suspension or Termination of Scholarship**

The scholarship will be suspended or terminated, if any one of the following conditions applies to the scholarship recipient. According to the circumstances, the scholarship amount already disbursed may be subject to repayment in full or in part:

a) False information found in the application form;

b) Receives any other scholarship;

c) Fails to pass the entrance examination to a master’s course within one year after arriving to Japan (applicable to the recipient entering as a Research Student);

d) Fails to arrive in Japan by the appointed date;

e) Long-term absence due to illness or other health problems, dishonest act and poor academic performance including leaving the school and repeating a school year;

f) Violates the rules and regulations of the University or Ajinomoto Scholarship Foundation.

**Note:**

\* The nominated applicants who pass the 2nd screening must submit all the necessary documents designated by the graduate schools or the Universities they wish to enroll within the application period (refer to Appendix 2). The nominated applicants to enroll in October should pay attention to the application period and the date of issuance of the letter of acceptance, because they differ from those for the April enrollment. Please contact the graduate school you wish enroll for details.

\*\* Many applicants may face difficulty selecting which universities to enroll and professors to be supervised under. Refer the outline of each University in Appendix 1 for your reference.