TAKASE Scholarship 2015-2016

ICU will nominate up to two (2) international students to the TAKASE Scholarship Foundation. **If you are interested and intends to apply, please email and notify us (iee@icu.ac.jp) by the end of July 17th, Japan Time and mail your application documents so that they will reach us by the end of August 5th, Japan Time.**

1. **Amount and payment period:**
   - Amount: 100,000 yen per month for total of 10 current and planned international students entering universities in Japan during the fall term of 2015
   - Period: From October 2015 to June 2016 (9 months)

2. **Eligibility:**
   All applicants must:
   - NOT hold Japanese nationality or dual (Japanese and another country) citizenship.
   - Participate in the full-year exchange program (September 1st, 2015 to June 30th, 2016 at ICU).
   - Have outstanding academic performance and character.
   - Demonstrate the need for financial assistance to study in Japan.*
   
   * Those who will receive 30,000 yen or more per month in scholarships from other organizations in Japan are not eligible to apply. Those who will receive the JICUF Scholarship and those we have decided to nominate to JASSO are not eligible. If you would like to withdraw from either of the two scholarships above, and apply for the TAKASE Scholarship instead, please let us know by the end of July 17th, Japan Time.

3. **Obligations:**
   Another requirement is the ability to take part actively in exchange activities by the Foundation and to submit the designated reports on the status of your studies and on your living conditions once a month. Scholarship recipients must submit any necessary documents, including those related to academic performance, as requested by the Director of the Foundation.

   Scholarship payment may be suspended or discontinued, or a refund demanded, if a scholarship student meets any of the following descriptions:
   1. The student has withdrawn from school temporarily or has taken a long absence
   2. The student is no longer enrolled in the university
   3. The student is not expected to complete his or her studies due to illness or other reasons
   4. The student has returned to his or her home country earlier than planned
   5. The student has been absent for a long time without reason
   6. The students’ academic performance or conduct is very poor
   7. A material misrepresentation of fact has been discovered on the application documents
   8. The student has lost eligibility as a scholarship student for other reasons

4. **Application documents:**
   - Application forms for Takase Scholarship (Form 1 and Form 2-1, 2-2) and Japanese Translation of Form 2-2, if written in English
   - Parent’s tax forms or equivalent certificates Photocopies of official annual income certificates of applicant’s father and mother issued by tax agency/government. We ask all applicants to provide them, even when an applicant is financially independent from them. For UK nationals a report from HM Revenue & Customs and for U.S. nationals IRS Form 1040 would be suitable. An income certificate issued by one’s employer will not be accepted, unless such certificate described above is not available in his or her country.
   - Letter(s) of grant/scholarship/loan (if applicable)
   - Personal essay of maximum 500 words in English, including details of (1) study plans at ICU and in Japan, (2) future plans after the exchange program and graduation from home university and (3) financial situation.
   - Photocopy of your passport’s information page
   - Photocopy of your latest transcript

5. **Selection and notification of decision by the Foundation:**
   The Director of the Foundation will decide on scholarship recipients following a selection process conducted by the Foundation’s selection committee. Universities and applicants will be notified of the results in writing by early October or so.

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