

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

International Christian University (ICU) *Mitaka City, Japan (Suburb of Tokyo)*



OVERVIEW

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) is an autonomous administrative institution that began under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology. JASSO offers scholarships to qualified international students accepted by a Japanese institution of education under a student exchange agreement. They do this in an attempt to help students who will become the next generation of leaders in society, as well as to encourage international understanding and exchange. The number of scholarships available may vary from year to year. ICU will recommend candidates to JASSO according to the JASSO screening requirements. JASSO will then conduct a selection process to identify the strongest candidates who will be offered a scholarship. In past years, one GVSU student each year has been awarded the JASSO scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of a 3.0 GPA is required.
- Must have completed two years at GVSU and be a current, degree-seeking student.
- Must not currently hold Japanese citizenship, and must hold a nationality of countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan. Students from Taiwan and Palestine are eligible.
- Must be nominated as a full-year exchange/invitee student by GVSU, and be accepted by ICU under their student exchange/invitee agreement.
- Must have a strong academic record and good personality.
- Must be able to receive a college student visa.
- Must return to GVSU and continue their studies there or receive a degree from GVSU upon completion of the program.
- Must not receive another scholarship of an amount exceeding 80,000 yen per month to support their study abroad at ICU during the program.
- Students must attend one of the PIC required pre-departure orientation.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The scholarship stipend is 80,000 yen per month over a period of 10 months.

DEADLINES, AWARD NOTIFICATION & DATES

Yearlong ONLY	GVSU OASIS Application Deadline	Award Notifications	Semester Dates
Academic Year	February 1	Late July or early August	August - June

FREQUENTS ASKED QUESTIONS

If I receive this scholarship, will I have to pay it back?

No, as long as you complete the program. Students who decide to withdraw before the program ends are advised to contact ICU to discuss the potential of any penalties associated with an early withdrawal.

How do I apply for this scholarship?

ICU will provide information to students on how to apply.

Can I take classes from any academic department?

Yes, this program will allow you to take classes from any academic department provided you meet the course prerequisites.

If I attend for the full academic year can I receive the scholarship for both semesters?

Yes, the scholarship is given to students for the duration of the program.

What can the scholarship money be used for?

Students can use the scholarship funds to cover any expenses associated with their participation in the program.

If I receive this scholarship, will that keep me from receiving other scholarships or grants through PIC?

Yes. Students who receive the JASSO scholarship may not be eligible for other PIC scholarships or grants. Students may still be eligible for other GVSU grants and scholarships or external funding sources.

Will this scholarship impact my financial aid award in any way?

It may. The total amount you receive in grants, scholarships and loans cannot exceed your program costs.

