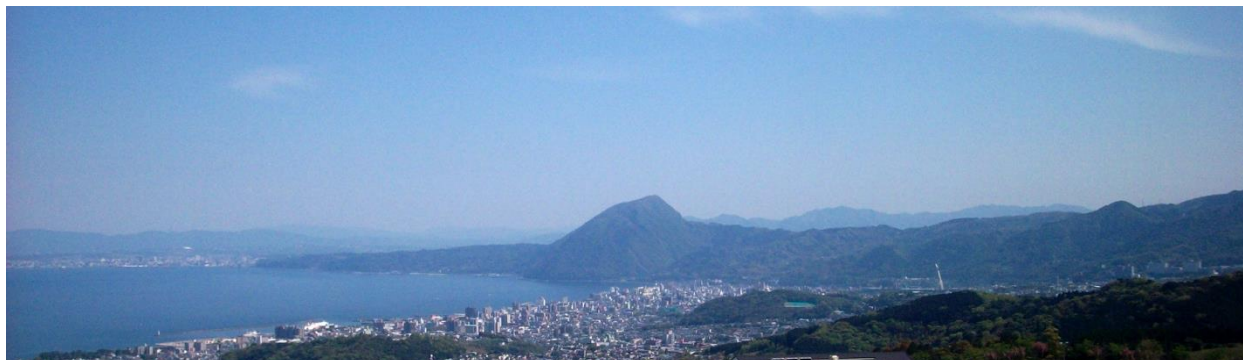


SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)

Beppu, Ōita, Japan



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 on a short term basis from three months to one year. 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. APU 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. While this scholarship is not guaranteed, several past GVSU exchange participants have been awarded JASSO. Application instructions are available online:

<http://en.apu.ac.jp/academic/page/content0166.html/>

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a current, degree-seeking GVSU student
- Minimum of a 2.75 GPA is required, but a competitive applicant should have a 3.0 or above.
- 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 an autumn-term or a full-year exchange/invitee student by GVSU, and be accepted by APU 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 APU during the program.
- Students attend one of the PIC required pre-departure orientation.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The scholarship stipend is 80,000 yen per month.

DEADLINES, AWARD NOTIFICATION & DATES

Semester of Study	GVSU OASIS Application Deadline	Award Notifications	Semester Dates
Fall	February 1	On-site	September –February *early departures are not allowed
Winter (APU's spring semester)	September 10	On-site	March - July

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 should contact APU to discuss any financial implications to an early withdraw from the program.

What if I apply and do not receive the scholarship?

Students who do not receive the scholarship can still participate as regular exchange students.

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 each month 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.

