

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
FOR  
THE JSSF EDUCATIONAL AWARD APPLICANTS**

The foreign students who wish to study in Japan have been greatly increasing in number, with the result that it is getting increasingly difficult to gain admission to a master's or a doctor's course of graduate school on a formal full-time basis. It is, therefore, advisable for the JSSF award applicants to secure admission as a formal full-time graduate student or, at least, as a research student of the graduate school at which you seek to study prior to your arrival in Japan.

JSSF also encourage our award recipients to choose their study institution from the universities located in Tokyo or in its suburban area, it enables us to take a better care of our students. We would like to call attention especially to the following points:

- 1 . The application period of graduate schools may vary from one school to another, but mostly falls some time between September and the following February. Such application period usually being very short, submitting the application later than that period can cause the ineligibility to be admitted. It is advisable to communicate with the study institution as early as possible and ask them for the necessary information and application form. You can find all the necessary information on websites for the schools you are interested in, particularly the application periods. The websites also list what documents you will need when you apply, and you can start preparing those documents now.
  
- 2 . To gain admission to a graduate school, letters of recommendation are needed. You must have 2 recommendations available; one from the President of your university to the President of the Japanese university whose graduate school you wish to study at, and another one from your supervising professor to the professor of the Japanese graduate school under whose supervision you hope to pursue your postgraduate studies.

**3 . It is also advisable to write a resume of your graduation thesis (and other academic papers if applicable) in Japanese and attach it to the other documents mentioned under “ 2 . ” when submitting the application form to the study institution.**

**Please note:**

**It is only those who have completed 16 years of school and university education or equivalent in foreign countries that are eligible to apply for a graduate school as a formal full-time master's program student in Japan.**

**Such education must be consisting of the curriculum prescribed by the Ministry of Education of the country in question.**