

Application Guidelines for Department of Civil Engineering at YNU Recommended Candidates of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship 2027 (University Recommendation)[Special Selection]

Department of Civil Engineering, Graduate School of Urban Innovation, Yokohama National University (YNU) will be accepting applications for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship 2027 (University Recommendation under the Special Program) as follows.

Two MEXT scholarships for the Master's course and five for the Doctoral course are going to be allocated † every year to the ["Civil and Development" program](#). One MEXT scholarship for the Master's course and three for the Doctoral course are going to be allocated every year to the ["Civil and ICT/IoT" program*](#).

† Continuation of the "Civil and Development" program beyond 2027 is subject to MEXT approval, and an application is currently being prepared.

Candidates who wish to receive the MEXT scholarship allocated to this program can apply only for October enrollment.

Qualifications for MEXT Scholarship Program with Priority Placements

Applicants must fulfill the following requirements:

- To have the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan
- To be born on or after April 2, 1992
- To be able to arrive in Japan before the 2027 fall semester begins

Application Procedures & Required Documents

The deadline for web applications for October 2027 enrollment is December 10, 2026. All application procedures can be completed through the online system:



*Applicants must complete the application form requested in No.1, upload documents requested in No.2-6, and provide recommenders' information requested in No.7. All documents must be submitted in English.

*Although applicants are not required to submit original documents (or certified true



copies issued by public institutions they were/are enrolled in) at the time of application, applicants who wish to be recommended to MEXT must submit the required documents during the designated submission period.

1. Completed application form

The application form can be completed by entering each section through [YNU Web Application System](#).

2. Official transcript(s)

For the Doctoral course, official transcripts showing the applicant's academic performance for both an undergraduate and a master's course attended should be uploaded.

For the master's course, an official transcript showing the applicant's academic performance for an undergraduate course attended should be uploaded.

Transcript(s) should be uploaded as a file with your grades/scores and credits clearly readable and include the grading scale of the university/graduate school attended.

3. Academic Performance Entry Sheet

Applicants are required to download the sheet below, read the notes in it carefully and fill in relevant information from 2) Official transcript(s) for all academic years of the last university attended.

[Academic Performance Entry Sheet](#)

4. Certificates of Graduation or Diploma

For the Doctoral course, certificates of graduation or diplomas including the titles of Bachelor's and Master's degrees should be uploaded.

For the Master's course, a certificate of graduation or a diploma including the title of Bachelor's degree should be uploaded.

5. English Proficiency Test Score (TOEFL/IELTS) / Certificate of English Proficiency

Since the entire program is carried out in English, applicants must be proficient in English language and so should upload the official certificate of English proficiency which meets one of the following conditions:

[1] To have obtained an official English Proficiency Test Score (TOEFL/IELTS) that is equivalent to CEFR level B2 or higher.

A certificate of English Proficiency Test Score should show scores for each of all four skills: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Score obtained within 2 years is valid.

[2] To have been awarded or to be awarded a Bachelor's degree (in case of applying for a Master's program) or a Master's degree (in case of applying for a Doctoral program) by an institution where the medium of instruction was English.

* YNU academic staff may interview the applicants online for the purpose of



ascertaining their proficiency in English.

6. Research Plan (within 5 pages, including the abstract)

A research plan should be within 5 pages in an A4 size PDF/Word file.

The first 1/3 portion of the first page should consist of the abstract.

The research plan should be in detail and with specifics - particularly concerning the ultimate goal(s) of your research at YNU.

The research plan should include the applicant's academic background and research methodology.

7. Names and Contact Information of Recommenders

Names and contact information of two different recommenders to support the application must be provided. Each applicant must provide the official institutional email addresses of two recommenders. Recommendation requests will be sent electronically to these addresses. Letters submitted from private email accounts (e.g., Gmail or Yahoo! Mail) will not be accepted unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Recommenders should be notified in advance that they will receive a request by email to write a recommendation letter. The deadline for submitting recommendation letters from recommenders is the same as the application deadline. Applicants are requested to prepare their application well in advance.

Notes:

- Late or insufficient applications will not be considered.
- Applicants must apply through [YNU Web Application System](#).
Handwritten applications or applications sent by post, fax, or e-mail will not be accepted.
- Applicants are NOT required to contact professors/advisors in the Department of Civil Engineering or obtain their approval/acceptance prior to the application.
- If any forgery or false declaration is found in the application documents, the students will be subject to disciplinary action by YNU, which includes expulsion from the university.
- These application guidelines are subject to change by the guidelines of the MEXT.
Also, the application period may be shortened due to an unpredictable situation.
Please prepare the required documents as early as possible.

Selection Procedure

Selection will be made by the Program based on the submitted documents through the YNU online web application system. The evaluation of applications will be based on the applicant's academic achievements in earlier degrees and research potential assessed



from academic documents, recommendation letters, the field of interest, and the research plan.

During the selection process, the shortlisted candidates might be asked for an interview by email/online or other suitable means. The result of the selection will be notified to the applicant on [our website](#) by the beginning of February 2027.

The selected applicants will be asked to fill out more detailed application forms and other documents for the official procedure. The lists of candidates selected by the Program should be sent to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) for final approval. The Program will announce the final selection result to the applicants selected to be enrolled in Yokohama National University. Final Scholarship confirmation from MEXT will be notified by the end of July 2027.

Outline of MEXT scholarship

For information about MEXT scholarships, such as the scholarship stipend, please visit [this website](#) for the Ministry of Education, Sports, Culture, Science and Technology.

Correspondence

E-mail Address for Inquiries about the application:

igsi.admi*ynu.ac.jp (Please replace *** with @)**

*Please do not attach anything unnecessary.

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