The Toshizo Watanabe Study Abroad Scholarship
渡邉利三寄付奨学金

For U.S. College/University Administrators

www.usjapancouncil.org/watanabe-scholarship
Outline

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• Application Components & Timeline
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• Dos and Don’ts for College/University Admins
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About USJC

- **develops and connects** diverse leaders to create a stronger U.S.-Japan relationship

- USJC **brings together leaders** of the United States and Japan from across backgrounds, sectors, and generations **to partner for a better future** for the Asia-Pacific region and beyond

- USJC invests in the **next generation** of leaders from the United States and Japan
The Toshizo Watanabe Study Abroad Scholarship

• Created in 2016

• Named for Mr. Toshizo Watanabe, a successful Japanese businessman who had a life-changing SAB experience in the United States

• Supports international study in either the U.S. or Japan

• Decrease financial burden of international study

• Give opportunity to those with leadership experience/potential & no previous int’l experience
About the Scholarship

• Award **up to** the full cost of attendance (COA)

• Undergraduate and graduate students

• Any field of study or major

• Minimum 1 semester ~ 1 year (*No summer or January term support*)

• Any or approved program/center (*no language schools*)

• U.S. → Japan

• Students with financial need (*determined by student not USJC*)

• No fixed scholarship amount
Who is Eligible?

1) U.S. citizens and permanent residents

2) Currently enrolled student in good standing at a high school, college or university in the US, or degree-seeking student currently studying in Japan

3) Will be in a credit-bearing, academic content course at a college, university or approved study center* **Language schools/Bridge Programs are NOT eligible**

4) Has financial need

5) Preference given to students who are:
   a) from single parent households
   b) orphans (or wards of the state)
   c) first-generation
   d) Those with no international experience
Application Requirements

- Online Application Form  
  *(Deadline March 7, 2022 US Eastern Time)*

- All materials in English

- Essay(s)

- Resume

- Recommendation letter (1)

- SAB certification form*

- Financial certification form*

- Transcripts *(optional)*

- Language proficiency scores *(not required)*

- No interview required
Scholarship Stats for 2016-2019 Cohorts

- 65% Female, 37% Male
- 91% Undergraduate, 9% Graduate
- Average Award: $11,023, Total Awarded: $1,190,386
- 47% from Single Parent Households
- 16% TOMODACHI Program Alumni

Data reflects 2016-2019 cohorts.
## Direct Costs of Attendance for International Study

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Calculating Need (i.e. How much to apply for)

Total Cost of Attendance (TCOA) – Total Existing Financial Resources you Have (EFR) == TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM WATANABE (ARW) // FINANCIAL NEED (FN)

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IMPORTANT APPLICATION COMPONENTS

**Personal Statement**
- Well-written and clear
- Address the prompts
- Follow the page limit guidelines

*Stand-out Essay* (optional)
- Chance for student to share unique feature/fact about self
- This helps committee to get a clearer sense of the student

**Previous International experience**
- Explain the context
- How will this time be different?
- Why should we support you going abroad again?

**Recommendation**
- English
- Address the prompts
- Position doesn’t matter, how well they know the student does
- Do **NOT** send more than one, it will not help and may harm
Online Application and Additional Information

Watanabe Application link: usjapancouncil.embark.com
Watanabe Scholarship Webpage: https://www.usjapancouncil.org/watanabe-scholarship/
FAQ page for Japanese applicants: https://www.usjapancouncil.org/ja/watanabe-faq/
## Application Timeline 2022-2023*

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<td>Feb. – March 7, 2022</td>
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<td>June 30, 2022</td>
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<td>July 1, 2022</td>
<td>Scholarship Disbursement Begins</td>
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*Schedule subject to change

- We only have one application cycle
  (If studying abroad only for Fall 2022 or Spring 2023, students must still apply for this cycle. Same deadlines apply.)
- Apply for study abroad between Fall 2022 – Spring 2023
- Link to the online application will be posted on our [Watanabe webpage](#)
- Scholarship cannot be deferred
What Makes the Watanabe Scholarship Unique?

- Can **reapply** for more than one year (degree-seeking students/graduate students)
- **Can combine** the Watanabe Scholarship with **other scholarships** (up to the full cost of attendance)
- **No repayment/work requirements** after the completion of your study period
- Can apply at **any stage** of study abroad planning
- **Students apply for the scholarship directly.** School has no role in the application process.
- Scholarship is **paid directly to the school**, not the student. (We prefer paying U.S. institutions)
- Scholarship is paid in **one lump sum**
What Makes the Watanabe Scholarship Unique? (cont’d)

• Connected to the U.S.-Japan Council Network
• Dedicated leadership opportunities during the SAB year:
  → Watanabe Leadership Weekend
  → U.S.-Japan Council Annual Conference
  → Regional USJC Events
  → TOMODACHI Program Opportunities
  → TOMODACHI Generation
For More Information

For FAQ page and any related updates, visit the webpage
http://usjapan council.org/watanabe-scholarship

For information not address in the website, please email
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