



# The Toshizo Watanabe Study Abroad Scholarship 渡邊利三寄付奨学金

*For U.S. College/University Administrators*

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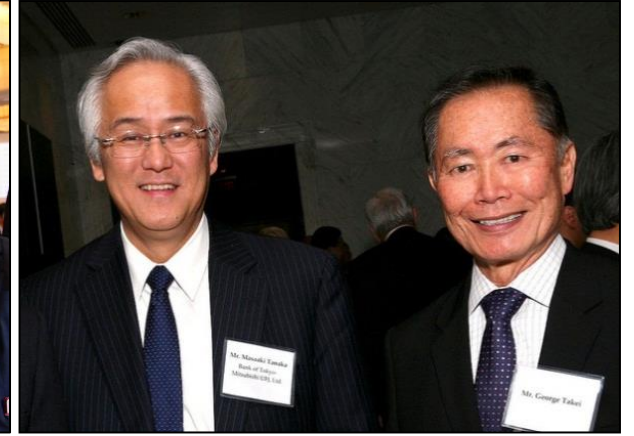
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# About USJC



- *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?

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- 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

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- 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

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63% 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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## APPROVED

- ✓ Program Fees
- ✓ Room and Board
- ✓ Health Insurance
- ✓ Books and School Supplies (up to \$1000/year)
- ✓ Travel (max \$1600)
- ✓ Miscellaneous (max \$1000/year)

## NON-APPROVED

- ✗ Home school tuition (U.S.)
- ✗ Domestic Travel
- ✗ Activity Fees (formal or informal)
- ✗ Work-Study
- ✗ Visa application/Passport Fees
- ✗ GRE/TOEIC/EIKEN/SAT/ACT
- ✗ Testing Fees

# 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)**

Total Cost of Attendance	—	Total Existing Financial Resources	=	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM WATANABE // FINANCIAL NEED</b>
\$ 0.00	—	\$ 0.00	=	\$ 0.00

FIN. AID TYPE	CAN IT BE APPLIED TO STUDY ABROAD?		AMOUNT		FIN. AID TYPE	CAN IT BE APPLIED TO STUDY ABROAD?		AMOUNT
<b>GRANTS</b>					<b>LOANS</b>			
Pell Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$		Subsidized Stafford	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
SEOG Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$		Unsubsidized Stafford	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
State Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$		Perkins	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Merit (College)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$		PLUS	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Need-Based (College)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$		Institutional Loan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$		Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$					
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<b>Total Grants</b>	\$				<b>Total Loans</b>	\$		

# IMPORTANT APPLICATION COMPONENTS

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## 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

**Japanese page of the scholarship**

**Overview**

The Toshizo Watanabe Endowed Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to undergraduates/graduate students for a semester or year-long study abroad program in either the United States or Japan. A generous endowment gift of \$10 million from Mr. Toshizo (Tom) Watanabe to the U.S.-Japan Council makes it possible to award scholarships to students for whom study abroad would not be possible without financial support.

The scholarship will support up to the full cost of attendance to the study abroad program of the applicant's choice. The scholarship program grants awards to recipients in amounts determined by financial need and other qualifications. 2020 marks the third year to support American students studying abroad in Japan, and the fifth year for Japanese students studying abroad in the United States.

**2020-21 Applications Now Available!**

**2020-21 Watanabe Scholarship Applications**

Applications are due on February 17, 2020.

**Frequently Asked Questions (For Study Abroad in Japan)**

Please join our mailing list for more information.

Welcome to the application platform for the Toshizo Watanabe Study Abroad Scholarship! To access the application, please create a log in.

Please note that each applicant must complete and pass the Eligibility Quiz (shown after you log in) in order to be eligible and apply for the scholarship. If you are an administrator, you must complete the Eligibility Quiz as well (you are able to view the application even if deemed ineligible). In order for us to keep an accurate count of the applications in progress, please make sure to select "Administrator" before viewing application content.

Email

Password

**LOGIN**

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## U.S.-Japan Council Watanabe Scholarship 2020-2021

Applicant Type
<b>Instructions</b>
General Information
Academic Background
Financial Information
Personal Statement Essay
Supplemental Materials
Register Recommenders
Review

### About the Scholarship

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The scholarship will support up to the full cost of attendance to the study abroad program/institution of the applicant's choice. The scholarship amount will be determined by the applicant's financial need and other qualifications.

*From 2018, scholarships will support Japanese and American students studying abroad in either the United States or respectively.*

### Eligibility

The scholarship will be awarded to college/university students who meet the following criteria:

1. U.S. or Japanese citizens
2. Currently in good academic standing at an accredited college or university in either the United States or Japan
3. Has applied, been accepted or plans to apply to a college/university or approved academic center outside of their country as part of a credit-bearing course of study

**Watanabe Application link:** [usjapancouncil.embark.com](https://www.usjapancouncil.org/watanabe-scholarship/)

**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\*

Date	
Feb. – March 7, 2022	Application Period (Online)
Apr. 20 – May 20, 2022	Finalist Notification
May 23 – June 3, 2022	Scholarship Decisions Announced
June 30, 2022	Scholarship Acceptance Deadline
July 1, 2022	Scholarship Disbursement Begins



\*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://usjapancouncil.org/watanabe-scholarship>

For information not address in the website, please email  
[watanabescholarship@usjapancouncil.org](mailto:watanabescholarship@usjapancouncil.org)