



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

For Japanese College/University Administrators

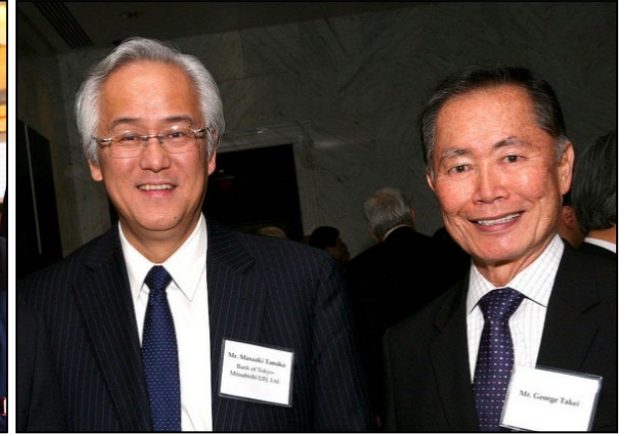
www.usjapancouncil.org/watanabe-scholarship

Outline

- **About U.S.-Japan Council & the Watanabe Scholarship**
- **Eligibility Criteria**
- **Application Components & Timeline**
- **Special Features of the Scholarship**
- **Dos and Don'ts for College/University Admins**
- **General Application Advice**
- **Final Questions**



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

About the 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**



Eligibility



- Undergraduate and graduate students
- Degree-seeking & exchange program students
- Any field of study or major
- Any school or approved program
(*no language schools*)
- A minimum one (1) semester up to one (1) year of study
(*No summer or January term support*)
- Japan → U.S.
- Students with financial need
- No fixed scholarship amount

Who is Eligible?



- 1) Japanese citizens and permanent residents
- 2) Currently enrolled student in good standing at a high school, college or university in Japan, or degree-seeking student currently studying in the U.S.
- 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

Application Requirements



* Templates provided in application

- Online Application Form
(Deadline February 20, 2023 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

Application Timeline 2023-2024*

Date	
Jan. 9 – Feb. 20, 2023	Application Period (Online)
Apr. 18 – May 18, 2023	Finalist Notification
May 22 – June 2, 2023	Scholarship Decisions Announced
June 30, 2023	Scholarship Acceptance Deadline
July 1, 2023	Scholarship Disbursement Begins

*Schedule subject to change

- **We only have one application cycle**
(If studying abroad only for Fall 2023 or Spring 2024, you must apply for this cycle. Same deadlines apply.)
- **Apply for study abroad between Fall 2023 – Spring 2024**
- **Link to the online application will be posted on our [Watanabe webpage](#)**
- **Scholarship cannot be deferred**



What is covered with this scholarship?

APPROVED

- ✓ **Home School Tuition** (max \$6,000/year)
- ✓ **Program Tuition & Fees**
- ✓ **Room & Board**
- ✓ **Health Insurance**
- ✓ **Books and School Supplies** (max \$1000/year)
- ✓ **Travel** (max \$1600/year)
- ✓ **Miscellaneous** (max \$1000/year)

NON-APPROVED

- ✗ **Visa application/Passport Fees**
- ✗ **Domestic Travel**
- ✗ **Activity Fees** (formal or informal)
- ✗ **Work-Study**
- ✗ **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	=	TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM WATANABE // FINANCIAL NEED
\$ 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
GRANTS					LOANS			
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	\$					
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$					
Total Grants	\$				Total Loans	\$		

IMPORTANT APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Essay (subject to change)

Prompt #1 (required)

- Motivation to study abroad
- Long & short-term goals
- Skills you want to develop during study abroad
- Financial barriers

Prompt #2 (optional)

- ❑ Chance for student to share unique feature/fact about yourself
- ❑ This help us learn what is special about you

Prompt #3 (required for some)

- Explain if you have previous international experience
- How will this time be different?
- Why should we support you going abroad again?

Recommendation Letter

- ❖ ASK YOUR RECOMMENDER IN ADVANCE
- ❖ Written in 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 your chances of getting the scholarship

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 Scholars Leadership Program
 - Regional USJC Events
 - TOMODACHI Program Opps
 - TOMODACHI Generation



For More Information



Check out the FAQ page and any related updates visit the webpage

<https://www.usjapancouncil.org/ja/watanabe-faq/>

<http://www.usjapancouncil.org/watanabe-scholarship>

Japanese Webpage ↓

<https://www.usjapancouncil.org/ja/watanabe-scholarship/>