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

For U.S. College/University Administrators

www.usjapan council.org/watanabe-scholarship
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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
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*)
• U.S. → Japan
• Students with financial need
• No fixed scholarship amount
Who is Eligible?

1) U.S. citizens and permanent residents
2) Currently enrolled student in good standing at a 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: February 20, 2023 Eastern Time
  (subject to change)

- 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*

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<td>Jan. 9 – Feb. 20, 2023</td>
<td>Application Period (Online)</td>
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<td>Apr. 18 – May 18, 2023</td>
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<td>May 22 – June 2, 2023</td>
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<td>June 30, 2023</td>
<td>Scholarship Acceptance Deadline</td>
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<td>July 1, 2023</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 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
### 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

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 Opportunities
  → TOMODACHI Generation
For More Information

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

http://usjapancouncil.org/watanabe-faq
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