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“Ajinomoto Scholarship for ASEAN+ONE International Students 2025”
Selection Scheme

I. Accepting applications (January - early March)

In Early January, six local subsidiaries of the Ajinomoto Group (Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam and Russia; hereafter “Local Subsidiaries”) will send the Application Guidelines to major universities in their respective countries and start accepting applications. At the same time, Local Subsidiaries will post the information about the scholarship on their websites.

Application deadline will be around early March.

II. Selection (Late March - July)

[1st screening] Late March - April

1) Screening by application document review, etc.

Policy on screening by application document review

- 1) The applicant should have attained a certain level of academic achievement (e.g. within top 5%, GPA 3.7 or higher) at the last university attended;
- 2) The application document should contain detailed and specific description of the applicant’s major, research plan, etc.

① Selection by Local Subsidiary (Late March - early April):

Local Subsidiary will form a screening committee and select about three applicants per country according to the above criteria 1) and 2) (by early April).

② Selection by Ajinomoto Scholarship Foundation (hereinafter the Foundation) (late April):

Local Subsidiaries will send the application documents (with a ranking of applicants decided by the local screening committee) to the Foundation, and the Foundation’s screening committee will screen the applicants by document review (late April). Using this result as a reference, Local Subsidiary will decide three successful applicants (late April).

[2nd screening and obtaining an informal consent of acceptance] May - July

◇ Graduate Schools that can apply:

☆ The University of Tokyo

- Medicine - Science

School of International Health

- Engineering - Information Science and Technology

- Agricultural and Life Sciences - Pharmaceutical Sciences

- Frontier Sciences - Mathematical Sciences

- Interdisciplinary Information Studies

(Emerging Design and Informatics Course, Applied Computer Science Course,
Biostatistics and Bioinformatics Course)

☆ Kyoto University

- Medicine - Science

Medical Science

- Pharmaceutical Science - Engineering

- Agriculture

- Human and Environmental Studies

Human Coexistence (Cognitive and Behavioral Sciences,
Mathematical Science, Interdisciplinary Environment)

- Energy Science - Biostudies

- Informatics

☆ Nagoya University

- Medicine - Science

Medical Science

- Mathematics - Engineering

- Bio agricultural Sciences - Environmental Studies

- Pharmaceutical Sciences - Informatics

☆ Institute of Science Tokyo

-Science -Engineering

-Materials and Chemical Technology

-Computing -Life Science and Technology

-Environment and Society - Medical and Dental Sciences
(Health Sciences and Biomedical Engineering)

☆ Ochanomizu University

- Humanities and Sciences

Life Sciences, Advanced Sciences, Human Centered Engineering

☆ Kagawa Nutrition University

- Nutrition Sciences - Health Sciences

☆ Waseda University

- Fundamental Science and Engineering
- Creative Science and Engineering
- Advanced Science and Engineering
- Environment and Energy Engineering
- Information, Production and Systems

1) Early May - early June

(Second screening and obtaining an informal consent of acceptance)

The selection committee of Local Subsidiary will review (e.g. interview) the successful applicants (about three persons) who passed the first screening, decide the top applicant and one or two substitute(s) and certify the top applicant as “a candidate for FY2025 Ajinomoto Scholarship.” (The substitute becomes a candidate when the first candidate fails to obtain an informal acceptance from the University). The local selection committee will instruct the certified scholarship candidate to obtain an informal acceptance for the admission in FY2025 from the host professor of the graduate school in which he/she wishes to enroll. The Foundation will issue “a certificate of status of candidate for FY2025 Ajinomoto Scholarship.” The scholarship candidate will then promptly obtain an informal acceptance according to the following procedure.

Procedure:

- ① Send an email including the following points to the host professor of the graduate school in which the scholarship candidate wishes to enroll:
 - a) His/her willing to enroll as a research student (or as a master’s course student) in April next year, and a request for confirmation that the laboratory is accepting international students;
 - b) Inform that he/she is a candidate for FY2025 Ajinomoto Scholarship, and a request for an informal acceptance prior to formal admission.
- ② Send necessary documents by email or other means and ask the host professor to review the documents to determine acceptance.
 - * When submitting the documents to the universities, it is advisable to use the scholarship application documents effectively to obtain an informal acceptance (in the form of letter, email, etc.).

In case:

- a) Email address of the host professor is not available
- b) There is no reply from the host professor to the initial email

It is advisable to send an inquiry email to the graduate school.

(Reference) The scholarship candidate must include in the email:

- a) name;
- b) nationality;
- c) present affiliation (name of the university attending/attended or employer);
- d) that he/she is a certified candidate for Ajinomoto Scholarship;
- e) wishes to be admitted to the university as a research student or a master's course student;
- f) that he/she has been instructed by Ajinomoto Scholarship Foundation to obtain a letter (or email) of informal consent of acceptance;
- g) name of the host professor from whom wishes to receive acceptance;
- h) field of study;
- i) proficiency in Japanese language; and
- j) proficiency in English and/or other languages (besides his/her native language).

◇ Special notes on each university

☆The University of Tokyo

- Graduate School of Science: a letter of informal consent of acceptance will be issued, but there is no process for prior informal acceptance. Admission is determined after submitting official application to the university.
- Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences: applicants may only apply to a master's course. As prior informal acceptance may not be needed in some cases. Applicant should contact international students section and check how to get admitted to the lab of the preferable host professor.

☆Kyoto University

- Graduate Schools of Human and Environmental Studies, Energy Science and Biostudies: examination for master's course is conducted in Japanese.
- Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies: research student applicants must have N1 level of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).

☆Nagoya University

- Graduate School of Science: examination for master's course is conducted in Japanese.
- Graduate Schools of Mathematics, Environmental Studies and Pharmaceutical Sciences: master's course applicants who wish to take the examination in English should consult prior in applying.

☆Institute of Science Tokyo

- All Graduate Schools except Medical and Dental Sciences offer master degree obtaining programs in English but should consult prior in applying.
- Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences: research student applicants must have N1 level of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).

☆Ochanomizu University

- Only women can apply to the program.
- Cooperative Major in Human Centered Engineering: examination for master's course is conducted in Japanese.
- Life Sciences and Advanced Sciences program: master's course applicants who wish to take the examination in English should consult prior in applying.

☆Kagawa Nutrition University

- Both men and women can apply to the program.

☆Waseda University

- In principle, applicants may only apply for master's course. (Scholarship is provided for two years.)
- Support to take Japanese language courses (at the Center for Japanese Language, etc.) will be provided unless it does not hinder the study.
- April enrollment only.
- Graduate School of Environment and Energy Engineering: applicants must have JLPT N2 level Japanese.
- Students who have completed less than 16 years of school education are not eligible for application.
- Those who are under 22 years old in April 1 of the enrollment year will not be admitted.

2) June - early July

(Second screening and obtaining an informal consent of acceptance)

The scholarship candidate should promptly notify to Local Subsidiary and the Foundation upon receiving the result from the host professor. Attaching the informal acceptance is necessary (e.g. letter, email) to the notification.

3) June

(Second screening and obtaining an informal consent of acceptance)

If the certified candidate cannot promptly receive the informal acceptance, Local Subsidiary will instruct the substitute candidate to follow the same procedure and obtain an informal acceptance (e.g. letter, email) by late July.

4) July

(Second screening and obtaining an informal consent of acceptance)

Local Subsidiary will have another interview with the scholarship candidate who has obtained the informal consent of acceptance, confirm the prospective

scholarship student and inform the result. In the interview, Local Subsidiary will confirm that the candidate has a clear objective and strong will to study in Japan and has been collecting information about the Japanese Universities. Notify the candidate that he/she has been selected as a prospective scholarship student.

III. Formal application

Local Subsidiary instruct the prospective scholarship student to promptly prepare necessary application documents and submit them to the university.