

**Fast Retailing Foundation
FRF Scholarship for Studying in Japan
(English Based Bachelor Program)**

Country: Vietnam

Fast Retailing Foundation (The Foundation, FRF) supports aspiring and ardent Vietnamese students who wish to study at Japanese universities, encouraging them to cultivate an understanding of the Japanese culture, harnessing and enhancing their gifts through intellectual exchanges as well as acquire the knowledge which they need in order to study in Japan.

The Foundation hopes that scholarship students (The Scholars, FRF Scholars) with a sense of mission will make a significant contribution to the development and growth of societies in Vietnam, Japan, and the rest of the world, and we look forward to working together to make our societies better places for the generations to come.

1. Qualifications and requirements for application

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship program, applicants must meet all the requirements shown below from (1) through to (11). The Foundation may make a discretionary decision on whether an applicant meets all the requirements in (1) through (11) and/or require the applicant to submit the documents/materials designated by the Foundation.

- (1) Applicants with an international perspective who have the potential to play a leading role in their respective field to contribute to the development and growth of society in Vietnam, Japan, and the rest of the world.
- (2) Applicants who have a clearly identified field, domain, and objective for studying in Japan.
- (3) Applicants willing to enroll in an undergraduate program in English at a university designated by the Foundation.
- (4) Applicants willing to make a positive commitment to understanding the Japanese culture and the Japanese language throughout their period of study.
- (5) Applicants willing to cooperate with the Foundation's activities in publicity, community building and other areas.
- (6) Applicants must have Vietnamese citizenship that is valid throughout their period of study in Japan.
- (7) Applicants who do not receive any other forms of grant-type scholarships, in principle.
- (8) Applicants who consent to receiving the Foundation's scholarship fund during their period of study in Japan.

- (9) Students who have graduated from high schools or who are expected to graduate from high school prior to university entrance.
- (10) Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements set forth by the targeted universities designated by the Foundation, and show academic ability and qualifications to be admitted to. Also Applicants must enroll into the university at the time indicated in 2. (2) and be aged 19 or under at the time of the enrollment.
- (11) It is desirable for applicants to have the academic ability of minimum or above the scores shown below in English language and academic examinations at the time of application for this scholarship program.
- Language test: TOEFL iBT 90 or IELTS 7.0
 - Academic test: SAT Score of 1450 or ACT 33 or IB 40 (predicted score)
or EJU Math (Course 2) and Science 340 or A-level A*AA

2. Designated universities

(1) Designated universities

- 12 universities offering English degree programs in Japan (see Appendix: List of Designated Universities in Japan)
- Each university has different application requirements and application and enrollment deadlines. Please be sure to check them by yourself before applying for this scholarship.

(2) Enrollment period

Spring or Fall 2026

(3) Graduation period

- The maximum length is five years starting from the year of enrollment.
- If there is a six-month preparatory Japanese language course or equivalent which is required prior to enter a regular course, the period is extended to five years and six months.

(4) Transfer to another university

- In principle, FRF Scholars are expected to graduate from the university they have enrolled in. The Scholars who wish to transfer to another program or course at the same university or to another university to further their studies must contact and consult the Foundation in advance.
- The Foundation will decide whether to continue the scholarship, etc. if the Scholar transfers to another university.

3. Outline of scholarship

(1) Number of students accepted

Approximately 10 students per year

(2) Payment conditions

The scholarship will be provided to those who meet all of the following conditions ① through ③

- ① Those who have passed the Foundation's final selection process;
- ② Those who, after passing the Foundation's final selection process, agree to the terms and conditions set forth by the Foundations within the time frame specified by the Foundation; and
- ③ Those who have passed the entrance examination of the targeted university designated by the Foundation, and confirmed to enroll into the university.

(3) Amount of the scholarship

The maximum amount of the scholarship is 4,000,000 JPY per scholarship recipient per year. The Foundation will calculate the necessary expenses for each university and provide the scholarship during the period of study at the university. The breakdown and details of the amount to be paid are as following ①,②, and ③, and other expenses to be covered by the scholarship will be determined at the Foundation's discretion.

| Item | Amount | Details |
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| ① Tuition and other fees | According to amount billed by the university | Examination, enrollment, and tuition fees required by the university. Insurance premiums designated by the university |
| ② Preparation support | 200,000 JPY | A flat, lump-sum payment to cover the costs of coming to Japan and starting up your life in Japan |
| ③ Monthly stipend | Hokkaido 128,000JPY Kanto area 160,000JPY Other 144,000JPY | To provide for general living expenses including housing costs, determined by region. |

(4) Duration of scholarship

- The duration of this scholarship shall be a total of four years until graduation from the university, excluding the period of leaves of absence.
 - If there is a six-month preparatory Japanese language course or equivalent was required

prior to enter a regular course, the duration is extended to four years and six months to cover such preparatory course

- For three-year-and-six-month early graduates, three years and six months is the duration of scholarship
- If a leave of absence will result in requiring extension in graduation, the Foundation will not pay for the cost of such extra period
- If a student takes a leave of absence in the middle of a semester, the scholarship amount that has already been paid at that point in time shall be considered as the entire payment for the semester in question
- If it is clear that the Scholar will take a leave of absence before paying tuition and other fees to the university, the scholarship and other benefits will not be provided

(5) Payment schedule

In principle, the scholarship will be paid after one has been accepted by a designated university, travels to Japan, opens a bank account in Japan, and officially enroll into the university. Applicant is responsible for all the expenses that need to be paid prior to the first scholarship payment.

(6) Obligations of FRF Scholars

FRF Scholars will be obliged to follow the conditions shown below from ① through to ⑪:

- ① Throughout the course of their studies, FRF Scholars are expected to pursue their studies with dedication towards contributing significantly to the development and growth of society in Vietnam, Japan and the rest of the world;
- ② As scholarship recipients of the Foundation, FRF Scholars are expected to demonstrate a commitment to playing a leadership role in various fields after graduation;
- ③ FRF Scholars must submit the following report documents to the Foundation promptly after the end of each semester during the scholarship payment period:
 - (a) Certificate of attendance and official transcript, and report for each semester (forms and details are to be notified separately)
 - (b) Other documents and materials requested by the Foundation;
- ④ If the Foundation determines that the report documents specified in ③ are inadequate, FRF Scholars must resubmit the reporting documents;
- ⑤ By the time they graduate from university, FRF Scholars are expected to achieve Japanese language proficiency of at least an N2 level at the Japanese Language Proficiency Test;
- ⑥ In principle, FRF Scholars are required to attend and actively participate in community activities (exchange programs, get-together meetings, info session etc.) organized by the Foundation;

- ⑦ FRF Scholars are required to keep in touch with the Foundation by e-mail. Applications or other means of communication designated by the Foundation;
- ⑧ FRF Scholars must promptly and without delay notify the Foundation of any change in their affiliation, current address, contact information, etc. at the university where they are studying, or of any significant changes in their living, health, studies, or research status. The guardian must also promptly and without delay notify the Foundation of any change in the guardian's current address, contact information, etc;
- ⑨ FRF Scholars will be required to have an interview for activity report every six months with the Foundation;
- ⑩ Upon graduation from the university, FRF Scholars must submit the following documents to the Foundation:
 - (a) Graduation report (format and contents to be notified separately)
 - (b) Graduation certificate and transcript (copy), and
- ⑪ The Foundation may inquire FRF Scholars about their career prospects after graduation from the university. FRF Scholars must respond to the inquiry.

(7) Publicity activities

- The Foundation may request FRF Scholars to participate in relevant events or cooperate in publicity activities (including the submission of videos and other materials).
- FRF Scholars will be asked to identify themselves as recipients of the Fast Retailing Foundation scholarship, as necessary, when they are interviewed by the media including magazines and newspapers. In addition, FRF Scholars must report to the Foundation, before or after such interviews, informing that they will be or have already been interviewed (including reporting to the Foundation of any articles published). The Scholars are also responsible for obtaining the permission of their university, as needed.
- When a scholarship recipient comes to know that his/her articles, photographs, etc. could be printed or otherwise featured by another organization, he/she must request the organization to clearly identify them as FRF Scholars.

(8) Suspension and return of scholarship funds

If a FRF Scholar is found to correspond to any of the items shown below, the Foundation may, at its discretion, suspend all or part of the unpaid portion of the scholarship. The Foundation may also demand the recipient and their guardians to return all or part of the scholarship funds paid up to that point in time, and the recipient and their guardians shall be liable for the return of the funds. The Scholars and guardians who are liable to return the scholarship funds must do so within one year from the date of the request. The parties in this case agree to submit to the

exclusive jurisdiction of the Tokyo District Court of Japan with respect to all matters arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions or the performance or breach of these Terms and Conditions.

- ① When the Scholar no longer fulfills the qualifications or requirements mentioned in 1;
- ② When the Scholar is expelled from the university he/she is enrolled in;
- ③ When the Scholar withdraws from the university he/she is enrolled in;
- ④ When the Scholar fails to follow school regulations or rules of the university he/she is enrolled in;
- ⑤ When the Foundation or the university determines that the Scholar will have difficulty graduating within the period designated in 2. (3), due to poor academic achievement, illness, failure to pay tuition and other fees by the due date, or other reasons;
- ⑥ When the documents to be submitted (or already submitted) by the Scholar to the Foundation are found to contain false statements (including false explanations concerning the submitted documents), or if a statement made to the Foundation is found to be false;
- ⑦ When the Scholar is found to have received other grant-type scholarships or grant-type one-time support funds from other sources (an application for other grant-type scholarships is excluded);
- ⑧ When the Scholar is found to have committed acts that the Foundation deems particularly inappropriate for as a FRF Scholar, such as personal misappropriation of scholarship funds payable to the university (including failure to pay tuition and other fees to the university), unlawful behavior, acts extremely offensive to public order and morality, or acts that damage the Foundation's reputation;
- ⑨ When the Scholar fails to fulfill the obligations of scholarship recipients as stated in item 2. Designated Universities or item (6) in 3. Outline of scholarship;
- ⑩ When the Foundation decides that the Scholar's behavior has not improved despite the Foundation's requests for correction; and
- ⑪ When an event comparable to any of the preceding items occurs.

(9) Use of photographs and videos of FRF Scholars, or other documents created by FRF Scholars

The Scholars shall agree to the following ① and ② for receiving the scholarship:

- ① The Foundation may, at its discretion and without compensation, use the photographs and videos of FRF Scholars taken by the Foundation, business operators to which the Foundation has outsourced operation (hereinafter, “contractors”), other related parties, or other scholarship recipients, or photographs, videos, texts, reports, etc. prepared by

the Scholars at the Foundation's request (hereinafter, “photographs, etc.”) in the media listed below, and may modify, delete, or otherwise change the photographs, etc. to the extent necessary for the Foundation for their use. However, if a Scholar requests the Foundation to discontinue the use of any materials the Foundation will either refrain from using the materials, discontinue their use to the extent possible, or instruct the contractors and related parties to discontinue their use.

- (a) The Foundation's public relations website or a dedicated website for FRF Scholars
 - (b) Print media for publicity purposes (such as the Foundation's pamphlet)
 - (c) Media which the Foundation considers to be conducive to the purpose of publicizing the scholarship program and community-building activities involving graduates of the scholarship program.
- ② The Foundation may use a FRF Scholar’s name or biography in any of the media listed above without compensation, subject to the prior consent of the student. In addition, scholarship recipients are responsible for obtaining permission from their respective universities, if necessary.

4. Selection

(1) **Schedule *all indicated in Japan Standard Time (JST), in 2025**

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| Registration acceptance | July 1 (Tue.)- August 4 (Mon.) 8:00AM * This will not be required if the same form is used for Application acceptance. Please follow the instructions on the Foundation’s webpage or on the Application form. |
| Application acceptance | July 1 (Tue.)- September 1 (Mon.) 8:00AM |
| Recommendation letter acceptance | July 1 (Tue.)- September 1 (Mon.) 8:00AM |
| 1 st round interview invitation | By September 22 (Fri.) |
| 1 st round interview | September 27 (Sat.) or 28 (Sun) whole-day *to be held at a venue either in Hanoi or HCMC |
| Final interview invitation | By October 6 (Mon.) |
| Final interview | October 10 (Fri.) whole-day *to be held at a venue either in Hanoi or HCMC |

(2) Notification of acceptance/rejection

- The Foundation will notify the applicant of the final decision on acceptance/rejection by **October 17 (Fri.), 2025**. The Foundation will not respond to any inquiries regarding the reasons for the results.
- If it is discovered after the notification of acceptance that the applicant does not meet the qualifications and requirements, the acceptance will be cancelled.

(3) Notes

- We will not accept any requests regarding the schedule of interview stated in (1). The interview may take from early in the morning to evening, therefore please make sure to make yourself available for whole day for the dates listed above.
- The schedule and interview method may be subject to change. The Foundation will not be held responsible for any disadvantages caused to applicants due to changes in the schedule.
- In each selection period, successful applicant may be asked to submit additional information or documents or attend extra interviews, if necessary. Please respond to such requests by the specified date.
- Please do not share any information related to the selection process that is not publicly available on the webpage, including email communications from the Foundation, with any outside parties. If you are found to be doing so, you may be disqualified from applying for this scholarship.

5. Fill out the Registration Form

Prior to applying for this scholarship, you may be asked to complete Registration Form. Please follow separate instructions for details.

6. Fill out the Application Form

To apply for this scholarship, please fill out the Application form during the application acceptance period.

All input language must be English.

The following is an overview of the application process, which is subject to change without notice, therefore please follow the instructions on the Application Form for actual entry.

(1) Basic information

- Name, gender, date of birth, nationality and address
- Contact information (telephone number and e-mail address)

- Name of high school, High school classification, location of high school, and (expected) date of graduation
- Family background and details (occupation, place of employment, guardians' country of residence, income of the guardians (parent, etc.) in 2024 (self-declaration))
- Academic background including overseas study experience
- History of overseas stays (excluding travel)

(2) Name of university/other scholarships to be applied to

- Name of universities to which you plan to apply
- Other scholarships for which you are applying/will receive

(3) Hobbies/ Qualifications/ Achievements

- Hobbies (up to 20 words)
- Qualifications/ Achievements (maximum 3, up to 20 words each)
- What do you want to enjoy while living in Japan? (up to 20 words)

(4) Essay

Essay #1 (150 to 200 words)

Tell us your dreams- the source of your zest for life, and passion for learnings. Please explain what you want to realize and why you are on a mission to make it realize.

Essay #2 (100 to 150 words)

Why do you need to come to Japan for pursuing your dreams stated in Essay 1.

Essay #3 (100 to 150 words)

Looking back over your life. Tell us about your experience – achievement, event, or realizations – that you truly feel has triggered your personal growth.

(5) Academic performance

- Grades for all periods from the start of high school to the present
- SAT, ACT, IB, EJU or A-level scores for those who hold academic score
*Superscores are NOT accepted
- TOEFL-iBT or IELTS score for those who hold English proficiency score
- Other language proficiency test scores for those who hold
- In addition, copy of official transcripts of all grades and scores entered on the form must be submitted to the Foundation by the time of final selection. Please follow the instructions

from the Foundation regarding deadlines and submission methods.

(6) Notes

- You cannot change or confirm the entered information once the application has been sent unless requested by the Foundation. Incomplete information may result in the applicant being excluded from the selection process. Make sure to check your entered details and save a copy of the entry information for yourself before sending the application.
- Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Make sure you allow sufficient time to send your application as increased internet traffic immediately before the application deadline may slow or hamper the entry of data.
- The submitted documents will not be returned to you. Please make a copy for safekeeping, if necessary.
- The information you provide in your application may be shared with the Foundation, the parties, contractors and individuals for our activities, including the selection process. The applicant is deemed to have consented to this item when they make the application.

7. Fill out the Recommendation Letter Form

- In addition to completing the application form stated in 6., a recommendation letter from a teacher at your high school is required.
- Recommendation letter must be submitted directly from a teacher in the manner specified by the Foundation. Submission by the applicant him/herself is not acceptable.
- Applicants themselves should ask their teacher to submit the recommendation letter in the manner instructed by the Foundation.

8. Contact information

Scholarship Program Officer, the Fast Retailing Foundation

FR-Vietnam_Scholarship@fastretailing-foundation.or.jp (English or Japanese Only)

Please note that we will not be able to answer any questions regarding the selection policy, the selection process, or the circumstances or reasons related to the selection results.