



Project for Future Researchers at IITH to Enhance Network Development  
with Scholarship of Japan Phase 2  
(FRIENDSHIP 2)

## **IITH-Japan FRIENDSHIP Scholarship 2**

### **Application Guidelines for 2022**

#### **Project Overview**

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) started the FRIENDSHIP 2 project in December 2021, following the FRIENDSHIP project and based on the agreement between the Government of India and the Government of Japan. The purpose of the FRIENDSHIP 2 project is to establish a sustainable platform for academic and industrial collaborations between India and Japan at IITH, expecting that human resources produced through the platform will continuously contribute to academic and industrial development both in India and Japan.

The FRIENDSHIP 2 project now offers **IITH-Japan FRIENDSHIP Scholarship 2 for doctoral study at Japanese universities**, exclusively for **graduates from master's programs of IITH in science and technology**. The scholarship aims to establish sustainable academic and industrial research collaborations between India and Japan through promoting joint research, joint supervision, and other joint activities during grantees' doctoral study in Japan as trainees of "the JICA Long-Term Training Program<sup>1</sup>".

#### **Availability and Term of Scholarship**

The scholarship is available for enrollment in Japanese Fiscal Year 2022 (April 2022-March 2023).

The term of scholarship is 3 years only for doctoral programs<sup>(Note)</sup>. No extension is admitted.

(Note) In some limited cases, JICA admits an additional 6-month scholarship for research studentship before enrolling as a doctoral student.

A research student must

- prepare for doctoral research under the supervision of his/her expected supervisor of the doctoral program, and
- must pass the entrance examination by the end of March 2023 (for April 2023 enrolment); otherwise, he/she will lose entitlement to the scholarship and need to return to India at the end

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<sup>1</sup> A program that provides trainees with opportunities to pursue higher degrees at Japanese universities. FRIENDSHIP Scholarship 2 has its purpose and activities, following the regulations of the JICA long-term training program.

of research studentship. In the case where the trainee does not follow this procedure, he/she must waive the airfare for return flight to India.

## **Number of Available Scholarship**

Maximum 10

## **Field of Study**

Any field of science and technology will be covered; however, priority is those where IITH and Japanese universities have actively collaborated during the FRIENDSHIP program from 2012 to 2020 and those that IITH emphasizes. Preparatory study of Japanese language is not necessary.

## **Eligibility**

- 1) Nationality: Citizens of the Republic of India;
- 2) Academic Background: Graduates or those who are to graduate by June 2022 from master's programs at IITH in science and technology;
- 3) Health Condition: Mentally and physically sound;
- 4) English Proficiency: Adequate for study in Japan;
- 5) Letter of Acknowledgement by both his/her supervisor at IITH and prospective supervisor<sup>(Note)</sup> in Japan

(Note) Applicants need to confirm with the prospective supervisor that the entrance examination is given **online**. The scholarship is available only for those who apply for and have obtained admission to one of the doctoral programs in science and technology offered by Japanese universities

### 6) Non-eligibility

- Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of payment of the scholarship
- Those who are to receive any other scholarship during the period of this scholarship

## **Financial Assistance Provided**

Tuition Fees; Living Allowance; Airfare; Insurance; and other allowances following the regulation of the JICA Long-Term Training Program.

## **Application**

Download and fill in the application form of the IITH-Japan FRIENDSHIP Scholarship 2 from the Japan Desk website; then submit a set of data files via e-mail to <[application.iith@gmail.com](mailto:application.iith@gmail.com)>

Followings must be attached:

- Certificate of Grade Point Average of bachelor's and master's degree
- Copy of Master's Degree Certificate or Letter of Completion from IITH

- Health Certificate from IITH
- Copy of Passport (If applicable)
- Acknowledgement Document (If applicable as part of Attachment 1)

**Deadline: 23:59 IST, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

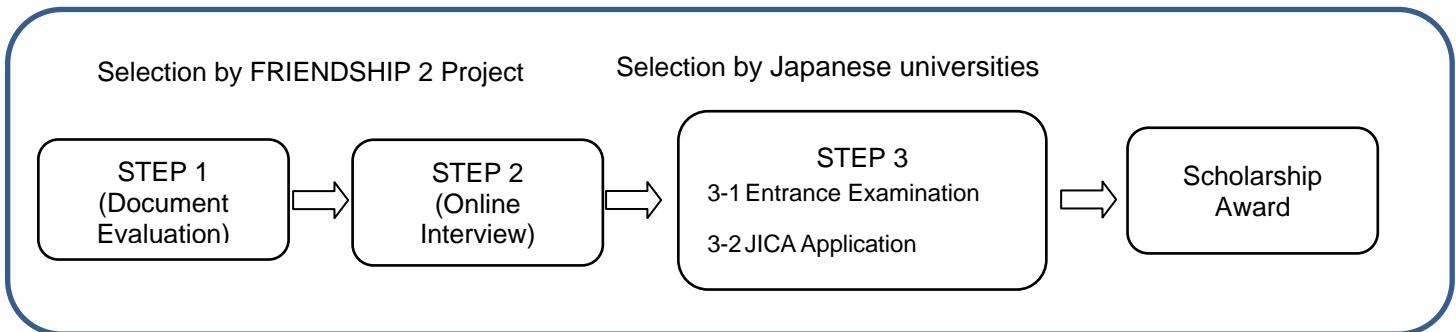
No late/incomplete/handwriting application is acceptable.

## Selection Procedures

Selection by FRIENDSHIP 2 project includes document evaluation (STEP 1) and interview (STEP 2).

Successful applicants of STEP 1 are invited to interview. Final candidates after STEP 2 proceed to STEP 3.

<Chart of Selection Procedure>



## Selection Criteria of STEP 1 and 2

- 1) Strong motivation to complete the doctoral program at a Japanese university and thereby contribute to academic and/or industrial research collaboration between India and Japan
- 2) Mutual understanding of the research plan between his/her prospective supervisor in Japan and guide at IITH
- 3) Potential ability to conduct research at Japanese universities, including research experiences with Japanese partners of his/her supervisor at IITH
- 4) Appropriateness of the research field and relevance of the research plan with ongoing and/or planned joint research in terms of establishing sustainable research collaboration with IITH

## STEP 1

The FRIENDSHIP 2 project selects candidates for the further steps through document evaluation and will notify each applicant of the result by the end of February 2022. Successful applicants should proceed to STEP 2.

## STEP 2 (February 2022): Successful applicants of STEP 1

Candidates are invited to an interview session given by the FRIENDSHIP 2 project to be held on either

21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. The interview is conducted online. Detailed information will be sent to each candidate via e-mail as necessary.

### **STEP 3 (April - May 2022): Successful applicants of STEP 2**

#### **3-1 Application for Japanese University**

Successful candidates are requested to submit an official application for admission to a Japanese university in accordance with the application<sup>(Note)</sup>.

The application fee is borne by the Project.

Only those who have successfully received an admission certificate to a Japanese university are awarded the scholarship.

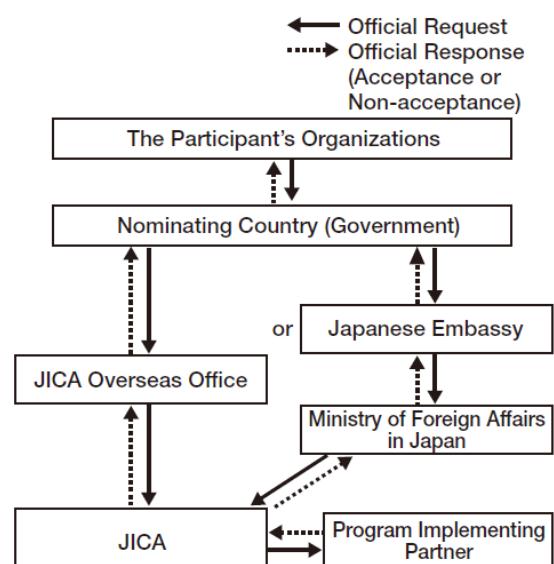
(Note) Withdrawal is accepted only before the end of March 2022, and only in the cases where both his/her supervisor of master's thesis and supervisor-to-be in Japan recognize it inevitable.

Should successful candidates withdraw from the scholarship, those who are on a waiting list will be successful and eligible to apply.

#### **3-2 Application for JICA**

In parallel with 3-1, the FRIENDSHIP 2 project will notify and request candidates to prepare and submit the JICA Application Form.<sup>2</sup>

This form will be shared with JICA and the Government of India, i.e. Ministry of Education and Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, which are nodal points of Japanese Official Development Assistance.



### **Further Information**

For any inquiry on the IITH-Japan FRIENDSHIP Scholarship 2, e-mail to <[enquiry.iith@gmail.com](mailto:enquiry.iith@gmail.com)>

### **Disclaimer**

The FRIENDSHIP 2 project makes every effort to ensure that the information provided on this page is accurate and up to date. However, the matters covered, including numbers of recipients, values, courses, availability, and structure of scholarship, are subject to regular reviews and renewed as necessary. Applicants are encouraged to address any inquiries in the first instance.

<sup>2</sup> Application Form of JICA long-term training program. Based on the application, JICA will send an invitation letter, which is necessary for the visa application as a student in Japan.