

Frequently Asked Questions regarding scholarship applications

- Q. I am not currently enrolled at a university / do not have a supervisor or equivalent. Who should I ask to provide my “letter of recommendation from supervisor or equivalent” as required for the application?
- A. Please obtain your letter of recommendation from a faculty member at the university you attended most recently. The faculty member should be involved in the academic field in which you majored, and should know you well.
- Q. Since I haven't moved to Japan yet, it's impossible for me to submit (12) Copy of Residence Card (both sides) by the designated deadline.
- A. Please submit all the documents except (12) Copy of Residence Card (both sides). You will be required to send us the Copy of Residence Card after you arrive in Japan.
- Q. Can I still gain admission to Kyoto University even if I am not selected for this scholarship?
- A. Yes. Selection for the scholarship and selection for admission are completely unrelated.
- Q. Are there any other scholarships that I can apply for?
- A. At any one time, you can only apply for one scholarship for which Kyoto University handles applications directly. Please also note that applications for most general scholarships are accepted only after enrollment (although some do accept applications from students who have been admitted but who are not yet enrolled). If you are not selected to receive the AFLSP scholarship, please contact the graduate school to which you are seeking admission for more details of other scholarships available.
- Q. Who is likely to be awarded the AFLSP scholarship?
- A. To find the answer, please read the purpose, the eligibility and selection criteria carefully. The websites of BXAI and AFLSP (<https://www.aflsp.kyoto-u.ac.jp/>) may also help.
- Q. When do the scholarship payments commence?
- A. Payments will commence on the month in which the recipient enrolls as a regular student at Kyoto University. The scholarship will be paid into an account held in the recipient’s own name at a Japanese bank. Recipients should ensure that they open a bank account in Japan prior to the first scheduled payment.
- Q. If I am not selected for the scholarship this time, can I re-apply in the future?
- A. If applications are to be taken, you will be allowed to apply. Please note, however, that students enrolling as regular students at Kyoto University in October 2026 will not be eligible.
- Q. I was selected as an AFLSP scholarship recipient, but I have subsequently been admitted to a different graduate school/program from the one I listed on the scholarship application form. Can I still receive the scholarship?

A. The selection committee will re-assess your application and determine whether or not you are still eligible for the scholarship. If you enroll in a university other than Kyoto University, or enroll as a non-regular student (e.g. as a research student), you will no longer be eligible.

Q. Am I eligible to apply if I am enrolled as a research student before enrolling in a degree-seeking program?

A. Yes, you may apply for the AFLSP scholarship if you will be enrolling in a degree-seeking program at Kyoto University in October 2026 after being enrolled as a research student (please note, however, the scholarship shall not be paid during the term for which you are a research student). For information on how to enroll as a research student, please contact your chosen graduate school.

Useful websites regarding studying at Kyoto University

- Kyoto University Website: Admissions Guide for International Applicants:

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/publications/admissions-guide-for-international-applicants.html>

- Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Website: Study in Japan

http://www.jasso.go.jp/study_j/index_e.html

- Bai Xian Asia Institute Limited

<https://www.bxai.org/>

- Kyoto University Website: Asian Future Leaders Scholarship Program

<http://www.aflsp.kyoto-u.ac.jp/>