

2021AY Meiji University Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy (Tuition Subsidy/Expenses Subsidy) Application Guidelines

International Student Center

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【Meiji University Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy (Tuition Subsidy/Expenses Subsidy)】

- “Meiji University Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy” is a subsidy to support students who participate in Meiji University’s study abroad programs based on University-wide/School level agreement (協定留学) or self-arranged study abroad program certified by the School or Graduate School of Meiji University (認定留学). The subsidy will be provided to students who are selected by internal screening and its recipients are not required to refund it. Those who wish to apply must read the application guidelines thoroughly and prepare the necessary documents and apply by the designated application deadline.
- There are **TWO types** of “Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy.”

(1) Tuition Subsidy:

To provide subsidy for the tuition fees, only for those who study abroad on a “Tuition-paying program.”

(2) Expenses Subsidy:

To provide subsidy for expenses, regardless of the type of the study abroad program (whether on “Exchange program” or “Tuition-paying program”).

- The eligibilities are different between (1) and (2) above.
- “(1) Tuition Subsidy” will be prioritized than “(2) Expenses Subsidy” in the fund.
- It is not guaranteed that all applicants will be selected as recipients. It depends on the number of applications of the year.

***Double Degree and Dual Bachelor’s Master’s Degree Programs**

Participants of Double Degree Programs and Dual Bachelor’s Master’s Degree Programs of Meiji University (both University-wide and School level) should also apply to this “Meiji University Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy” from 2021 onwards.

2 Eligibilities

(1) Tuition Subsidy

Those who meet **ALL** of the following conditions ①～④

- ① Those who have started or will start the study abroad by completing designated registration procedures at the host institution **between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 (start date of classes, not the departure date).**
- ② Those who are certified as “協定留学” (University-wide/School level) or “認定留学” (self-arranged study abroad program certified by the School) by Faculty committee of the School, Graduate School or Professional School of Meiji University.
- ③ **Those who can submit both invoice and proof of payment of the tuition by the designated deadline.**
- ④ Students whose cumulative GPA at Meiji University up to academic year 2020 is **2.00 or above for undergraduate students, 3.00 or above for graduate students.** (For the Graduate school of Professional Accountancy: 1.70 or above. For the first-year graduates: 2.00 or above with the undergraduate GPA).

【Notice】

- ※ “Meiji University Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy (Tuition Subsidy)” is not a tuition waiver system.
- ※ Participants of Academic Internship Programs of the School of Global Japanese Studies are not eligible for “1 Tuition Subsidy”. (They can only apply for “2 Expenses Subsidy”).
- ※ Participants of the programs whose period is approximately one month are not eligible for this subsidy.
- ※ For Double Degree and Dual Bachelor’s Master’s Degree Programs whose end date is later than the participants’ graduation from Meiji University, **subsidy will not be provided for the period after participants’ graduation.**
- ※ **For the academic year 2021, those who participate in online study abroad programs are also eligible for the Tuition Subsidy.**

(2) Expenses Subsidy

Those who meet **ALL** of the following conditions ①~③

- ① Those who have started or will start the study abroad by completing designated registration procedures at the host institution **between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. (Start date of classes, not the departure date.)**
- ② Those who are certified as “**協定留学**” (University-wide/School level) or “**認定留学**” (self-arranged study abroad program certified by the School) by Faculty committee of the School, Graduate School or Professional School of Meiji University.
- ③ Students whose cumulative GPA at Meiji University up to academic year 2020 is **2.00 or above for undergraduate students, 3.00 or above for graduate students.** (For the Graduate school of Professional Accountancy: 1.70 or above. For the first-year graduates: 2.00 or above with the undergraduate GPA).

【Notice】

- ※ Participants of the programs whose period is approximately one month are not eligible for this subsidy.
- ※ **For the academic year 2021, those who participate in online study abroad programs are NOT eligible for the Expenses Subsidy.**
“Online only study abroad programs” here means taking online courses from Japan or student’s home country without travelling to the host country. If you have traveled to the host country to participate in the study abroad program, you are eligible for the Expenses Subsidy. In that case, please submit a copy of either your passport with immigration stamp or a copy your round-trip flight ticket.

3 Screening Standards

- “(1) Tuition Subsidy” will be prioritized in the fund.
- If the amount of the application exceeds the budget of the year, “(1) Tuition Subsidy” will be prioritized and the applicants with higher cumulative GPA will be prioritized in the selection. In this case, “(2) Expenses Subsidy” will not be provided.
- Recipients of “(2) Expense Subsidy” will be selected according to the program type and academic records within the budget.

4 Amount of Subsidy

(1) Tuition Subsidy

【Double Degree and Dual Bachelor’s Master’s Degree Programs based on University-wide/School level agreement】

With the upper limit of the amount of **Academic Fees (学費)** of Meiji University, the **amount of Tuition** of the host institution for the same period will be provided.

If the Tuition of the host institution is higher than the Academic Fees (学費) of Meiji University	Amount of the Academic Fees of Meiji University
If the tuition of the host institution is lower than the Academic Fees (学費) of Meiji University	Amount of the Tuition of the host institution converted to JPY

【Other Programs】

With the upper limit of the amount of **Tuition Fee (授業料)** of Meiji University, the **amount of Tuition** of the host institution for the same period will be provided.

If the Tuition of the host institution is higher than the Tuition Fee (授業料) of Meiji University	Amount of the Tuition of Meiji University
If the Tuition of the host institution is lower than the Tuition Fee (授業料) of Meiji University	Amount of the Tuition of the host institution converted to JPY

【Notice】

- ※ Tuition and Fees of Meiji University: <https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/admissions/tuition/index.html>
- ※ Facility fee, Registration fee, Service fee etc. are not include in the Tuition of the host institution.
- ※ Meiji University will use to the latest official exchange rate designated by the Ministry of Finance Japan (日本国政府財務省告示「出納官吏事務規程第14条及び第16条に規定する外国貨幣換算率を定める等の件」) when converting the fees to JPY and any fraction less than 100 JPY shall be rounded off.
- ※ For the programs shorter than 1 semester: Tuition of the host institution and Tuition Fee of Meiji University for one semester will be compared.
- ※ “1 Tuition Subsidy,” will be provided after the payment to host institution is confirmed.

- ※ Receiving multiple scholarships: For the recipient of other scholarship(s) which is not required to refund (e.g. JASSO), subsidy amount will be adjusted to the extent not in conflict with the regulation of each scholarship.
- ※ If the period of study abroad program is shortened after the application/receipt of the subsidy, return of the subsidy may be requested.
- ※ If the duration of the program is 1.5 academic year or longer, student are required apply to subsidy each academic year.

(2) Expenses Subsidy

Selected applicants will receive the following amount (tentative).

For one academic year	200,000 JPY
For one semester	100,000 JPY
For less than 1 semester	50,000 JPY

【Notice】

- ※ If the period of study abroad program is shortened after the application/receipt of the subsidy, return of the subsidy may be requested.

5 Application Method and Period

Both of the following must be completed within the designated periods.

① **Online application** using Oh-o! Meiji questionnaire

9:00 Monday, July 5 to 17:00 Monday, December 20, 2021

Title of the questionnaire:

"2021 年度明治大学外国留学奨励助成金申請フォーム/Meiji University Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy"

*Questionnaire can be viewed and submitted only during the application period.

② **Submission of application documents** to Oh-o! Meiji Group page

By 17:00 Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Upload the required documents to the designated Oh-o! Meiji group page once you receive the instruction message via Oh-o! Meiji. (Instruction message will be sent within a few days after the completion of online application to December 22 at the latest.)

【Notice】

- ※ Any submission after the deadline will not be accepted. Make sure to complete both of the above within the designated period.
- ※ Online application and submission of the documents must be completed by the applicant him/herself.

6 Application Documents

Prepare the documents following the instructions below.

- Upload the required documents (A4 size, PDF) to the designated Oh-o! Meiji group page once you receive the instruction message via Oh-o! Meiji after the completion of the online application.
- Note that required documents are different between "(1) Tuition Subsidy" and "(2) Expenses Subsidy".
- **Incomplete application/documents will be excluded from the screening.** It is applicant's own responsibility to check the documents thoroughly before submitting.
- Website for the designated forms: <https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/financial/iyosei.html>

Required documents for Tuition Subsidy/Expenses Subsidy ①～⑥

① Meiji University Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy Application form (Designated Form)

- To be filled in electronically except for the signature.
- Make a scanned copy (PDF) after filling out and signing the form.

② Study Abroad Statement of purpose

- Must be typed in. A4 size two pages or less
- 900 words or more in English
- Make sure to add the number of words at the end of essay (if not, the document will be considered incomplete).
- Title the essay “Study Abroad Statement of purpose” and make sure to list your School/Graduate School, Year, Name on the upper right corner of the first page.
- Include the courses you plan to take as well as extracurricular activities and your goals of study abroad. (If you are applying after the completion of the program, you must also mention the outcomes and the changes in addition to your plans before the program.)

③ Scholastic Record downloaded from Oh-o! Meiji up to Fall semester 2020

- Official Transcript issued by automatic certificate issuing machine is not accepted.
- **It must be downloaded by the end of July 2021 from Oh-o! Meiji.**

④ Copy of the acceptance letter issued by the host institution

- Period of the program must be clearly stated and highlighted, otherwise the document will be considered incomplete. (Copy of I-20 or DS2019 is accepted for those studying abroad in the US.)
- If the document is in a language other than English or Japanese, translation by the applicant must be attached.

⑤ Request Form for Bank Transfer (Designated Form)

- The account holder must be the applicant him/herself and only Japanese banks are accepted.

⑥ Copy of the front cover and the first two pages of the bank account book.

- If there is no account book, copies of webpages, cash card etc. which cover all the items below must be submitted instead:

-Bank Name	-Deposit type	-Account holder Name
-Branch Name (or Branch No.)	-Account Number (7 digits)	-“フリガナ” of the Account holder Name

Additional documents required for Tuition Subsidy applicants ⑦・⑧

If you are unable to submit either of ⑦ or ⑧ or both by the deadline, consult with the International Student Office (global_p@meiji.ac.jp) via email before the deadline.

⑦ Copy of the invoice from host institution with the tuition stipulated

- If the invoice is in a language other than English or Japanese, translation by the applicant must be attached.
- The invoice must be addressed to the applicant (applicant’s name must show in the invoice).
- Highlight the tuition fee.
(Facility fee, Registration fee, Service fee etc. are not included in the “tuition”.)
- If you are using a study abroad agency and the invoice does not show the details of each fee, make sure to ask the agent to issue the additional document with the exact amount of the tuition fee of the host university. If the details are not provided, the application will be excluded from the Tuition Subsidy screening.

⑧ Proof of the payment of the tuition (receipt, transfer statement, etc.)

- If the document is in a language other than English or Japanese, translation by the applicant must be attached.
- If you are submitting the credit card statement as a proof, highlight the corresponding items on the list. (Irrelevant items can be blacked out.)
- If the payer is not the applicant him/herself or the guarantor, add an explanation of the relationship between the payer and the applicant in blank space.

7 Steps after the Application

- Screening result will be sent by postal mail from the International Student Office to your registered guarantor (if the guarantor lives abroad, the result will be sent via Oh-o! Meiji to the applicant). Please note that the university will not answer any questions concerning the screening result and its process.
- Schedule after the application is panned as below. (Note that this schedule is subject to change.)

Screening process	Early-February, 2022
Announcement of results	Late-March, 2022 (Tentative)
Payment	Late-April, 2022 (Tentative)

8 Obligation of Recipient

Recipients have the following obligations (1) - (3). **Recipients will be asked to return the subsidy if they fail to fulfill the obligations.**

- (1) **Must cooperate** with International Student Center by giving presentations at study abroad information sessions and orientations, contributing to university publications such as brochures and websites, participating in study abroad promotional events etc.
- (2) Must report on the study abroad program information accurately to the university, especially any changes in duration of the program after the application must be reported in a timely manner as the amount of subsidy must be adjusted accordingly).
- (3) Must submit the following two documents as instructed below once the screening results are announced.

[Documents to submit]

- ① Report of Program Activities (designated form for Meiji University Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy)
- ② Copy of the academic transcript issued by the host institution

How to submit: Upload to Oh-o! Meiji group page

Deadline: Mid-April, 2022 (TBD) *Details will be informed with the results.

※ Designated form of the “Report of Program Activities” can be downloaded from the URL below:

<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/financial/jyosei.html>

※ Submission of the above documents ①&② is obligatory for every recipient of this subsidy. Note that it is different to the documents required as a participant of study abroad program asked by International Student Office/School office.

9 Personal Information Policy

Personal information gained from the application will only be used for screening, payment and any administrative matter mentioned in this Application Guidelines.

10 Contact

Meiji University International Student Office (Study Abroad) [Izumi Campus]

Office Hours: 9:00-11:30, 12:30-17:00

Email: global_p@meiji.ac.jp

Phone: 03-5300-1542

- ※ Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays (excluding the designated class day on holidays).
- ※ Note that the office hours change during Summer, Winter and Spring Breaks.
- ※ Make sure to identify yourself (school, year and name) when contacting via email/phone.
- ※ Inquiries should be made via Email well in advance while the “Restrictions on Entry to the Campus” is in place.

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