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Exhibits & Events

Tuesday, May 7th
ARTbreak Talk: Watanabe Shozaburo: Reinventing the Japanese Print @ Kalamazoo Institute of Arts

Tuesday, May 7th
Chat @ Schuler Books

Thursday, May 16th
A Glimpse of Japan @ Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church

Saturday, May 18th
2019 MSU Workshop for Teachers of Japanese @ B-125 Wells Hall



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MEXT Research Studies Scholarship

Japanese Government MEXT (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship

Applications for the **2020 Research Studies Scholarship** are now available!

The MEXT Research Studies Scholarship offers university graduates the opportunity to conduct research in Japan. Studies for this scholarship are conducted at the graduate level and can be used to attain your Master's degree, a Ph.D. or to conduct research work.

Scholarship Includes:

- *Round-trip airfare to and from Japan
- *University tuition and fees covered
- *Monthly stipend for living expenses

Eligibility:

- *U.S. Citizenship (to apply through U.S.)
- *Bachelor's degree by April or October, 2020.
- *Desire to live and conduct graduate-level research in Japan/Willing to learn Japanese.
- *Able to arrive in Japan either April 1-7, 2020 or September/October, 2020.
- *Born on or after April 2, 1985.

Scholarship Term:

- *April, 2020 through March, 2022
- or October, 2020 through March, 2022

Application Deadline: **May 28**
(Not a postmark deadline)
Applicants must be available for testing and interviews: **June 5**

For more detailed information on how to apply, please see the guidelines at:
https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/ip/smap_stopi-applications_research.html

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MEXT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, SPORTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY JAPAN

Applications are now being accepted for the MEXT (Monbukagakusho) Research Studies Scholarship. This scholarship gives university graduates the opportunity to conduct research at the post-graduate level in Japan for a period of 1.5 to 2 years.

Applications must be received at our Consulate by Tuesday, May 28th (not a postmark deadline) and applicants must be available for testing and interviews which will held at our office on Wednesday, June 5th.

Application guidelines and materials can be found [here](#).

MEXT Undergraduate and Specialize Training Scholarship

MEXT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

Monbukagakusho (Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or MEXT) sponsors official scholarships which are offered to non-Japanese nationals hoping to study at a Japanese university or specialized training college in Japan.

There are currently two scholarship types available for high school graduates to study at the undergraduate level in Japan.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP	SPECIALIZED TRAINING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
<p>Spend up to 5 years at a Japanese university as an undergraduate student in the Social Sciences/Humanities or Natural Sciences.</p> <p>Requirements: *U.S. Citizenship (to apply through U.S.) *Completed 12 years of school *Born between April 2, 1995 and April 1, 2002 *Willing to learn Japanese *Able to arrive in Japan April 1-7, 2020</p> <p>Benefits: Full tuition, Airfare, Monthly Stipend</p> <p>Timeline: *Application Deadline: May 28 (not a postmark deadline) *Testing and Interviews: June 5 *Departure: April 1-7, 2020</p> <p>Application Website: https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/ip/smap_stopi-applications_undergraduate.html</p>	<p>Spend up to 3 years at a Japanese professional training school studying one of several fields: Technology, Fashion, Personal Care/Nutrition etc.</p> <p>Requirements: *U.S. Citizenship (to apply through U.S.) *Completed 12 years of school *Born between April 2, 1995 and April 1, 2002 *Willing to learn Japanese *Able to arrive in Japan April 1-7, 2020</p> <p>Benefits: Full tuition, Airfare, Monthly Stipend</p> <p>Timeline: *Application Deadline: May 28 (not a postmark deadline) *Testing and Interviews: June 5 *Departure: April 1-7, 2020</p> <p>Application Website: http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/ip/smap_stopi-applications_specialized.html</p>

For detailed information on how to apply, please see the guidelines at:
[Undergraduate Guidelines](#) or [Specialized Training Guidelines](#)

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Applications are now being accepted for the MEXT (Monbukagakusho) Undergraduate and Specialized Training College Scholarships. The Undergraduate Scholarship gives university graduates the opportunity to spend up to 5 years at a Japanese university as an undergraduate student in the fields of social sciences, humanities or natural sciences. The Specialized Training College Scholarship offers undergraduate students the opportunity to spend up to 3 years at a Japanese professional training school studying one of several fields including technology, fashion, personal care, nutrition and others.

Applications for both scholarships must be received at our Consulate by Tuesday, May 28th (not a postmark deadline) and applicants must be available for testing and interviews which will held at our office on Wednesday, June 5th.

Application guidelines and materials can be found [here](#) for the Undergraduate Scholarship and [here](#) for the Specialized Training College Scholarship.

Koinobori on Children's Day



Children's Day (*Kodomo-No-Hi*) is an annual event which takes place on May 5th in Japan. The holiday is a celebration of the healthy growth and happiness of children.

Families mark the occasion by hanging koi streamers called *Koinobori*. They are also often hung outside public buildings. According to a Chinese legend, a koi, or carp, swam upstream and became a dragon. Koi are a symbol of strength because of their ability to fight their way through powerful waterfalls. *Koinobori* represent the desire for children to become brave and strong individuals.

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