

RESEARCH CATEGORY 2019

1. Application documents (hard copies) must arrive at the Embassy of Japan, Canberra by **C.O.B (17:00 AEST) Friday 15 June 2018**. **Please note that we do not accept electronic applications.**
2. Recommendation letters should include your university/company's letterhead and signed by the referee. (Please note there is no prescribed form for this year's application).
3. If you are currently enrolled in university, you are required to obtain a letter from your university confirming that you are expected to graduate and receive your degree before embarking for Japan.
4. The Field of Study and Study Program should be written in English, however if you have sufficient Japanese skills you may also submit your proposal in Japanese.
5. A copy of your Australian passport or birth certificate must be included in your application documents.
6. Applicants must sit for the Japanese and English language exams. For those who wish to pursue predominantly Japanese language based studies such as language, linguistics, literature, history, law and/or other related subjects, such applicants must demonstrate enough proficiency in the Japanese language to pass the initial screening.
7. Examinations will be held on **Wednesday 4 July 2018 (TBC)** and short-listed applicants must attend an interview in **late July 2018 (date TBA)**. Please note that the examinations and interviews will be conducted in a number of cities in Australia. Interviews are not conducted in Japan or any other overseas country.
8. If you successfully pass your interview, you will be required to find three to four academic advisers from different universities in Japan under whom you would like to conduct your research and obtain letters of acceptance from these prospective advisers. To help you find suitable advisers, please refer to: <http://researchmap.jp/?lang=english>
9. Past examination papers are available for your reference: <http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/toj/toj0302e-32.html#1>
10. If you are submitting copies of official documents as originals, they should be certified by a Justice of the Peace.

11. The Certificate of Health must be completed by your GP prior to submitting your application. However, only successful applicants will be asked to undergo an X-ray examination.
12. The correct number of copies should be provided and **bundled separately (1 x original and 2 x copies)**. **Please do not staple** or put documents in folders as they need to be photocopied. Documents must be **printed single-sided only**. Place corresponding numbers ①-⑩ in the top right corner of each document.
13. For enquiries and applications:

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