

2024 UNHCR-Refugee Higher Education Program (RHEP) Meiji University (MU)

Requirements for Refugees Applying for RHEP at the **School of Global Japanese Studies, MU**
(For candidates with sufficient language skills for **pursuing a degree in English**)

1. UNHCR Refugee Higher Education Program: RHEP

UNHCR Refugee Higher Education Program (RHEP) is a program implemented by partner universities and coordinated by UNHCR Representation in Japan and Japan for UNHCR (hereinafter referred to as “the RHEP Secretariat”).

2. Outline and Eligibility

The program will select up to **two candidates** for recommendation to MU’s School of Global Japanese Studies (English course).

- 1) Faculty and Department: School of Global Japanese Studies
- 2) Number of refugee candidates to be recommended: maximum two (for completion of the degree in English)
- 3) Eligibility criteria: the candidate must -
 - a) be a refugee or a person in a refugee-like situation recognized by the Japanese authorities with a residency permit (excluding Japanese citizens);
 - b) have either successfully completed or is scheduled to complete by March of the admission year, a twelve-year course of formal education in Japan or another country, or is deemed by MU to have an education level equivalent to that of the average person who has completed such formal education;
 - c) have no other means of support for university studies;
 - d) understand that the objective of the program is for the selected candidate to commit to their studies diligently, and agree to maintain a satisfactory academic performance in their chosen undergraduate study course (the course duration will be a maximum of four years);
 - e) have **English language skills** sufficient for pursuing a degree from any of MU’s schools that offer a curriculum in English;
 - f) meet other criteria for applicants as stipulated by MU.

4) Scholarship:

MU will waive the student’s tuition and other admission related fees. MU will also fund a scholarship which may be paid to the student on a monthly basis as per internal regulations of the university.

In addition, if a student who has enrolled in this program wishes to continue to study at MU Graduate School, and passes the entrance exam with satisfying designated conditions, there is a possibility to receive the scholarship continuously. For details, please contact the RHEP Secretariat.

5) Schedule:

Process for selection of candidates to be recommended for admission by UNHCR and Japan for UNHCR:

• Application period for RHEP	From 7 July (Fri) to 2 August (Wed) 2023
• Written test	From this year's selection, RHEP will assess candidates' English written proficiency with English test scores.
• Interview	26 Aug (Sat) 2023
• Selection of candidates for recommendation to MU	The beginning of September 2023

Process for selection of candidates for admission by MU

• Submission of Application to MU*	From Tuesday, October 10, 2023 to Thursday, October 12, 2023 (please refer to the application guidelines of MU for details)
• Interview	Saturday, November 25, 2023 or Saturday, December 2, 2023 (please refer to the application guidelines of MU for details)

- Final results**

Between December 1 and December 13 , 2023
(please refer to the application guidelines of MU for details)

*After review, RHEP Secretariat will forward the required application form to MU within the agreed time-frame

**The program selects candidates for recommendation to MU, but the final decision as to which candidates are successful is made solely at MU's discretion.

3. How to Apply

1) Required Documents

<p>A. RHEP Application Form</p>	<p>The link to the application will be available on the webpage of Refugee Higher Education Program (http://rhep-japanforunhcr.org/en) from 7 July 2023 (Fri). Forms may change each year, so those who have previously applied to RHEP will need to send a new application with updated information using the forms specifically designed for the year of application.</p>
<p>B. Passport Photo</p>	<p>Please affix a passport photo to the first page of the RHEP Application Form.</p>
<p>C. Academic transcript (High School and University)</p>	<p>Official transcript from the formal educational institution of your last enrollment. Please ensure that the official transcript includes the information listed below. If you are unable to submit an official transcript, please submit a statement of facts describing your educational background, including the items listed below (around 1 page A4 size):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic results from the last three years of enrollment, including acquired credits, results, and brief description of the course contents. • Attendance record (indicate any reasons for a long term absence from your classes). • Notable extracurricular activities. • Academic and/or student activity awards and other recognitions. <p>Type of academic institution (Public, private, NGO run institution, etc.), location of the institution, and official language used during the course. Depending on the university of your choice, an official school report (<i>chosasho</i>) may be requested if you have graduated from a Japanese school. Please prepare in advance.</p>
<p>D. Academic transcript of Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)</p>	<p>All applicants must sit the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Student (EJU), operated by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), and submit a Photocopy of Score Report as follows.</p> <p>One copy of the Score Report for the EJU on the subject of "Japan and the World" is required (essential).</p> <p>※If you do not have a history of taking the EJU, please apply for the 2nd examination in 2021 and submit us your proof of application (and submit us your results).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date of the examination must be within two years from the date of application. • Applicants must sit the examination in the language in which the applicant aims to complete the degree (English). <p>*The EJU is operated by JASSO.</p> <p>Please pay close attention to the dates of the EJU and the application deadline of this program, and take the EJU well in advance. In cases where the applicant has not yet undertaken the EJU examinations and cannot provide the required EJU Score Report with their application materials, the applicant should individually contact RHEP Secretariat prior to submitting their application.</p>
<p>E. Proof of English language proficiency (Mandatory)</p>	<p>There is no English language requirement in applying for the English Track (English course) at the School of Global Japanese Studies. However, it is preferable that applicants have sufficient English skill of either of TOEFL iBT® score of 80 or above, IELTS score of 6.0 or above, or Cambridge ESOL Exam169 above to understand lectures conducted in English.</p>
<p>F. Performance report of non-formal education (Vocational training, and others) where applicable</p>	<p>Official transcript of results from non-formal educational/vocational institutions where such studies/training have been undertaken. Please ensure that the official transcript includes the information below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance results from the last three years of enrollment, including acquired credits, results, and brief description of the course contents. If the course is shorter than three years, the report must cover the entire period from admission to completion. • No submission is required where such report is difficult to obtain. • Attendance record (indicate reasons for any long term absence from classes) • Extracurricular activities and other volunteer activities linked with the objectives of the enrolled educational/vocational program.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance and/or student activity awards and other recognitions. <p>There are no specified formats for this requirement.</p>
G. One Letter of Recommendation	The letter should be about 1 to 2 pages (A4 size). Please have the referee enclose the letter in an envelope with his/her signature on the seal of the envelope. On the surface of the envelope, please have the referee write the name of the applicant and "Recommendation Letter for the RHEP Application" and hand it to the refugee applicant. The referee must not be a relative of the applicant.
H. Proof of Legal Status	<p>(Note: Please DO NOT send originals. Send only copies.)</p> <p>Applicants must submit BOTH documents a) and b), as well as ONE of the documents listed below from c) to e).</p> <p>a) Documents certifying your residency status; and</p> <p>b) Residency card or resident registration form (<i>juminhyo</i>) which indicates the whole family unit;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>c) Certificate of Refugee Status; or</p> <p>d) The Certificate of Settlement Record by the Refugee Assistance Headquarters (for Indo-Chinese refugees); or</p> <p>e) Other documents certifying refugee-like status (for who were granted special permission to stay on the bases of humanitarian considerations, a letter from your lawyer, NGO or other third party who supported you or your family member with the refugee-like status (e.g. your parent) during the time of the refugee application, outlining the application history and describing the reasoning for the result of your/your family's refugee application).</p>
I. Proof of Family's Financial Situation	Applicants must submit documents indicating all the income of members of the family who contribute to the household finances, including his/her father, mother, and him/herself (e.g. tax-income certificate, statement of earnings, etc.). This should be based on earnings from the year before the application. Applicants should indicate the amount of financial support they receive from persons under a duty to support such as relatives (allowance etc.), and if relevant, the amount of scholarship, fellowship, private support, livelihood protection and/or social security payments being received.

- Please send the required documents to the following address by Simplified registration (*kanni-kakitome*). On the front of the envelope, please write in red "RHEP Application Enclosed".
- Applications should be postmarked on or before the below deadline. Application forms that arrive after the due date will not be accepted. Interested candidates are advised to send the package well in advance to avoid late applications.
- Note that application packages will not be returned.
- Please refrain from sending numerous applications.

2) **Application Deadline: 2 August (Wed) 2023 (postmarked)**

3) Please submit applications by Simplified registration (*kanni-kakitome*) to:

c/o Japan for UNHCR

6F Minami Aoyama HY Building, 7-3-6 Minami Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-0062

4. Selection of candidates to be recommended to MU

The process for the selection of candidates to be recommended will include screening of application materials, examination, and interview.

1) Application Screening:

Application period: **7 July (Fri) and 2 August (Wed) 2023**

Please note that applications that arrive after the due date will not be accepted in principle.

A notification letter, indicating whether or not they have been short listed, will be sent by RHEP Secretariat by the middle of August via mail.

2) Examination:

RHEP will assess candidates' English written proficiency with English test scores.

3) Interview:

■ Date and Time: **26 September (Sat) 2023**

■ Location: Online (For details, see the admission ticket for examination that will be distributed to applicants who have passed the document screening.)

The interview date stated above is yet to be confirmed. For the exact date, please refer to the convocation letter and the admission ticket for examination

The final results will be available at the beginning of September via mail.

- Inquiries regarding admission result will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- The final decision as to the candidate who is to be recommended to MU will be made by the selection committee, consisting of UNHCR and Japan for UNHCR staff, individuals with educational backgrounds/NGO staff and affiliates from language schools. (TBC)
- Based on the discretion of the selection committee, regardless of the number of applicants, not all places may be filled.

5. Recommendation to MU and selection by MU

Information regarding the selection process by MU will be provided to the selected candidate of RHEP at a later date. The final decision as to which candidates are successful is solely at MU's discretion.

Accepted students will be asked to fulfill their commitment and responsibilities set by UNHCR as RHEP scholarship students. The students will be required:

- ① to submit progress reports to UNHCR twice a year;
- ② to regularly participate in follow-up meetings and interviews after graduating from the university; and
- ③ to undertake at least one RHEP project (e.g. participate in a seminar as a speaker) during the time of their studies.

*Details of the abovementioned-reports/assignments will be provided by UNHCR after students are accepted by the university.

6. Notice and Disclaimer

For the purposes of equity, UNHCR / Japan for UNHCR and the selection committee will not respond to inquiries about the application screening process, the content of the examination, and matters relating directly to the result. Furthermore, as the RHEP selection is undertaken by UNHCR and Japan for UNHCR, please do not contact Meiji University regarding the program and selection process.

For candidates who have applied for a university located far from your residence, you may need to move at your own cost from your current place of residence at the time of application. In addition, depending on the academic year and desired school or faculty, the location of your campus may change. Please consult carefully with your family (especially if you are a minor) and/or employer when choosing a university and academic program before applying to this program.

UNHCR and Japan for UNHCR will protect personal information in conformity with the relevant confidentiality policies. UNHCR and Japan for UNHCR will only refer to the applicants' personal information when it is necessary for carrying out operations, including reviewing the program and its outcomes, and gathering statistical data for conducting publicity activities. Applicants' personal information will only be shared with partner universities as and when it is necessary, in order for candidates' recommendation to the relevant university.

*From 2016, the program is coordinated by UNHCR Representation in Japan and Japan for UNHCR.