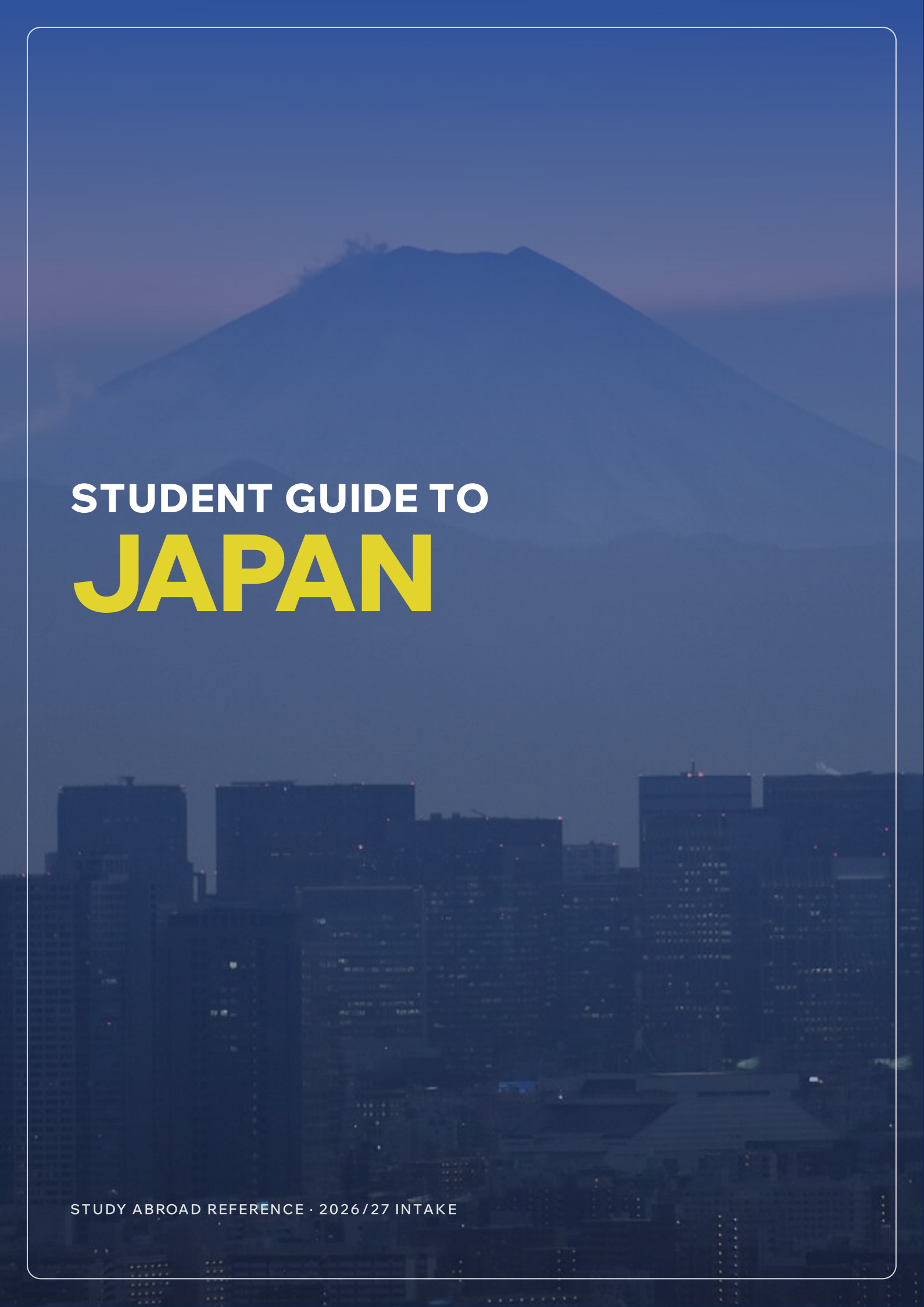




STUDENT GUIDE TO **JAPAN**

STUDY ABROAD REFERENCE · 2026/27 INTAKE

ABOUT JAPAN

- Japan blends **cutting-edge technology** with deep tradition, with **Tokyo** as the capital.
- Home to around **124 million people** and a global leader in **engineering and robotics**.
- **University of Tokyo and Kyoto** rank among the **world's best**.
- A growing number of **English-taught** degrees (Global 30 / SGU).
- The **Japanese Yen (¥ / JPY)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:



INDIA TO JAPAN

CURRENCY

Japanese Yen (¥ / JPY) · 1 JPY ≈ ₹0.57 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 8h 00m	Japan
Mumbai	≈ 9h 30m	Japan
Bengaluru	≈ 9h 00m	Japan
Chennai	≈ 8h 30m	Japan
Hyderabad	≈ 9h 00m	Japan



FACTS

- Capital: **Tokyo**
- Flight distance: ~6,000 km
- Time zone: **JST (UTC+9)**
- Tuition: ¥535,800–1,500,000 / yr
- Proof of funds: ~¥2,000,000
- Main intakes: **Apr · Sep/Oct**

National-university tuition is a flat rate; private universities cost more. Figures indicative.

WHY STUDY IN JAPAN?



Low national-
university tuition
(~¥535,800 / yr).



World-leading
engineering and
robotics.



1-year job-hunting
visa after
graduation.



MEXT scholarships
— fully funded.



Japan offers **affordable national universities**, **world-class engineering** and a **1-year job-hunting visa**.

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- Japan has national, public and private universities plus specialist schools.
- They fall into three broad groups:



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

State-funded, low tuition, research-led.



PUBLIC & PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

A broad range including Waseda and Keio.



PROFESSIONAL & LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

Vocational and Japanese-language study.



University of Tokyo
From to modern tech campuses.

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- Japan hosts several **globally recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based** and competitive.

University of Tokyo

TOKYO

Japan's highest-ranked university.

Kyoto University

KYOTO

Renowned for research and Nobel laureates.

Osaka University

OSAKA

Strong in science and engineering.

Tohoku University

SENDAI

Materials science and research.

Waseda University

TOKYO

Leading private university.

Science Tokyo (Tokyo Tech)

TOKYO

Elite science and technology institute.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- Japan is renowned for **engineering, robotics and technology**.



ENGINEERING & ROBOTICS

World leaders in robotics.



COMPUTER SCIENCE & AI

Software, data and AI.



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

International business and MBA.



JAPANESE STUDIES

Language and cultural studies.



DESIGN & ANIMATION

Art, design and animation.



LIFE SCIENCES

Biotech and medical research.

TUITION & COSTS

- National universities charge a **flat, low tuition**; private universities cost more.

National universities
per year

¥535,800

Public universities
per year

¥535,800–650,000

Private universities
per year

¥800,000–1,500,000

Admission fee
one-off

~¥282,000

Proof of funds

~¥2,000,000



MEXT scholarships cover full tuition plus a monthly stipend for selected students.

COST OF LIVING

- Tokyo is the priciest; regional cities are **much cheaper** to live in.

Accommodation dormitory / shared	¥30,000–70,000
Food & groceries	¥30,000–40,000
Transport commuter pass	¥8,000–12,000
Health insurance national scheme	~¥2,000
Phone, internet & leisure	¥15,000–25,000
Estimated monthly total	~¥90,000–140,000

Figures indicative for 2026 — costs vary between the capital and smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- MEXT and JASSO scholarships plus university waivers help fund study in Japan.

MEXT**GOVT**

Fully funded government scholarships.

JASSO Honors**GOVT AGENCY**

Monthly stipends for privately funded students.

University Waivers**INSTITUTIONAL**

Tuition reductions for strong applicants.

Private Foundations**FOUNDATIONS**

Additional scholarships and grants.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling with a strong Class 12 record.
- **IELTS 6.0 / TOEFL** for English-taught, or **JLPT N2** for Japanese-taught.
- Entrance exam (EJU) for some programmes.
- Apply directly to each university.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a related field.
- **IELTS 6.0+** or **JLPT** proficiency.
- A research plan and a prospective supervisor.
- Recommendation letters.

INTAKES

- **April** — main intake for most programmes
- **September / October** — intake for many English-taught courses
- **Rolling** — language schools start several times a year

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

ADMISSION & COE

The university applies for your Certificate of Eligibility.

2

VISA APPLICATION

Apply at the Japanese consulate with your COE.

3

DOCUMENTS & PHOTOS

Submit the required documents and photos.

4

APPROVAL & TRAVEL

Receive your visa and travel to Japan.

5

RESIDENCE CARD

Collect your residence card on arrival.

6

HEALTH INSURANCE

Join the national health insurance scheme.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Students may work **28 hours a week**; graduates get up to **1 year** to job-hunt under Designated Activities.

Part-Time Work

28 HRS/WEEK

Permitted with a work-outside-status permit.

Job-Hunting Visa

UP TO 1 YEAR

Designated Activities visa to seek work.

Work Visa

SKILLED ROUTE

Engineer / Specialist in Humanities status.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

IT, engineering and manufacturing.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose universities and English-taught programmes.

2

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

Transcripts, IELTS / JLPT, and a research plan.

3

APPLY

Apply directly to each university.

4

ADMISSION & COE

Accept your offer; the university files your COE.

5

VISA

Apply at the Japanese consulate with your COE.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange housing and prepare to travel.



Your Japan study journey — one step at a time.