



**GUIDELINES FOR
JCCI SINGAPORE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS TO
WASEDA UNIVERSITY & INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (ICU)
ONE-YEAR STUDY PROGRAMME 2027/2028**

The Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (JCCI) Singapore Foundation established this scholarship programme in 1995 to commemorate Singapore's 30th Year of National Independence and the 5th Anniversary of the JCCI Singapore Foundation. The aim is to provide young Singaporeans with the opportunity to study in Japan, promote exchanges between Singapore and Japan, and build deeper friendships between the people of the two nations. The awarded scholar is expected to act as a diplomat, fostering bilateral relations during and after the programme.

Currently, JCCI is offering scholarships to local undergraduates for a one-year study programme in Japan, in cooperation with the **School of International Liberal Studies of Waseda University** and **International Christian University (ICU)**.

Scholarship Details:

- **Duration:** August 2027 - July 2028
- **Full Coverage:** Two-way air ticket, tuition fees, living expenses, designated accommodation by JCCI, and study incentive. No bond attached.

School of International Liberal Studies (SILS), Waseda University: A private institution in Shinjuku-ku of Tokyo, established in 1963 for foreign students, offering courses in English and various levels of Japanese language courses. More information can be found [here](#).

International Christian University (ICU): Founded in 1953, located in Mitaka of Tokyo, ICU is Japan's pioneer Liberal Arts College, offering 31 majors. The programme emphasizes small-group education and bilingualism. More information can be found [here](#).

Applicant Criteria:

- Genuine interest in Japan
- Must be a Singapore citizen
- Must be an undergraduate at the point of admission to the university in Japan
- Must be a Year 2 or above student at a local autonomous university, and must not be graduating in 2027 or earlier.
- Minimum GPA of 3.75 on a 5.0 scale
- Basic knowledge of Japanese preferred but not a must
- Physically and mentally healthy
- Must be able to attend the Round 1 and Round 2 interviews in person on the dates stipulated by the Foundation.

Interview Schedule (In-Person Attendance Required)

- **Round 1:** Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be invited to participate in an in-person group discussion on **Friday, 25 September 2026**.
- **Round 2:** Applicants shortlisted from Round 1 will be invited to attend an individual in-person interview on **Tuesday, 13 October 2026**.
- More details will be communicated closer to the respective dates.

Other Conditions:

- Applicants should check the credit transferability and verify the terms for Leave of Absence with their home university before applying for this scholarship.
- Awarded scholars will be invited to attend a scholarship presentation ceremony on 4 December 2026.
- Scholars should be prepared to depart for Japan between the last week of August and mid-September 2027.
- Full attendance for all lectures is required, and the official transcript must be submitted to JCCI upon completion of the one-year study programme.
- Scholars must submit a study report and deliver a post-study presentation upon returning to Singapore.
- Scholars are expected to assist in JCCI activities when required.

Application Instructions:

1. Complete the **Application Form & PDPA Form** and **email it together with the following documents** to ringo@jcci.org.sg by **11:59 PM on Friday, 18 September 2026**:
 - a) Birth certificate
 - b) Official transcripts (from secondary school to university)
 - c) Testimonials and educational certificates (if any)
 - d) An essay (approx. 500 words) addressing the following questions:
 - What interests you most about Japan?
 - What attracts you to the idea of studying in Japan compared to other countries?
 - What are your objectives for studying in Japan?
2. Arrange for a **Recommendation Letter** from a dean, department head, academic advisor, instructor, or workplace supervisor and the letter is **to be emailed by the recommender** to ringo@jcci.org.sg by **11:59 PM on Friday, 18 September 2026**.
3. Applications will be deemed invalid if any required emails are received after the deadline.
4. For enquiries, email Ms. Ringo Lee at ringo@jcci.org.sg

