

For this survey, you will be asked to complete an online questionnaire.

Please choose from either Japanese or English (other languages are not supported).

For each question, please refer to information below.

The question number on your screen corresponds to the question number on this sheet.

If you do not understand the Japanese on the screen, please answer the questions by comparing the question on the screen with the English version on this sheet.

You do not need to fill in your answers on this sheet or return it.

Please note that there may be slight differences from the online version and the version provided on this sheet.

2021 Lifestyle Survey of Privately-Financed International Students Questionnaire

The Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) is an organization that supports international students who come to Japan by providing scholarships, administering the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), and providing employment information._

The purpose of this questionnaire is to help us provide assistance to you and other international students who come to Japan.

There is no need to enter your name or the name of your school. Your privacy is protected, and we would greatly appreciate your cooperation.

6. Because I wanted to study Japanese language and culture.
7. Because I wanted to work in a profession related to Japan.
8. Because I received a scholarship.
9. Because it was recommended to me by a friend, acquaintance, or family member.
10. As a result of university exchange programs, etc.
11. I was considering other countries, but Japan was the most suitable for me in terms of academic ability and cost.
12. Other

Q5. What concerns did you have about studying in Japan?

(Please select up to three answers that apply to you the most **in order of applicability.**)

1. Whether I would be able to adapt to Japanese weather, food, and customs.
2. Whether I would be able to learn what I wanted to learn, and whether I would be able to achieve academic success.
3. Whether I would be able to build good relationships and communicate well with those around me.
4. Whether I would be able to secure appropriate accommodations.
5. Whether I would get sick or suffer from natural disasters.
6. Whether I would feel lonely or become homesick.
7. Whether I would face financial difficulties.
8. None in particular
9. Other

Q6. What were some of the difficulties you faced before coming to Japan?

(Please select up to three answers that apply to you the most **in order of applicability.**)

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| 1. Gathering information | 2. Learning Japanese | 3. Contacting my destination school |
| 4. Obtaining a student visa | 5. Preparing funds | 6. Entrance examinations |
| 7. Other | | |

Q7. Before coming to Japan, how did you obtain information about studying abroad?

(Please select up to three answers that apply to you the most **in order of applicability.**)

1. By participating in a Study in Japan Fair or another educational event.
2. By directly contacting the school I wished to attend.
3. By contacting the Japanese embassy or other diplomatic missions abroad.
4. By contacting the government agency for education in my home country.
5. By contacting the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).
6. By using the internet to search the websites of schools and/or Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).
7. By contacting another private organization.
8. By purchasing a Japanese publication.
9. By consulting my school and teachers in my home country.
10. By consulting family and friends.
11. Other

[Please tell us about the period from when you came to Japan to when you enrolled in the school you are currently attending.]

Q8. How long has it been since you came to Japan?

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|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Less than 1 year | 2. 1-2 years | 3. 2-3 years | 4. 3-4 years |
| 5. 4-5 years | 6. 5-6 years | 7. More than 6 years | |

Q9. After you came to Japan, did you immediately enroll in a program at your current school?

1. Yes (Please proceed to Q11) 2. No

●If you answered "2. No" to Q9, please answer the following question.

Q10. After you came to Japan, what were you doing before you enrolled in the program at your current school?
(Choose the one that is most recent)

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| 1. I was studying at a Japanese language institute. | 2. I was studying in a preparatory course. |
| 3. I was studying in a special course for international students. | |
| 4. I was studying at a vocational school (specialist training). | |
| 5. I was studying at a technical college. | 6. I was studying at a junior college. |
| 7. I was studying in an undergraduate program. | 8. I was studying in a postgraduate program. |
| 9. I was working. | 10. Other |

[Please tell us about the school you are currently attending.]

Q11. Which type of school do you attend?

1. National 2. Public 3. Private

Q12. Which type of program are you enrolled in?

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|--------------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1. Doctoral program | 2. Master's program | |
| 3. Professional degree program | 4. Graduate level research student | |
| 5. Undergraduate program | 6. Undergraduate level research student/auditor | |
| 7. Junior college | 8. Vocational school (specialist training) | |
| 9. Preparatory course | 10. Japanese language institute | 11. Other |

Q13. What year are you currently in?

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. First year | 2. Second year | 3. Third year | 4. Fourth year | 5. Fifth year |
| 6. Sixth year | 7. First year master's student | 8. Second year master's student | | |
| 9. First year doctoral student | 10. Second year doctoral student | 11. Third year doctoral student | | |
| 12. Research student/auditor, etc. | 13. Other | | | |

Q14. Have you obtained any qualifications related to Japanese language proficiency?

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|--------|--------|--------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. J1+ | 2. J1 | 3. J2 | 4. J3 | 5. J4 | 6. J5 | 7. N1 | 8. N2 |
| 9. N3 | 10. N4 | 11. N5 | 12. I have not obtained any qualifications. | | | | |

Q15. What is your field of study?

1. Humanities (literature, history, philosophy, etc.)
2. Social sciences (law, politics, economics, sociology, etc.)
3. Science (mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, etc.)
4. Engineering (mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, applied chemistry, etc.)
5. Agricultural science (agricultural economics, agriculture/horticulture, veterinary medicine/animal husbandry, fisheries science, etc.)
6. Medicine/dentistry
7. Pharmacy
8. Home economics (food, clothing, housing studies, etc.)
9. Education
10. Japanese *for students enrolled in Japanese language institutes
11. Other

Q16. How much time per week do you spend studying? (Excluding time spent in class)

1. Less than 7 hours
2. 7 to less than 14 hours
3. 14 to less than 21 hours
4. 21 to less than 28 hours
5. 28 to less than 35 hours
6. 35 to less than 42 hours
7. 42 to less than 49 hours
8. More than 49 hours

Q17. How long does it take you to get to school (one way) from where you currently live?

1. Within 30 minutes
2. Within 1 hour
3. Within 1 hour 30 minutes
4. Within 2 hours
5. More than 2 hours

Q18. What do you like about your school?

1. The student support system
2. The educational environment (classrooms, laboratories, etc.)
3. The research
4. The benefits (healthcare, etc.)
5. The extracurricular activities (clubs, etc.)
6. Other

*If you selected "6. Other" for what you like about your school, please enter the reason on the response screen.

Q19. What do you dislike about your school?

1. The student support system
2. The educational environment (classrooms, laboratories, etc.)
3. The research
4. The benefits (healthcare, etc.)
5. The extracurricular activities (clubs, etc.)
6. Other

*If you selected "6. Other" for what you dislike about your school, please enter the reason on the response screen.

[Please tell us about your monthly budget.]

Q24. Please tell us about your monthly income and expenses.

For 10,000 yen, please enter .

-Example-

Income	(Yen/Month)	Expenses	(Yen/Month)
(1)Remittances	63,000 yen	(1)Research/Study	yen
(2)Part-time job	29,000 yen	A. Tuition	44,000 yen
(3)Scholarships		B. Textbooks	10,000 yen
A. MEXT/JASSO	48,000 yen	C. Clubs, etc.	yen
B. School	yen	(2)Transportation	8,000 yen
C. Local gov.	yen	(3)Food	25,000 yen
D. Private org.	yen	(4)Housing	36,000 yen
E. Foreign org.	yen	(5)Utilities	8,000 yen
F. Other	yen	(6)Medical	3,000 yen
(4)Acquaintances	yen	(7)Entertainment	5,000 yen
(5)Spousal income	yen	(8)Other	yen
(6)Other	yen	(9)Balance	1,000 yen
Total	140,000 yen	Total	140,000 yen

Notes when entering information

* Make sure that the total amount of income and expenses are the same. If the amounts are different, an error message will be displayed.

* Tuition (per month) should be calculated by dividing one year's tuition by 12 or a half year's tuition by 6. Please note that the tuition does not include one-time expenses such as entrance fees.
(Example) 528,000 yen per year → **44,000 yen per month** (528,000/12=44,000)

* Please answer in units of 1,000 yen (round up any figures less than 1,000 yen)
(Example) When entering 7,235 yen: × 7,000 ○ 8,000

Q24. What is your average income per month? For each item, please enter the corresponding amount in the box provided. Please enter only numeric values.

Yen/Month

(1) Remittances from parents, siblings, or relatives

Yen

(2) Part-time job

Yen

(3) Scholarships

A. Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students (MEXT/JASSO)
(48,000 yen or 30,000 yen)

Yen

B. Scholarships from the school or university

Yen

C. Scholarships from local governments

Yen

D. Scholarships from private organizations

Yen

E. Scholarships from foreign organizations

Yen

F. Other scholarships

Yen

(4) Support from acquaintances

Yen

(5) Spousal income

Yen

(6) Other

Yen

Total

Yen

↑Please make sure that this amount equals your expenditures

Q24. How much do you spend on average per month? For each item, please enter the corresponding amount in the box provided. Please enter only numeric values.

Yen/Month

(1) Research and study expenses	Yen
A. Tuition (for one month)	Yen
B. Textbooks, practice materials, stationary, etc. (other than tuition)	Yen
C. Club membership fees and trip expenses	Yen
(2) Transportation for school (commuter pass, etc.)	Yen
(3) Food	Yen
(4) Housing (rent for one month)	Yen
(5) Utilities	Yen
(6) Insurance and medical	Yen
(7) Hobbies and entertainment	Yen
(8) Other daily expenses (clothes, phone, other transportation, consumables, etc.)	Yen
(9) Balance	Yen
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Total	Yen

↑Please make sure that this amount equals your income.

[Please tell us about your part-time job.]

Q25. Do you currently have a part-time job?

1. Yes 2. No (Please proceed to Q30.)



• If you answered "1. Yes" to Q25, please answer the following questions.

Q26. What kind of part-time job do you have? (Up to three answers are allowed)

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| 1. Private tutor | 2. Language teacher | 3. Cram school teacher |
| 4. Teaching or research assistant | 5. General administration | 6. Accounting |
| 7. Cleaning | 8. Security | 9. Building management |
| 10. Gas station | 11. Delivery | 12. Shipping |
| 13. Restaurant business | 14. Sales (convenience stores, etc.) | |
| 15. Hotel receptionist/hall staff | 16. Printing | 17. Construction |
| 18. Moving | 19. Factory worker | 20. Warehousing |
| 21. Translation/interpreting | 22. Programmer or operator | 23. Graphic designer |
| 24. Other | | |

Q27. How many hours per week do you work part-time?

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| 1. Less than 5 hours | 2. 5 to less than 10 hours |
| 3. 10 to less than 15 hours | 4. 15 to less than 20 hours |
| 5. 20 to less than 25 hours | 6. More than 25 hours |

Q28. Why do you work part-time?

1. Because I need to in order to sustain my life in Japan.
2. Because it is a good opportunity to interact with Japanese people.
3. To help pay for education, entertainment, etc.
4. Other

Q29. What is the hourly wage for your main part-time job?

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Less than 800 yen | 2. 800 to less than 1,000 yen |
| 3. 1,000 to less than 1,200 yen | 4. 1,200 to less than 1,400 yen |
| 5. 1,400 to less than 1,600 yen | 6. 1,600 to less than 1,800 yen |
| 7. 1,800 to less than 2,000 yen | 8. More than 2,000 yen |

[Please tell us about your housing situation.]

Q30. Which prefecture are you currently living in?

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|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Hokkaido | 2. Aomori | 3. Iwate | 4. Miyagi | 5. Akita | 6. Yamagata |
| 7. Fukushima | 8. Ibaraki | 9. Tochigi | 10. Gunma | 11. Saitama | 12. Chiba |
| 13. Tokyo | 14. Kanagawa | 15. Niigata | 16. Toyama | 17. Ishikawa | 18. Fukui |
| 19. Yamanashi | 20. Nagano | 21. Gifu | 22. Shizuoka | 23. Aichi | 24. Mie |
| 25. Shiga | 26. Kyoto | 27. Osaka | 28. Hyogo | 29. Nara | 30. Wakayama |
| 31. Tottori | 32. Shimane | 33. Okayama | 34. Hiroshima | 35. Yamaguchi | 36. Tokushima |
| 37. Kagawa | 38. Ehime | 39. Kochi | 40. Fukuoka | 41. Saga | 42. Nagasaki |
| 43. Kumamoto | 44. Oita | 45. Miyazaki | 46. Kagoshima | 47. Okinawa | |

Q31. What kind of housing do you live in?

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| 1. Private apartment, condominium, etc. | 2. International student housing (provided by the school) | |
| 3. General student housing (provided by the school) | | |
| 4. International student housing (provided by the prefecture, city, or a foundation) | 5. Public housing | |
| 6. Company dormitory | 7. Homestay | 8. Other |

Q32. What was most important to you when choosing housing?

(Please select up to three answers that apply to you the most **in order of applicability.**)

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| 1. Rent/initial costs | 2. Layout/size | 3. Facilities |
| 4. Distance from school/commute time | | |
| 5. Convenience of the surrounding environment (close to transportation or shopping, etc.) | | |
| 6. Security | 7. Interaction with Japanese people | |
| 8. Interaction with other international students | | |

Q33. How large is the area of the house you are currently living in that is used by you personally?

(If more than one person lives in the house, divide the area of the room excluding the kitchen, bathroom, and toilet by the number of people living there. A tatami mat is about 1.6 square meters)

1. Less than 5 square meters (3 tatami mats)
2. 5 to less than 7.5 square meters (4 to 4.5 tatami mats)
3. 7.5 to less than 10 square meters (5 to 6 tatami mats)
4. 10 to less than 12.5 square meters (7 to 7.5 tatami mats)
5. 12.5 to less than 15 square meters (8 to 9 tatami mats)
6. 15 to less than 17.5 square meters (10 to 10.5 tatami mats)
7. 17.5 to less than 20 square meters (11 to 12 tatami mats)
8. 20 to less than 25 square meters (13 to 15 tatami mats)
9. More than 25 square meters (16 tatami mats or more)

[Please tell us about your health.]

Q40. Have you been sick or injured since you started school? If so, what did you do? (Up to three answers are allowed.)

1. I have not been sick or injured.
2. I went to the school health center or infirmary.
3. I went to the hospital.
4. I bought medicine at a pharmacy and treated myself.
5. I did not go to the hospital or pharmacy and just endured it.
6. Other

● Please tell us about your health insurance.

Q41. What type(s) of health insurance are you enrolled in? (Multiple answers are allowed)

1. Japanese National Health Insurance
2. Travel/study abroad insurance
3. Health insurance from a parent, sibling, spouse, or other family member
4. Health insurance from my affiliated institution
5. I do not have health insurance
6. Other

Q42. How much do you pay each month for health insurance?

1. Nothing
2. Less than 500 yen
3. 500 to less than 1,000 yen
4. 1,000 to less than 1,500 yen
5. 1,500 to less than 2,000 yen
6. 2,000 to less than 2,500 yen
7. 2,500 to less than 3,000 yen
8. 3,000 to less than 3,500 yen
9. More than 3,500 yen

[Please tell us about your plans after graduation.]

Q43. What are your plans after graduating from your current school?

(Please select up to three answers that apply to you the most **in order of applicability.**)

1. I want to continue my education in Japan (Please proceed to Q44.)
2. I want to find a job in Japan (Please proceed to Q45.)
3. I want to start a business in Japan
4. I want to continue my education in my home country
5. I want to find a job or start a business in my home country (Please proceed to Q52.)
6. I want to continue my education a country other than Japan or my home country
7. I want to find a job or start a business in a country other than Japan or my home country (Please proceed to Q52.)
8. Undecided

● If you answered 3, 4, 6, or 8, in Q43, please go to Q53.

● If you answered "1. I want to continue my education in Japan" for Q43, please answer the following questions.

Q44. What type of program are you considering?

1. Doctoral program
2. Master's program
3. Professional degree program
4. Graduate level research student
5. Undergraduate program
6. Undergraduate level research student/auditor
7. Junior college
8. Vocational school (specialist training)
9. Other

● If you answered Q44, please proceed to Q53.

● If you answered "2. I want to find a job in Japan" for Q43, please answer the following questions.

Q45. Which field do you want to work in? (Please select up to three answers that apply to you the most in order of applicability)

1. Translation/interpreting
2. Overseas operations
3. Trade
4. Research
5. Education
6. Sales/marketing
7. Accounting/administration
8. Technological development
9. Information processing
10. Design
11. Other

Q46. What are your plans for the future after finding a job in Japan?

1. I want to work in Japan indefinitely.
2. After working in Japan, I want to return to my home country to work in the future.
3. After working in Japan, I want to work somewhere other than Japan or my home country in the future.
4. Undecided

Q47. What kind of things would you like to see when looking for a job in Japan?

(Please select up to three answers that apply to you the most **in order of applicability.**)

1. Simplified procedures for changing residence status and shortened processing periods
2. Deregulation to allow for flexible changes of residence status
3. Improved information on employment for international students
4. Improved job fairs for international students at schools
5. Improved employment counseling for international students at schools
6. I would like companies to hold more job fairs for international students
7. Improved internship opportunities for international students
8. Other

Q48. What are your concerns about finding a job in Japan?

(Please select up to three answers that apply to you the most **in order of applicability.**)

1. Will I be able build good relationships at work?
2. Will people understand my Japanese?
3. Will I be able to get the job I want?
4. Will I be able to adjust to Japanese business practices?
5. Will I be able to handle customers without any problems?
6. Will I be able to practice proper business etiquette?
7. What kind of personnel evaluation system will be used?
8. Where will I be working?
9. Will I be able to do my job properly?
10. Will I be working long hours?
11. Will the pay/benefits be good?
12. Will I be able to utilize my expertise?
13. What will my career path look like?
14. Will I be able to adjust to a different lifestyle?
15. I don't have any concerns
16. Other

Q49. How many years do you want to work in Japan?

1. Less than 1 year
2. 1 to less than 3 years
3. 3 to less than 5 years
4. 5 to less than 10 years
5. More than 10 years

Q50. Do you want to participate in an internship in Japan?

1. Yes
2. I already did, or I am currently doing so.
3. No

- If you answered “1. Yes” or “2. I already did, or I am currently doing so.” for Q50, please answer Q51.

Q51. What is the reason why you would like to participate (or why you participated) in an internship?

1. Because it might help me get a job.
2. Because it may be useful for learning Japanese or for my own study.
3. Because I want to learn about Japanese corporate culture before I start working.

- If you answered “5. I want to find a job or start a business in my home country” or “7. I want to find a job or start a business in a country other than Japan or my home country” for Q43, please answer the following question.

Q52. If you wish to find a job outside Japan, do you want to work for a Japanese company?

1. Yes
2. No
3. I don't know whether there are any Japanese companies in country where I want to work.
4. I want to start a business.
5. Undecided

[Please tell us about your concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19.]

Q53. What are some of the concerns you have regarding the spread of COVID-19?

1. Concerns about my classes
2. Concerns about my future career
3. Concerns about the economic situation
4. Concerns about my relationships at school
5. Concerns about extracurricular activities (i.e. clubs)
6. Other

Q54. Do you have someone you can consult with regarding how to improve or alleviate these concerns?

1. School faculty/counseling service
2. Friends/peers
3. Parents/siblings
4. Other

[Please tell us about the vaccine for COVID-19.]

Q55. How did you obtain information about the vaccine for COVID-19? (Multiple answers are allowed.)

1. From my school
2. From the local government (municipality)
3. Other

● If you answered “1. From my school” for Q55, please answer the following question.

Q56. What is the specific way in which you received vaccine information from your school? (Multiple answers are allowed)

1. Postings/flyers
2. E-mail
3. School website, portal, or social media account
4. Mail
5. Other

● If you answered “2. From the local government (municipality)” for Q55, please answer the following question.

Q57. What is the specific way in which you received vaccine information from the local government (municipality)? (Multiple answers are allowed.)

1. Mail
2. Local government publications
3. Local government website, portal, or social media account
4. Other

You have reached the end of the questionnaire. We would like to thank you for your cooperation, and wish all of you success in your future endeavors.