



**EXPLANATORY NOTE FOR
JCCI SINGAPORE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS TO
WASEDA UNIVERSITY & INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (ICU)
ONE-YEAR STUDY PROGRAMME 2025/2026**

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 2025 - July 2026
- **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 student in year 2 or above, but not graduating before or in 2025
- Minimum GPA of 3.75 on a 5.0 scale
- Basic knowledge of Japanese preferred but not a must
- Physically and mentally healthy

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.
- Shortlisted candidates must attend an interview on 11 October 2024.
- Awarded candidate must attend a scholarship presentation ceremony on 6 December 2024.
- Departure for Japan is expected between the last week of August and mid-September 2025.
- 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, 20 September 2024**:
 - 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 do you like about Japan?
 - Why do you want to study in Japan rather than in 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, 20 September 2024**.
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

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