

Rules for the Scholarship Grant Program Related to Erosion Control

CHAPTER 1 General Provisions

(Purpose)

Article 1 These rules govern the scholarship grant program related to erosion control, which is carried out as a collaborative project between the Japan Sabo Association (hereinafter, the “Association”) and the Japan Society of Erosion Control Engineering (hereinafter, the “JSECE”).

(Eligibility and Terms for Scholarship Grants)

Article 2 To be eligible to receive scholarship grants from the Association, applicants must be no older than 30 years of age as of April 1 of the desired scholarship year, and must be enrolled in a doctoral program at a graduate school with a course/laboratory/field related to erosion control (hereinafter, the “Graduate School”), pursuing a doctoral degree (hereinafter, the “Degree”), or have withdrawn from the Graduate School after fulfilling the necessary coursework with the intention of obtaining the Degree within the period prescribed by the university, or be continuing their enrollment in the Graduate School for research after obtaining the Degree; and must be deemed to be of good character and possess excellent academic standing within the erosion control course/laboratory/field at the Graduate School.

2 Individuals benefiting from the Association's scholarship grant program shall be designated as “Scholarship Recipients,” and the monetary support awarded shall be termed “Scholarship Grant.”

3 Individuals meeting any of the following items are ineligible to receive benefits under this program. Concurrent receipt of other scholarships or financial aid is permitted.

(1) Individuals who are funded by Research Fellowships for Young Scientists of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

(2) Individuals who are funded by “Broadening Opportunities for Outstanding young researchers and doctoral students in Strategic areas (BOOST)” or “Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation (SPRING)” by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

(3) International students who receive financial support, such as scholarships, from the Japanese government or their home country governments

(4) Students who are granted scholarships intended to cover living expenses, with an annual amount of ¥2,400,000 or more

(5) Students who are recognized as having a stable annual income of ¥2,400,000 or more from sources such as their university or employer (including salary and executive compensation)

(Scholarship Grant Amount and Payment Period)

Article 3 The annual grant amount is ¥1,800,000.

2 Scholarship Grants are generally awarded for one year and may be renewed annually, with a maximum total duration of three years.

3 During the scholarship grant period, Scholarship Recipients who intend to apply for continued funding for the subsequent year are required to submit a scholarship renewal application and, if relevant, a report or other documents detailing their academic credit acquisition or research progress to the Recommendation Committee, as prescribed in Article 5, Paragraph 1.

4 The Scholarship Grant, under normal circumstances, does not need to be repaid.

CHAPTER 2 Selection Committee

(Selection Committee)

Article 4 For the purpose of selecting Scholarship Recipients, a Scholarship Selection Committee (hereinafter, the “Selection Committee”) shall be established within the Association.

2 The Selection Committee shall consist of individuals appointed to the following positions: Vice President of the Association, President of the Association, and President of JSECE. Furthermore, members of the committee may be selected from among the officers of the Association and JSECE, as circumstances require.

3 Committee members shall be commissioned by the President of the Association, and the chairperson shall be selected through an election held by the committee members.

(Selection Committee Review)

Article 5 In the event of candidate recommendations being received from the Scholarship Recipient Candidate Recommendation Committee (hereinafter, the “Recommendation Committee”), which

is established within JSECE, a Selection Committee meeting will be held to discuss the selection of Scholarship Recipients.

- 2 The chairperson has the authority to convene a special meeting of the Selection Committee or to solicit written opinions as circumstances require.

CHAPTER 3 Application, Selection, and Provision of Scholarship Grants

(Application Procedure and Selection of Scholarship Recipients)

Article 6 Individuals seeking scholarship grant support are required to submit the necessary application documents, including the scholarship application, via their academic advisor to the Recommendation Committee, and must receive a recommendation from the Recommendation Committee.

- 2 The selection of Scholarship Recipients shall be conducted by the Selection Committee, following the recommendation of candidates by the Recommendation Committee.

- 3 Individuals selected to receive the scholarship shall, upon receipt of their acceptance notification from the Association, be obligated to promptly submit the pledge documents, etc. as outlined therein.

(Report of Academic Performance and Research Progress, Etc.)

Article 7 At the end of each academic year, Scholarship Recipients are required to submit a report on their academic credit attainment or research progress to the Recommendation Committee.

(Scholarship Grant Payments)

Article 8 Scholarship Grants shall, in principle, be paid directly to the Scholarship Recipient, and the annual grant shall be paid in several installments to a bank account held in the Scholarship Recipient's name.

(Notifications of Changes, Etc.)

Article 9 Scholarship Recipients are required to notify the Association immediately if any of the following items apply.

- (1) If the Scholarship Recipient takes a leave of absence from the program, returns to the program from a leave of absence, repeats an academic year, is placed on academic suspension, or withdraws from the program.
- (2) If the Scholarship Recipient secures employment.
- (3) If the Scholarship Recipient resigns from the scholarship grant program.
- (4) If there are changes in personal circumstances, including a change of address or name.
- (5) If there are any other significant changes in circumstances.

(Suspension of Scholarship Grant Payments)

Article 10 Scholarship Grant payments will be suspended in the following cases:

- (1) If the Scholarship Recipient withdraws from the graduate school program.
 - (2) If the Scholarship Recipient secures employment.
 - (3) If the Scholarship Recipient dies.
 - (4) If the selected individual does not enroll in the doctoral program.
 - (5) If the selected individual withdraws from the doctoral program after completing the required coursework and does not intend to prepare and submit a dissertation.
 - (6) If the selected individual is accepted into another program or project as specified in Article 2, Paragraph 3, after the start of Scholarship Grant payments.
- 2 In the event of situations outlined in the preceding Paragraph, Items (1), (2), (4), (5), and (6), if the Scholarship Recipient fails to notify the Association or notifies the Association belatedly, the payment of the Scholarship Grant will be suspended retroactively to the date of occurrence of each event, and any Scholarship Grant payments made thereafter shall be refunded on a pro-rata monthly basis.
 - 3 In the event that a Scholarship Recipient is found to meet any of the criteria specified hereunder, the Association reserves the right, upon consultation with the academic advisor or other relevant faculty members as deemed necessary, to terminate Scholarship Grant disbursements and to seek reimbursement, calculated on a monthly pro-rata basis, of any Scholarship Grant funds disbursed subsequent to the occurrence of the applicable event.
 - (1) If false information is provided in the scholarship application.
 - (2) If the Scholarship Recipient exhibits inappropriate conduct.
 - (3) If the Scholarship Recipient's academic performance is significantly unsatisfactory.

- (4) If the Scholarship Recipient repeats an academic year.
 - (5) If the Scholarship Recipient fails to submit required reports on academic performance and research progress.
 - (6) If the Scholarship Recipient is no longer expected to acquire the Degree or continue their research due to illness or other circumstances.
 - (7) If the Scholarship Recipient does not submit the documents specified in Article 7.
 - (8) If Scholarship Grants become unnecessary due to improved family circumstances, or similar.
 - (9) If there are other circumstances determined to be substantially similar to the preceding items.
- 4 The decision to suspend Scholarship Grant payments, as stipulated in the preceding paragraph, shall be made by the Association, upon consultation with the Selection Committee as deemed necessary.

(Procedures for Prolonged Absence and Leave of Absence)

Article 11 In the event of a Scholarship Recipient's prolonged absence or leave of absence, Scholarship Grant payments will be suspended from the month following the date the circumstance arises. Nevertheless, Scholarship Grant payments may be disbursed during periods of prolonged absence or leave of absence, should exceptional circumstances be deemed to exist.

- 2 In the event that a recipient whose Scholarship Grant payments have been discontinued pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph wishes to reinstate funding upon resumption of studies, the recipient shall be required to submit a reinstatement application with the consent of their academic advisor. The Association shall, at its discretion, determine whether to resume Scholarship Grant disbursements after consultation with the Selection Committee, if deemed necessary.
- 3 In the event of the circumstances described in Paragraph 1, if the Scholarship Grant for the suspended period has already been disbursed, the Scholarship Recipient shall be obligated to refund the suspended portion of the Scholarship Grant to the Association on a pro-rata monthly basis.
- 4 The determination regarding the continuation of Scholarship Grant payments under the proviso in Paragraph 1, or the resumption of Scholarship Grant payments as outlined in Paragraph 2, will be at the discretion of the Association, following consultation with the Selection Committee, if required.

CHAPTER 4 Additional Provisions

(Policy on the Protection of Personal Information)

Article 12 Personal information pertaining to scholarship applicants and Scholarship Recipients in application documents and other related materials shall be handled in accordance with the principles of the Act on the Protection of Personal Information and used exclusively for purposes necessary to the operation of the scholarship grant program, such as the recommendation and selection of Scholarship Recipients, the provision of Scholarship Grants, and communication with Scholarship Recipients, and shall be strictly managed.

(Other Matters)

Article 13 Any matters not stipulated in these rules that require resolution shall, where appropriate, be referred to the Selection Committee; however, the final determination shall rest with the Association. In cases necessitating an urgent decision, the President of the Association shall make such a determination.

Supplementary Provisions

- 1 These rules shall be effective as of April 1, 2025.