

Application Guidelines for the Scholarship Grant Program Related to Erosion Control

1. Scholarship Grant Amount

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

Candidates will be selected by the Scholarship Selection Committee (hereinafter, the “Selection Committee”), established within the Japan Sabo Association, following candidate recommendations by the Scholarship Recipient Candidate Recommendation Committee (hereinafter, the “Recommendation Committee”) within the Japan Society of Erosion Control Engineering (JSECE). Furthermore, after the commencement of the grant, the scholarship payment may be discontinued in cases of poor academic performance or misconduct, not limited to unlawful acts but also including behavior deemed ethically or morally inappropriate.

This scholarship grant is classified as miscellaneous income for tax purposes, consequently subjecting it to both income tax and municipal inhabitant tax, and requiring a tax return to be submitted. Please retain all relevant receipts, as expenses for tuition and research may be deductible as necessary expenses when filing your tax return. Please direct all questions pertaining to tax return procedures to the tax office with jurisdiction over the address of your certificate of residence.

If you are claimed as a dependent by a supporter (such as a parent), please tell your supporter that this is considered miscellaneous income. For questions about how the income affects the status as a dependent in eligibility for health insurance or dependent benefits, please contact the person in charge at your supporter's workplace.

2. Payment Period

Generally 1 year (extension up to a maximum of 3 years is permitted upon continued application).

However, eligibility requires enrollment in a doctoral program within a graduate school with a specialization in erosion control during the grant period, or continued enrollment in a graduate school after obtaining a doctorate while continuing research related to erosion control.

3. Applicant Status

New: Individual not previously awarded a scholarship grant from the Association

Renewal: Current scholarship grant recipient from the Association

4. Conditions for Discontinuation of Payment

- (1) If the scholarship recipient withdraws from the program or dies.
- (2) If the scholarship recipient takes a leave of absence or prolonged absence.
- (3) If the scholarship recipient secures employment.
- (4) If the selected individual does not enroll in the doctoral program.
- (5) If the scholarship recipient withdraws after completing the required credits and has no intention of preparing and submitting a doctoral dissertation.

- (6) If there are other circumstances where the scholarship recipient is deemed unsuitable.

5. Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be no older than 30 years of age as of April 1 of the desired scholarship year, meet any of the conditions (1)–(4) below, and be conducting research on erosion control at a Japanese graduate school that has a course/laboratory/field related to erosion control (hereinafter, the "Graduate School").

- (1) Individuals enrolled in a doctoral program at a Graduate School.
- (2) Individuals currently enrolled in a master's program at a Graduate School and who intend to enroll in a doctoral program.
- (3) Individuals who have completed a doctoral program at a Graduate School and continue to be enrolled for research purposes, and who are Japanese nationals or foreign nationals permitted for permanent residence in Japan at the time of application.
- (4) Individuals who have withdrawn from a doctoral program at a Graduate School after completing the required coursework and who intend to prepare and submit a doctoral dissertation within the prescribed period (as defined by the university).

Undergraduate students, part-time graduate students, and working adults are not eligible to apply.

6. Application Procedure

(1) Application procedure

Please complete all required fields in the scholarship application form and submit it to the Recommendation Committee through your academic advisor. For scholarship renewal, please send the scholarship renewal application form to the Recommendation Committee.

Electronic versions of the application, scholarship renewal application, research details form, and other related documents can be downloaded from website of JSECE.

Please send all application materials in one envelope addressed to the Recommendation Committee. Ensure that the envelope used for mailing your application documents includes the name of your academic advisor.

[Address]

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To the Scholarship Recipient Candidate Recommendation Committee, c/o the Japan Society of Erosion Control Engineering Secretariat

- * Please note that all submitted materials will be used solely for the operation of this grant program.
- * Submitted application documents will not be returned to the applicants.

(2) Application documents

- i. Scholarship Application Form (single-sided print, A4 size)
- ii. CV (any commercially available format is acceptable)
- iii. Documents certifying enrollment (e.g., certificate of enrollment)
- iv. Copy of certificate of residence (issued after the start of the application period; copies with nationality/region or resident status omitted are not acceptable; documents with your Individual Number are not acceptable)
- v. Recommendation Letter (to be prepared by your academic advisor, following the specified format)

(3) Application period

Application form must arrive by: Between December 1, 2025 (Monday) and March 31, 2026 (Tuesday)

(4) Tentative schedule for notification of selection results

- i. Application submission deadline: March 31, 2026 (Tuesday)
 - ii. Recommendation Committee review:
 - iii. Selection Committee review:
 - iv. Notification of final selection: No later than July 31, 2026
- } Between April and July 2026

7. Selection and Awarding of Scholarships

(1) Screening process

Screening will be based solely on application documents. Following recommendation by the Recommendation Committee, the Selection Committee will make the final determination of successful applicants, and notification will be provided via the applicant's academic advisor. Reasons for selection or non-selection will not be disclosed.

(2) Selection

Selection decisions will be finalized by the end of July, and the academic advisor will be notified.

This notification will constitute a provisional offer, with formal acceptance upon submission of the "Pledge" (also applicable to renewal applicants).

(3) Awarding of scholarships

As a general principle, the annual grant shall be paid in several installments directly into a bank account held in the scholarship recipient's name.

(4) Planned number of recipients

2027: Up to 3

*Potentially also applicable to 2028.

8. Key Points

- (1) This scholarship is a grant and does not need to be repaid. However, you must repay the grant if you give false information or do not meet the requirements of the scholarship.

- (2) You cannot receive this grant if you fall under any of the following conditions. You can receive other scholarships at the same time.
- i. Individuals who are funded by Research Fellowships for Young Scientists of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)
 - ii. 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).
 - iii. International students who receive financial support, such as scholarships, from the Japanese government or their home country governments
 - iv. Students who are granted scholarships intended to cover living expenses, with an annual amount of ¥2,400,000 or more
 - v. 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)

It should be noted that applications to this scholarship grant program are permissible while in the process of applying to, or considering application to, the Research Fellowships for Young Scientists, BOOST and SPRING programs. Applicants are required to promptly inform the Recommendation Committee of their selection status in any of the aforementioned programs or initiatives.

- (3) Scholarship recipients are at liberty to choose their employment and all other pursuits upon graduation; however, they must adhere to the obligations specified hereunder.
- i. Scholarship recipients shall adhere to the stipulations set forth in the Rules for the Scholarship Grant Program Related to Erosion Control and Application Guidelines, and shall report any situations that compromise their eligibility status without delay.
 - ii. Applicants are obligated to notify the Selection Committee without delay if any of the following circumstances are applicable.
 1. If the scholarship recipient takes a leave of absence from the program, returns to the program from a leave of absence, transfers to another institution, or withdraws from the program.
 2. If the scholarship recipient is suspended from school or receives any other form of disciplinary action.
 3. If there is a change to the scholarship recipient's name, residential address, or other critical information.
 4. If the scholarship recipient faces the possibility of having to repeat an academic year or having their graduation postponed.
 - iii. The following documents are to be submitted to the Recommendation Committee:
 1. Documents certifying enrollment
 2. Documents certifying academic performance and research progress reports