



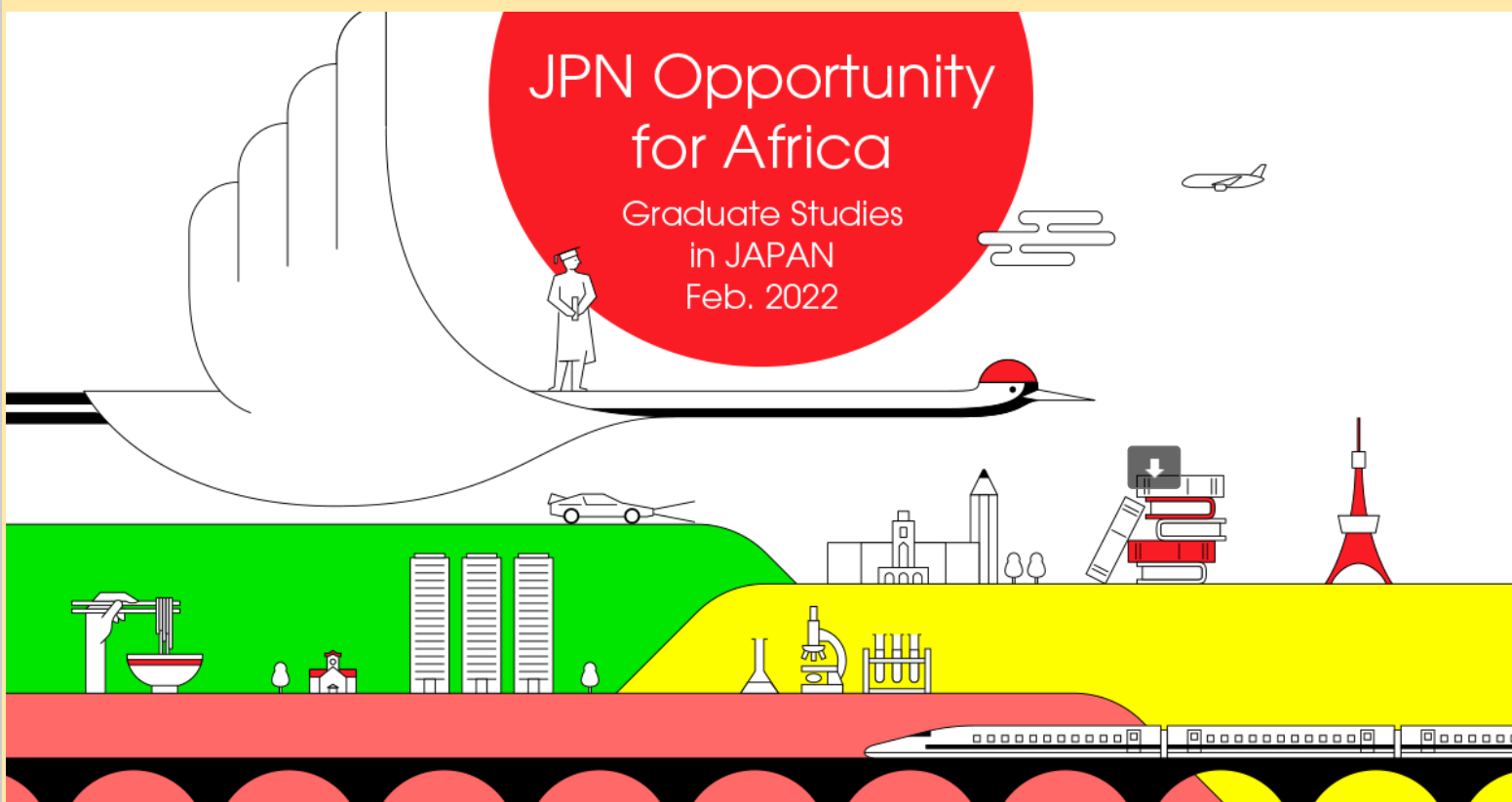
## Study in JAPAN For AFRICA

We wish you a pleasant and joyful February.

Study in Japan Global Network Project, entrusted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology(MEXT-Japan), is here for you to deliver the information on studying in Japan especially on undergraduate courses.

## JPN Opportunity for Africa

Graduate Studies  
in JAPAN  
Feb. 2022



### [Event News] Get Useful Information at the Website of "Study in JAPAN Fair"

On coming February 26, 2022, we, Study in Japan Global Network Project, will hold an online event "JPN Opportunity for Africa: Graduate Studies in JAPAN Feb. 2022"! Anyone interested in graduate schools of Japan is most welcome to register (for free!) and get access to general information live session and group consultation directly with the universities. 36 Japanese graduate programs will meet you!  
[Register now](#) to take advantage of this opportunity for your future!

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Seeking for undergraduate programs in Japan, the website of "Study in Japan Online Fair for Sub-Saharan Africa 2021" is available for you. More than 30 Japanese universities are introducing a variety of English medium courses for undergraduate study, many with great tuition waiver and scholarship! In the video of "General Information Session" at "Helpful Information," you will enjoy the following presentations;

1. Overview of Studying in Japan
2. Tips for Applying to Scholarships
3. Interesting Facts about Japanese Language
4. Career Path after Graduation
5. Sharing Experience by Africans who studied in Japan

This site will be closed at the end of March 2022. Just go and [Check now](#).



# STUDY IN JAPAN WEBINAR: REAL VOICES FROM AFRICAN STUDENTS IN JAPAN

Life Beyond High School:  
Education, Opportunities and more!

12th SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2022  
10 AM EAT, UTC+3 / 4 PM JST

Co-hosted by GDP @ Okayama University &  
Study in Japan for Africa  
Co-organized by Sakura Girls Secondary  
School in Tanzania

**AFRICA  
MEETS  
ASIA**

**Join us !!**



## [Event News] Real Voices from African Students in Japan

You are most welcome to join our upcoming webinar dedicated for high school students and above.

Title: Study in Japan Webinar: Real Voices from African Students in Japan

Date: 12th Sat. Feb. 10:00-11:30am EAT, UTC+3

\*\*9:00-10:30am(CAT)/8:00-9:30am(WAT)/7:00-8:30am(GMT)

Venue: Zoom

Content:

Experience of study-in-Japan would be shared by African undergraduate and graduate students in Japanese universities. This event has been devised by African students of Discovery Program for Global Learners at Okayama University. What major can I study in Japan? How is campus life? How to survive in non-English country? What is good in studying in Japan far away from home? Is it possible to do a part time job while studying? Are there religious or gender issues in Japan? What is next after going to study abroad? From a small question to a big inquiry, a wide range of doubts, the students would be ready to answer for you. Just relax and enjoy their talk. This session would be the interactive and casual session with you.

[Register now!](#)

Co-hosted by Discovery Program for Global Learners (GDP) at Okayama University & Study in Japan Global Network Project  
Co-organized by Sakura Girls Secondary School in Tanzania

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# Summer School at HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY HOKKAIDO SUMMER INSTITUTE 2022

Study at HSI,  
one of the largest  
summer schools  
in JAPAN.

Hokkaido, Japan  
June–October

This summer,  
discover the world anew.  
Study amongst the beauty  
of Hokkaido, Japan.

Hokkaido Summer Institute offers  
over 270 courses - 170 face-to-face courses,  
100 online courses - taught by HU  
and prestigious university faculty  
members worldwide.

## Program Highlights

1. Lecturers from HU and prestigious universities all over the world
2. Any combination of courses, customize your own summer program
3. Credited courses in English
4. Over 270 courses from bachelor to Ph. D level
5. Wide range of disciplines on offer
6. Many courses will be offered online

Experience  
Summer  
in Hokkaido!



## Online Application Periods

1st application  
March 7th–16th, 2022  
(All courses)

2nd application  
June 1st–7th, 2022  
(Courses offered in the latter half of the program)

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For course information and  
more details, visit our website.



Website



HOKKAIDO  
SUMMER  
INSTITUTE

Light your path towards the new era

## [Short-term study program] Hokkaido Summer Institute 2022

Hokkaido Summer Institute (HSI), one of the largest summer schools in Japan, is a program that brings together world-leading researchers with proven educational and research records, and provides educational courses in cooperation with the Hokkaido University (HU) faculty members. In 2022, more than 160 researchers from all over the world will gather at HU.

The medium of instruction at HSI is English. This provides international students with a stress-free learning environment without having to worry about language barriers, and also creates a special opportunity for Japanese students, who can participate in classes taught by internationally acclaimed researchers.

There will be over 270 courses (around 220 graduate courses and around 50 undergraduate courses) from June 1st to October 31st, 2022. Each course is worth 1 academic credit. Most of the courses run for one or two weeks. Students can tailor their own summer program by combining courses according to their major and interests.

From 2020, we also accept applications from non-students including working adults. More than 160 courses will be open to non-students this year.

Online Application(1st) will be started in mid-March, 2022.

For more details, please visit our [website](#) .Then, sign up to receive reminders when the applications open.

## Study in JAPAN for Africa



### In Japan, one gets a first-hand experience of the fruit of a happy marriage of traditional values with advanced technology.

#### Introduction

#### What kind of image do you have of studying in Japan?

A growing numbers of international students continue to embark on their journey to pursue higher education in Japan. Renowned for high quality of education, Japanese universities currently offer over 942 programmes taught fully in English (115 at undergraduate and 827 postgraduate level). The opportunity to earn a degree without being a native Japanese speaker has made Japan a popular study destination for students attracted by its exotic culture, safety and surprisingly, affordable living expenses.

The number of students from Sub-Saharan Africa has exceeded 1,500 in May 2020 (\*1). Most of whom are studying at graduate level in fields of Engineering, Social Science, Agriculture and Humanities. Among the sixty-five Ugandans studying in Japan, is Mr. Bukeya Moses, who pursues Bachelor of Pharmacy at Hokkaido University-Japan, amazingly, in JAPANESE language.

He was awarded the Japanese Government MEXT(\*2) Scholarship, of which application is now open for Ugandans, administered by the Embassy of Japan in Uganda. In the message below, he reflects on how he has continued to improve his global perspective with hopes of contributing to Uganda's development at heart. His story below would let you realize how a Ugandan student could broaden his/her world and make the world better by studying in Japan.

- 1\* Japan Students Service Organization (JASSO)  
2\* The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology-Japan

#### Message from Mr. Bukeya Moses

Currently I am in my final year pursuing a Bachelor of Pharmacy at the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacy, Hokkaido University. I research about rational design of protein-like molecules (foldamers) as medium-molecule drug candidates. I also train to become an all-round clinical pharmacist. My current research has deepened my interest in proteins and nucleic acids and for that reason, I intend to pursue a Ph.D. in biological drug design upon graduation.



These days I can't wait for the cold period to enjoy winter games.

#### The reason why I choose Japan for my studies

During my first year as a pharmacy student (2013/14 Seat, intake) at Makerere University, I attended a clinical research seminar and the guest speaker (clinical pharmacist) talked

about her involvement in early HIV/AIDS clinical trials which were funded by WHO. The test drug was an extract of a local herb but because of the limited capacity of the local pharmaceutical industry in the whole of East & Central Africa, manufacturing of the placebo and the test drug was outsourced to a Japanese pharmaceutical company.

Having realized the gap in the local drug supply chain, I envisioned myself occupying the niche of manufacturing drugs tailored to the local population (given that most drug research focuses on the needs of the demographics of OECD countries). Since my program was clinical practice oriented, I realized that I needed a comprehensive pharmacy program that could cater for my drug discovery basic research needs.

Obsessed with the dream, I looked out for undergraduate scholarships for pharmacy programs in the biggest pharmaceutical industry players. Among them, Japan was much safer, enjoyed a higher standard of living as inferred from a higher life expectancy, and a relatively cheaper cost of living. Luckily, the Embassy of Japan in Uganda was shortlisting students for the Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship 2021, for which I applied and got accepted. After a one-year Japanese language preparatory education, I joined Hokkaido University to be mentored by leading scientists in my field of interest.

#### My image of Japan before arrival and current impression of Japan

The fact that Japan is the home to Toyota, the world's leading car maker, gave an impression that everyone had a car. But later I realized that the dependable efficient network of public transport system renders bicycles more popular than cars. Also, the famous TV show called Ninja Warriors which used to be rebroadcasted by a local TV station depicted Japan as a country of a yovous daring young population and so I thought. Having lived in Japan for seven years now, I concluded that Japan's miraculous success can be pinned down to a delicate balance of 1) good governance, 2) an social structure based on legal equality and 3) adherence to cultural values. Actually, I think that the observed good conduct such as honesty, good time-keeping or the extreme sense of accountability by people is nurtured by this fabric of cultural values.

#### The challenge and my ambition

Japan offered the most challenging yet exciting opportunity to explore beyond my own comfort zone of a Westernized African heritage. The biggest challenge I faced was language barrier because I came to Japan when I could not even write my own name in Japanese. But thanks to support from my instructors, within nine months I could procure most official and non-official procedures myself. Even when I had challenges, the education affairs office would help to liaise with the relevant authorities on my behalf.

I would like to encourage all prospective students not to be intimidated by the difficult facade of the Japanese language because once one gets immersed into the culture, they naturally master the language. And it would enable you to bridge the gap between my country and the world's third biggest economic power. Also, in Japan foreign cultures are celebrated and the coexistence of adopted foreign ways of life and Japanese traditions signified a very tolerant society.

By making this radical bold step to study in Japan, one gets a first-hand experience of the fruit of a happy marriage of traditional values with advanced technology. Personally, I have come to embrace all cultural values of my country, Uganda, as enablers rather than impediments to social-political and economic transformation of a country.



#### Information on Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship

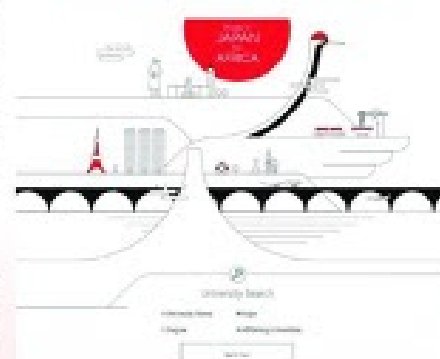
Through the Embassy of Japan in Uganda, Ugandans can get an opportunity to apply for the fully sponsored government scholarship. Visit the website of the Embassy of Japan in Uganda and check the eligibility. [https://www.emb-japan-ug.jp/tpr\\_en/culture\\_study.html](https://www.emb-japan-ug.jp/tpr_en/culture_study.html)

The application window opens once a year in late April. **The deadline for applications of 2022 admission is 31st May 2021.**

#### There are 3 categories as below.

- **Research Students:** Required academic background: University Graduates with 1st class or Upper 2nd class Honours Degree or Master's Degree
  - **Undergraduate Students:** Required academic background: A-Level leavers, only for students with Natural Sciences, A-Level leavers with A in Mathematics
  - **College of Technology Students:** Required academic background: A-Level leavers, with a minimum of B in Mathematics and at least two principal passes
- Schedule**
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| Friday 28th, May   | Deadline for submission of applications      |
| Friday 4th, June   | Preliminary shortlisted of screened students |
| Thursday 10th June | Writing Exam                                 |
| Thursday 17th June | Oral Interviews at the Embassy               |

#### Japanese university search



For assistance on identifying the various study options in Japan, MEXT entrusted Study in Japan Global Network Project Regional Office in Sub-Saharan Africa to provide essential information such as what universities there are to apply. This office has just launched a Data Portal which allows users to search their ideal programme according to major and degree one wish to study. Majors are categorized into 11 fields from which one identifies the specific programme. <https://studyin-japan-africa-portal.com/>

This data portal is also helpful in finding a supervisor while applying for the Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship (Category: Research Students) as introduced above.

For any further inquiries, search "Study in Japan for Africa" on the internet. We are here for you. Study in Japan Regional Office in Sub-Saharan Africa [studyin-japan@africa.hokkaido.ac.jp](mailto:studyin-japan@africa.hokkaido.ac.jp)

## [Scholarship] What is MEXT Scholarship "Undergraduate Students" Category

Some of you may know the name MEXT Scholarship as the term related with studying in Japan. MEXT stands for the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology-Japan, which offers Japanese government scholarship program. It is fully covered one including air-ticket and monthly stipend. You do not need to worry about your budget while studying in Japan, because this scholarship condition encourages you to concentrate on your study well. There are several categories in this scholarship; "College of Technology Students," Specialized Training College Students," "Undergraduate Students," and "Research Students."

Currently, 37 percent of Sub-Saharan African students in Japan are the recipients of this MEXT scholarship program (as of May 2020). Most of them are "Research Students" category, which is for pursuing Master or Doctoral degree. On the other hand, Sub-Saharan African recipients of "Undergraduate Students" category are very few. However, it does not mean there is no opportunities to get it. If you are really want to work in Japan after graduation, it would be nice to think of applying for this scholarship. Because "Undergraduate Students" category can give you one year intensive Japanese language course, which let you acquire great Japanese proficiency and start your undergraduate study in Japanese language. You will adapt many cultural things including the language skills during your undergraduate level, which might bring you next wonderful job opportunities in Japan.



It is easy to find the MEXT Scholarship programs administered by the Embassies of Japan. Normally, the application period opens late April for the admission of the very next year April. Just be aware that some Embassies of Japan does not receive applications of "Undergraduate Students." Therefore, please check well the website of the Embassy in your country. Our website also offers information on the MEXT Scholarship. [Check here.](#)

Beside, just read the voice from Mr Bukenya Moses, one of MEXT Scholarship recipients of "Undergraduate Student" category. His voice was posted in "New Vision," the most popular newspaper in Uganda. [Check here.](#)

He also kindly shared his thought and ideas in our YouTube channel. [Watch now.](#)



### **[Bachelor Course Intro.] Ritsumeikan University**

Continuing from the newsletter vol.2 issued in Jan., here are the rest of our English-medium undergraduate programs in Ritsumeikan University.

#### **1. Course name | Degree title**

American University-Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program(JDP) | BA in Global International Relations

Global Studies Major (GS) | BA in International Relations

Community and Regional Policy Studies Major (CRPS) | BA in Policy Science

#### **2. The application period for September 2022 enrollment for GS and CRPS**

February 16 – March 8th, 2022

(The application period for April 2023, including JDP, will be released in May 2022.)

#### **3. Course details**

- [American University-Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program\(JDP\)](#) [April enrollment only]

Being the first joint degree undergraduate program between the US and Japan, together, Ritsumeikan University and American University cultivate globally minded leaders who can take active roles in fields such as international organizations, government, global business, media, and non-governmental organizations. Students study for 2 years in Japan and 2 years in the US.

- [Global Studies Major \(GS\)](#) [April & September enrollment]

The College of International Relations helps students acquire in-depth knowledge of international relations and become people of action in the international community.

Students also take courses systematically to acquire knowledge in different fields of international relations through three theme clusters; such as Peace and Governance; Development and Sustainability; and Culture and Society.

- [Community and Regional Policy Studies Major \(CRPS\)](#) [September enrollment]

Do you have any social issue to solve, or do you want to develop problem-solving skills? The Community and Regional Policy Studies Major (CRPS Major) trains students to be capable of designing and implementing policies to solve social problems and to play an important role in the world after graduation. Students also engage in practical training on implementing social surveys and field research.



**[Bachelor Course Intro.] University of Tsukuba**

1. Course name | Degree title  
Bachelor's Program in Global Issues (BPGI) | Bachelor of Arts and Science
2. Application period for October 2022 admission  
March 1 (from 12 p.m. JST) to March 31 (until 5 p.m. JST), 2022
3. Course details  
BPGI is a four-year degree program which is taught in English.  
The objectives of the program shall be to cultivate human resources who will acquire broad basic knowledge for gaining an overall perspective of global issues, who will enthusiastically seek on their own information and technology beyond their particular fields to resolve problems related to human beings and the environment, and who are capable of making decisions on optimal solutions from among many options.  
Many original Problem/Project Based Learning (PBL) courses are in store to build the students' strength to think for themselves and find their solution to global issues. Courses reinforcing their area of specialization can also be taken depending on their interest. [Read more](#)





### [Video] Music for Study in Japan for Africa

We are thrilled to announce the art collaboration by Cameroonian singer, Kenyan videographer and students from Sub-Saharan Africa. Sing along, dance to, and fall in love with the tune. The video shows how African students stay and enjoy themselves at University of Tsukuba, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tohoku University and Hokkaido University in Japan. The students' information is available in the description of the video. Just imagine you would be there and study in Japan! IKUZO (let's go) to Japan!!!

[Watch now](#), The song title is "JPN Opportunity," if you want to check its lyrics, just [watch here](#).

Since 2014, [Study in Japan Global Network Project](#) has been implemented by [Hokkaido University](#). This project is a gateway to all universities in Japan, without having to search and look into every university on your own.

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