

Notes for Applicants

This partial scholarship scheme has been set up by the ASO GROUP with a view to deepening the link between Japan, particularly Fukuoka Prefecture, and the University of Oxford.

1. Eligibility

To be eligible for the award of a scholarship a candidate must:

- (a) speak Japanese as a first language;
- (b) must have been born, brought up, or partly schooled (at least one year in elementary, junior high, high school, or university) in Fukuoka prefecture*;
- (c) have obtained, or expect to obtain before October 2026, a Bachelor's degree with a first or upper second-class honours or the international equivalent;
- (d) be accepted for a **one-year** postgraduate degree at the University of Oxford from Michaelmas Term 2026, having stated New College as their preferred college on the Graduate Application form;
- (e) be adequately proficient in English. All non-native English-speaking offer holders must meet the requirements described on the University's [English Language Requirements](#) webpage as proof of English language proficiency. These will normally be issued as a condition of offer by an applicant's department or faculty; depending on the course, the requirement may be 'Standard' or 'Higher'. Providing evidence of meeting the English Language Requirements would form part of the ASO scholarship offer conditions.

The partial scholarship may be held for study in any subject area.

2. Amount of Award

The scholarship is worth up to £25,000.

3. Applying to the University

To be considered for the scholarship please:

- [Submit your Graduate Application](#) form to the University
- Submit a completed Aso Scholarship application form electronically to the Admissions Administrator, New College, at admissions@new.ox.ac.uk from your preferred contact email.

The deadline for receipt of the Aso Scholarship application form is 6th January 2026. Please note January deadlines for the Graduate Application form vary by course. Check your course deadline [here](#).

4. Number of awards available

It is anticipated that one, one-year award will be available.

5. Interviews

It is expected that candidates will be informed by May 2026 whether they have been shortlisted and are being invited to interview. Interviews will be held (either in Japan or online) and are most likely taking place in May 2026 (date to be confirmed).

6. Decisions

The final result is expected to be known by June 2026.

7. Data handling

Data provided by the applicant will be processed and stored in accordance with [New College's Privacy Policy](#) and the [University of Oxford Postgraduate Privacy Policy](#).

* If no suitable candidate applies, geographical eligibility will be extended to Kyushu, in the first case, and then the rest of Japan.