**JAPANESE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIPS SEMESTER 1, 2021**

**POSTPONED**

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN JAPANESE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP**

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN / HYOGO PREFECTURE JAPANESE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP**

The Western Australian Government has awarded two Western Australian Government Japanese studies scholarships annually since 1972: the *Western Australian Japanese Studies Scholarship*; and the *Western Australian/Hyogo Prefecture Japanese Studies Scholarship*.

These prestigious scholarships offer promising students or graduates, who are proficient in the Japanese language, the opportunity to spend up to one year studying at a university in Japan. It is a goal of the Western Australian Government that scholarship recipients will help strengthen professional ties between Japan and Western Australia.

The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation administers the two scholarships, and is committed to ensuring that successful applicants are safe and have the support they need during their time abroad.

At present, safe international travel has been significantly disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. With student safety a priority, the Japanese Studies Scholarship Committee has decided to postpone the Japanese Studies Scholarships application process for Semester 1, 2021.

The State Government is committed to resuming this scholarship program once conditions permit.

The Department will continue to work in close collaboration with the Japanese Studies Scholarship Committee, including the Hyogo Prefectural Government Cultural Centre and the Japanese Consulate, to monitor the situation closely, and ensure that students are informed of any developments regarding the scholarships.

Students interested in applying for these scholarships at a later date are encouraged to remain in contact with their university for up-to-date information. Updates will also be available on the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation’s [website](https://www.jtsi.wa.gov.au/trade-with-wa/buying-from-wa/education/japanese-studies-scholarships).

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