

Application Guidelines for 2022 SEMMOTO Scholarships

**Applicants may apply directly to the foundation without
pre-selection by their university**

- Length and amount of scholarship: ¥80,000 per month for 1 year
- Number of scholarships available: 7
- Level of study: Undergraduates
(sophomores and juniors as of October 1, 2022)
- Eligible countries: Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, US

▼Applications Accepted▼

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – Monday, August 1, 2022



Frances and Sachio Semmoto
Foundation

1. Overview of the 2022 Offering

This scholarship is open to foreign students studying at a Japanese university in their sophomore or junior year. The Frances & Sachio Semmoto Foundation aims to provide financial assistance to talented students of demonstrated financial need from Asia–Pacific nations who wish to pursue postsecondary education in Japan. We aim to provide the means by which such students may grow to become the future leaders of their nations, thereby fostering mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and our Asia–Pacific neighbors. **In FY2022, we intend to give priority to those whose entry into Japan was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

2. Eligibility Criteria

(1) Nationalities and Visas

Open to students of the following nationalities studying at Japanese universities who hold a student visa

Cambodia	Indonesia	Laos
Malaysia	Myanmar	Philippines
Thailand	United States	Vietnam

(2) Level of Study

Open to sophomores and juniors as of October 1, 2022 enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program at the following designated universities.

【Designated Universities】

Hitotsubashi University, Hokkaido University, International Christian University, Keio University, Kobe University, Kyoto University, Kyushu University, Nagoya University, Osaka University, Sophia University, Tohoku University, Tokyo Institute of Technology, University of Tokyo, University of Tsukuba, Waseda University

(3) Academics/Health

In addition to academic excellence, applicants must have a demonstrated interest in cross-cultural understanding and communication skills, a sincere attitude toward their goals, and be physically and mentally sound enough to endure life as a foreign exchange student.

(4) Economic Conditions

The scholarship serves those who would have difficulty paying the full amount of study abroad expenses due to financial reasons.

(5) Age

Applicants must have been born on or after April 1, 1993 (under 29 years of age as of March 31, 2022).

3. Number of Scholarships Available

No more than 7

4. Scholarship Overview

(1) Amount of Scholarship

¥ 80,000 per month

(2) Period of Scholarship

October 2022 – September 2023 (1 year)

(3) Scholarship Payment Methods

In principle, one month's payment will be transferred to the scholar's account on the 10th of each month. (Only the first payment for October will be transferred together with the payment for November, for a total of two months' payment in November.) If the 10th falls on a holiday (Saturday, Sunday, or a national holiday), the payment will be made on the weekday immediately preceding the holiday.

(4) Scholars' Obligations

- ① Participation in Foundation events (once or twice per year)
- ② Submission of scholarship receipts (monthly)
- ③ Submission of scholarship reports (once every two months)
- ④ Cooperation with publicity activities (publication of name, school name, photo, and scholarship report)
- ⑤ Submission of academic transcripts (once every six months)
- ⑥ Attend individual interviews (once per year, online)
- ⑦ Submission of necessary notifications
Scholars are required to report and submit to the Foundation notice of any of the following events:
 - Notification of a change in status
 - In the event of a leave of absence from school, suspension, transfer, or withdrawal from school
 - When a scholar rejects the scholarship
 - When a scholar moves to a new residence, changes his/her name, or undergoes any other change in his/her personal circumstances
 - When there is a change in the scholar's head of household (dependent) or emergency contact person (death, change of address, name change, etc.)
 - When the scholar's visa status is no longer that of "student"
 - Notification of part-time work
 - When a part-time job is newly started/changed/interrupted
 - Notification of departure
 - When leaving Japan temporarily
 - When there is a change in other important matters
- ⑧ Compliance with the laws of Japan and the regulations of your school

5. Application and Screening Schedule

When applying for a SEMMOTO scholarship, **you MUST submit both (1) your application by post and (2) your assigned essay online.** **Please be sure to complete both the posting and online submission procedures,** as we cannot accept only one of them.

① Application Acceptance Period

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – Monday, August 1, 2022

Submit the application by post

- ① 2022 Application form for SEMMOTO scholarship
- ② Transcript of academic records
- ③ Copy of residence card (front and back)

Submit two online essays

Submit two online essays via the designated web form.
See page 4 for “How to apply.”

**** Please be sure to complete both the posting and online submission procedures ****

② Document Screening

③ Notification of Results of Document Screening

Applications will be reviewed, and up to nine applicants will be selected for the document screening. Applicants will be notified directly of the screening results by Friday, September 2, 2022. Applicants who pass the document screening will be sent information on the time and venue of the interview examination, along with a notification of acceptance.

④ Interview Examination

Interviews in groups of three will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 13:00 to 16:00 for 30 to 40 minutes. The interviews will be conducted in the language in which the application documents were prepared (Japanese or English).

Transportation expenses will be paid for those who live more than 100 km away from the Foundation's headquarters (Kyobashi Edogran 18F, 2-2-1 Kyobashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo). Details will be provided only to those who have passed the document screening and are eligible.

⑤ Notification of Results of Interview Examination

Applicants will be notified directly of the results of the interview examination by Monday, October 21, 2022. Successful applicants will have until Tuesday, November 1, 2022 to reply and indicate whether they wish to receive this scholarship and to register their contact information.

⑥ Scholarship Payments Begin in November 2022.

6. How to Apply

① Send Your Application Documents by Post

Please enclose and send the following documents (① through ③) by post.

✓ **Documents to be mailed:**

① **2022 APPLICATION FORM FOR SEMMOTO SCHOLARSHIP**

*Please download and print the form from <https://semmoto.or.jp/en-scholarship-system>, attach your ID photo (4.0 cm x 3.0 cm), and sign where indicated.

② **Transcripts** * Strictly sealed within one month of issuance

③ **Copy of resident card, front and back**

*Please enclose strictly sealed documents in the mailing envelope without opening the seal.

✓ **Mailing address**

The Frances & Sachio Semmoto Foundation
2-2-1-18F Kyobashi, Chuoku, Tokyo 104-0031

✓ **Application deadline**

Postmarked by August 1, 2022

② Submit Online Essay

Please access the Foundation's website, <https://semmoto.or.jp/en-scholarship-system>, find the essay form, and submit your essays. You can also find the essay form using the QR code below.



✓ **Submission deadline**

23:59, Monday, August 1, 2022

**** Please be sure to complete both the posting and online submission procedures. ****

7. Privacy Policy

In conducting the scholarship selection process at the Foundation, we have established rules for handling personal information in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information, the *Personal Information Protection Guidelines* (by the Personal Information Protection Commission), and other laws and regulations. We pledge always to handle personal information appropriately.

(1) Purposes for the use of personal information

The Foundation will use applicants' personal information only as needed to achieve the following purposes:

- Recruitment and selection of scholarship recipients
- Scholarship payments
- Operation of alumni associations
- Other activities to achieve the purposes of the Foundation

(2) Provision of personal information to a third party

We will not, except in cases where legally permitted, provide an applicant's personal information to a third party without the advance consent of the applicant.

(3) Disposal of Retained Personal Information

Application materials from unsuccessful applicants will be promptly discarded. Application materials will not be returned.

Please use the contact information below when making requests to us for disclosure, etc. of an applicant's personal information, and for inquiries involving complaints or consultation.

The Frances & Sachio Semmoto Foundation
2-2-1-18F Kyobashi, Chuoku, Tokyo 104-0031
<https://semmoto.or.jp/en-inquiry>

8. About the Foundation

■ Our Activities

- (1) Scholarships for students from Asia–Pacific countries
- (2) Mentoring and training of scholarship recipients
- (3) Supporting exchanges among scholarship recipients
- (4) Other activities necessary to achieve the objectives of the Foundation

■ Purpose of Establishment

The Frances & Sachio Semmoto Foundation aims to provide financial assistance to talented students of demonstrated financial need from Asia–Pacific nations who want to pursue postsecondary education in Japan. We aim to provide the means by which such students may grow to become the future leaders of their nations, thereby fostering mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and our Asia–Pacific neighbors.

During the 1960s, when overseas higher education remained out of reach for the vast majority of Japanese students, I was fortunate enough to study abroad in the United States as a part of the Fulbright Scholar Program. Through this experience, I encountered a globally minded ethos of social consciousness that was deeply rooted in liberal American values. My formative experiences during this time strongly informed my own values and philosophy and contributed significantly to my decision to found the DDI Corporation (now the KDDI Corporation, one of the leading Japanese telecom companies) and several other companies.

I strongly believe that Japan, a nation that has benefitted enormously from the world’s goodwill during its postwar reconstruction, and more recently, following the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami, has a responsibility to give back to the global community. It is with this purpose that we founded the Frances & Sachio Semmoto Foundation to provide students from Asia–Pacific nations who otherwise would not have the means to fulfill their educational goals access to postsecondary education in Japan.

It is my hope and desire that these students will have formative experiences much like those I had during my studies as a Fulbright scholar, and that they will grow to become global leaders with strong ties to, and a deep understanding of, Japan.

President Sachio Semmoto



■ Board Members

President	Sachio Semmoto	Co-founder, DDI (now KDDI) and eAccess; Executive Chairman, RENOVA, Inc.
Director	Keiichi Konaga	Former Administrative Vice-Minister, Ministry of International Trade and Industry
Director	Toru Hashimoto	Former President, Fuji Bank; Former Vice Chairman, Japan Business Federation
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Trustee	Ichiro Fujisaki	President, America Japan Society (former Ambassador to the United States)
Trustee	Yukie Osumi	Full member, Japan Kogei Association, holders of Important Intangible Cultural Property (Living National Treasure, Hammering)
Trustee	Sayaka Iida	CFO, BELLDESIGN Inc.
Trustee	Sachiko Semmoto	President, Frances Inc.
Auditor	Toru Nakamura	Representative Director, Corporate Advisers Co., Ltd.; Certified Public Accountant; Certified Tax Accountant

■ History

September 2017	The Frances & Sachio Semmoto Foundation established
October 2018	Start of scholarship program for foreign students
February 2019	Certified as a public interest incorporated foundation

■ Contact

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If you wish to visit the Foundation, please apply in advance using the inquiry form on the website above.