

Daiwa Scholarships 2016

The Daiwa Scholarship is a unique 19-month programme of language study, work placement and homestay in Japan. (following a month of Japanese tuition in the UK)

Daiwa Scholarships offer young and talented UK citizens with strong leadership potential the opportunity to acquire Japanese language skills and to access expertise and knowledge relevant to their career goals.

No previous experience of Japan or Japanese is necessary.



Daiwa Scholars 2014

The Daiwa Scholarship programme was established by The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation in 1991.

Aimed at British graduates and future leaders in their fields, it was inspired by the belief that contact between young people would foster mutual understanding and support the long-term relationship between Britain and Japan.

Since the programme began, 153 Scholars have benefited from the Scholarship.

The Foundation will select up to six new Daiwa Scholars in April 2016. <http://www.dajf.org.uk>

Where have previous Scholars studied?

Scholars hold degrees from: Cardiff University; Glasgow College of Art; Heriot Watt University; Goldsmiths, University of London; Imperial College London; King's College London; Liverpool John Moores University; London School of Economics; London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; The Open University; The Prince's Foundation; Queen Mary, University of London; Queen's University Belfast; SOAS; Staffordshire University; University College London; University for the Creative Arts; University of Bath; University of Aberdeen; University of Birmingham; University of Bradford; University of Brighton; University of Bristol; University of Cambridge; University of Dundee; University of Durham; University of East Anglia; University of Edinburgh; University of Exeter; University of Glasgow; University of London; University of Leeds; University of Leicester; University of Liverpool; University of Manchester; University of Nottingham; University of Oxford; University of Sheffield; University of St Andrews; University of Surrey; University of the Arts London; University of Warwick; University of York

What have Scholars studied?

Scholars have come from a wide range of disciplines: architecture, art and design, arts and humanities, music, engineering, law, medicine, science, and social science.

Where are former Scholars now?

Scholars work for a number of different organisations, including: Apple, Argent Estates Limited, Arup, Bath Spa University, BBC News, British Council, Business Development Asia, Civil Service, The Daily Telegraph, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Discovery Capital, Hertfordshire Constabulary, Herbert Smith Freehills, the Home Office, Gresford Architects, Hewlett-Packard, Hogan Lovells, KPMG, University of Hong Kong, Imperial College London, ITV, Jaguar Land Rover, Japan College of Foreign Languages, Jennic, Manchester Metropolitan University, Moody's Investors Service Singapore Pte. Ltd., Nottingham University Hospital, Merrill Lynch, Marks & Clerk, Money Week, Playdom, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, University of Bristol, University of Cardiff, University of Sheffield, Sophia University Japan, Temple University Japan, Thomson Reuters, T-Three Consulting, Undercover Architecture Ltd, University of Edinburgh, University of Liverpool, WPP

Eligibility

Candidates must be:

- British citizens
 - aged between 21 and 35 years of age as of 1 September 2016
- Candidates should be:

- graduates (or due to graduate by September 2016) with a strong degree in any subject* or with a strong record of achievement in their field
- in possession of clear career objectives and a commitment to furthering UK-Japan links.

*Graduates in Japanese language studies are not eligible to apply for Daiwa Scholarships but may wish to apply for support through the Foundation's grant schemes.

Programme Structure

Daiwa Scholarships 2016 last approximately 20 months, starting in August 2016 and finishing at the end of March 2018. The selected Daiwa Scholars will undertake a month of Japanese language study in the UK during August before moving to Japan in mid-September for the remainder of the Scholarship.

LANGUAGE STUDY in the UK - August 2016

The selected Daiwa Scholars will undertake a one-month Japanese language course in the UK in August 2016 and then move to Japan for the rest of the Scholarship. There will be a short orientation programme on arrival in Tokyo.

LANGUAGE STUDY in Japan - from September 2016

All Daiwa Scholars undertake intensive Japanese language study at the Tokyo School of the Japanese Language, known also as the Naganuma School, and complementary communication classes. After 12 months, they are expected to reach an upper-intermediate level of language ability and are encouraged to sit Level N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).

Level N2 is the second most advanced stage in the JLPT and is a challenging but achievable objective. To attain Level N2, candidates must demonstrate an understanding of a high level of grammar, knowledge of kanji (Chinese characters), vocabulary and the ability to converse, read and write about matters of a general nature.

SEMINARS (September to December 2016)

A series of weekly seminars in English are held for Daiwa Scholars at Hosei University in Tokyo. These are designed to give Scholars an introduction to Japanese life, culture and society.

HOMESTAY (September/October 2017)

Daiwa Scholars spend one month with a family outside Tokyo at the end of the first year to improve their language ability and to enhance their understanding of Japan.

WORK PLACEMENTS (October 2017 to March 2018)

The Foundation arranges individual work placements appropriate to each Daiwa Scholar's career goals. Previous Daiwa Scholars have been based at organisations including government ministries, NGOs, universities, think-tanks, media companies, architecture practices and law firms. A high standard of Japanese is essential to benefit from a successful work placement.

GRADUATION

Completion of the programme is marked by a graduation ceremony in Tokyo at which each graduating Scholar gives a short speech in Japanese. Scholars then automatically become members of the Daiwa Scholars Alumni Association.

Application Procedure

Apply online completing the application form available from <http://www.dajf.org.uk/scholarships/general-information>. In addition, candidates must supply three confidential reference letters in sealed envelopes by the application deadline.

Applications and references must reach the Foundation by **Thursday 3 December 2015**.

There are three stages to the interview process which is based at Daiwa Foundation Japan House in London.

Stage 1: The preliminary selection of candidates will take place during January 2016. Candidates will be notified whether or not they are invited to a Stage 1 interview, which will take place during in early to mid-February 2016..

Stage 2: Candidates who successfully pass Stage 1 will be invited to a lunch at Daiwa Foundation Japan House in mid to late February 2016. Candidates will be notified whether they are invited to Stage 3 interview shortly afterwards.

Stage 3: The final shortlist of candidates will be interviewed by the Trustees in March 2016. Candidates will be notified of the final outcome soon afterwards.

The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation is a UK charity, established in 1988 with a generous benefaction from Daiwa Securities Co Ltd. The Foundation's purpose is to support closer links between Britain and Japan.

It does this by:

- making grants available to individuals, institutions and organisations to promote links between the UK and Japan across all fields of activity
- awarding scholarships to young British graduates to study Japan and its language
- organising a year-round programme of events to increase understanding of Japan in the UK.

Daiwa Foundation Japan House, the London-based headquarters, acts as a centre for UK-Japan relations in Britain by offering a wide programme of seminars, exhibitions and book launches as well as meeting rooms for Japan-related activities.

The Foundation is represented in Japan by its Tokyo Office, which provides local assistance to Daiwa Scholars and administers grant applications from Japan. It also handles general enquiries, and forms part of the network of organisations supporting links between the UK and Japan.