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## BRIDGING SCHOLARSHIPS, FALL 2014

The US-Japan Bridging Foundation funds scholarships through AATJ to help students to study in Japan.

**The Bridging Project is accepting applications from American students participating in semester- or year-long study-abroad programs in Japan that begin between August and October 2014. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 8, 2014.**

Funding from private foundations and major corporations has made it possible to award at least 60 scholarships to assist students with the travel and living expenses while studying abroad in Japan. Contributors to the Bridging Scholarship fund include Aflac Japan, AIG Japan Holdings, Ronald and Maria Anderson, Bank of America-Merrill Lynch, Laurence Bates, Bill Breer, Bloomberg LP, the Bridging Scholars Alumni Fund, Estee Lauder, Exxon Mobil G.K., Bill Farrell, Robert Feldman, Daniel and Mikiyo Foote, the Freeman Foundation, GE Corporation, Goldman Sachs Gives, the Robert Grondine Memorial Fund, Ken Hakuta, Duan and Myrle Hall, Ellen Hammond and Yasuo Ohdera, Norimasa and Atsuko Hirai, Barry Hirschfeld, Jr., Ichigo Asset Management, JP Morgan Japan, Shiro Kambara, Jonathan Kushner and Miyuki Takahashi, Lockheed Martin, Kathy Matsui, Mission Value Partners, Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas), Morgan Stanley Japan, Oak Lawn Marketing, ORIX USA, Thierry and Yasko Porte, Brian Strawn, Paul Takanawa, George and Brad Takei, Temple University-Japan Campus, Gary Thomas, Toyota Motor Corporation, Christopher Wells, and Deena Zakim.

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Undergraduate students majoring in any field of study are eligible to apply for these scholarships. Japanese language study is not a prerequisite.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and be enrolled as undergraduates in a college or university in the U.S. Their terms of study in Japan should be at least three months in duration. Recipients of Bridging Scholarships will receive a stipend of \$2,500 (for students on single-semester programs) or \$4,000 (for students on academic-year programs). The deadline for applications is **April 8, 2014**, for students who will be studying in Japan during the Fall 2014 semester or the 2014-2015 academic year. **This is not a postmark deadline. All materials must be received by the end of business on Tuesday, April 8.**

The Bridging Scholarship application form is available on paper or as a Word form document that can be filled out online, printed, and mailed with other application materials. Go to <http://www.aatj.org/studyabroad/scholarships> for the form. Please submit three copies of all materials except transcripts and letters of recommendation. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. The results of the selection will be announced in late November. Selection is made by a committee and is based on academic potential and financial need.

Each scholarship recipient will be expected to send a brief report about his or her study in Japan to the AATJ office within 60 days of returning from abroad. These reports will be valuable for students, teachers, and advisors who are selecting study-abroad programs in Japan.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Please submit the following to the AATJ office by **April 8, 2014** for study beginning Fall 2014. Please note: Applications must be received (not postmarked) by the end of business on **April 8** in order to be considered.

1. A completed application form (three copies). The application form can be found at [www.aatj.org/studyabroad/scholarships](http://www.aatj.org/studyabroad/scholarships), filled out online, and downloaded and printed.
2. A short essay (up to 500 words) explaining your interest in study abroad in Japan (three copies).
3. An official transcript from your college or university.
4. A letter of recommendation from someone who knows you and is knowledgeable about your abilities and potential, preferably a professor or instructor in your major course of study. This may either be submitted together with the application or sent separately by the recommender; please note that it must be received by **April 8** in order for your application to be considered. *Faxed or emailed letters will **NOT** be accepted.*

Students planning to study in Japan beginning in Spring 2015 should apply in **October 2014**.

For further information on the Bridging Scholarships or the application procedure, please contact Susan Schmidt, Executive Director of the Bridging Project Clearinghouse, at the AATJ office: [studyabroad@aatj.org](mailto:studyabroad@aatj.org).

[www.aatj.org/studyabroad/  
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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Application form (3 copies) [an electronic application is available on our website]
- Essay (3 copies)
- Transcript (issued by institution)
- Letter of recommendation (original, sealed letter)

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The Bridging Project Clearinghouse has information on a variety of opportunities for study abroad in Japan. Visit us on the Web or contact us by phone, fax, or email.

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