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## BRIDGING SCHOLARSHIPS, FALL 2017

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

**The Bridging Project is accepting applications from American students who will participate in study-abroad programs in Japan beginning in Fall 2017. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 11, 2017.**

Funding from private foundations, corporations, and individuals has made it possible to award 75 scholarships to assist students with travel and living expenses while studying abroad in Japan.

Contributors to the Bridging Scholarship fund for 2017 include Ronald and Maria Anderson, the Bridging Scholars Alumni Scholarship Fund; the Freeman Foundation; Aflac Japan, AIG Holdings KK, Estee Lauder K.K., Exxon Mobil G.K., the Robert Grondine Memorial Scholarship Fund, Harry and Yumiko Hill, Ichigo Asset Management, the Japan Foundation, Edward Lincoln, Lockheed Martin Global, Inc., Deanna Marcum, Mission Value Partners, Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas), Morgan Stanley Japan, Robert and Janette Noddin, Oak Lawn Marketing, ORIX USA Corporation, T.J. Pempel, Susan Pharr and Robert Mitchell, Thierry and Yasko Porte, Roche Family Foundation, David Sneider, George and Brad Takei, Temple University-Japan Campus, Toyota Motor North America, and the U.S.-Japan Council TOMODACHI Initiative.

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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 must 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 11, 2017**, for students who will be studying in Japan during the Fall 2017 semester or the 2017-2018 academic year. **This is not a postmark deadline. All materials must be received by the end of business on Tuesday, April 11.**

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/japan-bridging-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 May. Selection is made by a committee and is based on academic potential and financial need.

Scholarship recipients will be expected to send a brief report about their 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 11, 2017**. Please note: Applications must be received (not postmarked) by the end of business on **April 11** in order to be considered.

1. A completed application form (three copies). The application form can be found at [www.aatj.org/studyabroad/japan-bridging-scholarships](http://www.aatj.org/studyabroad/japan-bridging-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 11** 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 2018 should apply in October 2017.

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).

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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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