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## BRIDGING SCHOLARSHIPS, Fall 2019

The United States-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 2019. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 10, 2019.**

Funding from private foundations, corporations, and individuals has made it possible to award up to 75 scholarships to assist students with travel and living expenses while studying abroad in Japan beginning in the fall semester of 2019.

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

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 long.

Recipients of Bridging Scholarships will receive a stipend of \$2,500 (for students on single-semester programs) or \$4,000 (for students on full-year programs). The deadline for applications is **April 10, 2019**, for students who will be studying in Japan at programs that begin in the fall semester of 2019. This is not a postmark deadline: **Application materials must be received by Wednesday, April 10.**

The Bridging Scholarship application form is available online or as a Word form document that can be filled out, printed, and mailed with other application materials. Go to <http://www.aatj.org/studyabroad/japan-bridging-scholarships> for a link to the online application and to the paper form. 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.

Scholarship recipients will be expected to send a brief report about their study in Japan to the AATJ office within 90 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 10, 2019**. Please note: Applications must be **received** online or by mail (not postmarked) by the end of business on **April 10** in order to be considered.

1. A completed application form.  
A link to the online application can be found at [www.aatj.org/studyabroad/japan-bridging-scholarships](http://www.aatj.org/studyabroad/japan-bridging-scholarships). The application includes a short essay (up to 500 words) explaining your interest in study abroad in Japan.
3. An official transcript from your college or university. This can be uploaded online, sent electronically by email, or mailed.
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 should be submitted by the recommender, by email or postal mail.

Students planning to study in Japan beginning in Spring 2020 should wait to apply until fall; the application deadline will be in October 2019.

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 [an electronic application is available on our website]
- Essay
- Transcript (issued by institution)
- Letter of recommendation (original letter by mail or email)

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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 or email.

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**FALL  
2019**

*20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bridging  
Scholarships!*



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