

## Recruitment for the Second Cohort of the Quad Fellowship

At the Japan-U.S.-Australia-India Summit held in September 2021, an agreement was reached at the leadership level of the four countries to establish the Japan-U.S.-Australia-India Fellowship. This fellowship is designed to provide scholarships to outstanding students from Japan, the United States, Australia, and India pursuing master's or doctoral degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at graduate schools in the United States.

The operation and management of the fellowship was transferred from the Schmidt Foundation in the United States to the Institute of International Education (IIE) in December 2023, and we have just begun accepting applications for the second term of the fellowship. From this time on, the Fellowship is also open to students from 10 ASEAN countries.

We would like to actively encourage students from Japan to apply as well, so we kindly ask for your university's assistance in disseminating the following fellowship information to relevant departments and faculties.

Additionally, please inform students to refer to the following website for detailed information about the fellowship (individual details are provided in the FAQ section). We appreciate your cooperation in disseminating this information (which will be updated regularly).

### Note

Overview of the Japan-US-Australia-India Fellowship Program: (As of February 6, 2024, this is the main information posted on the website. Information is subject to regular updates.)

#### 1. Eligibility Criteria:

- ① Must be 18 years or older at the time of application.
- ② Citizens or lawful permanent residents of Japan, the United States, Australia, India, or any of the 10 ASEAN countries.
- ③ Have obtained a bachelor's degree in a STEM field by August 2024.
- ④ Have demonstrated outstanding academic performance at the undergraduate level.
- ⑤ Applicants intending to pursue graduate studies must have applied to a STEM graduate program at a university based in the United States starting in the 2024-2025 academic year.
- ⑥ If currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral program in the United States, must be enrolled full-time in an eligible STEM graduate program for the entire duration of the 2024-

2025 academic year, etc.

## 2. Fellowship Details:

- ① A scholarship of \$40,000 will be provided to cover academic expenses.
- ② Opportunities to build relationships with outstanding talents active in STEM, government, and society.

## 3. Application Process:

- ① Application is conducted online.
- ② Submission of applicant information (resume), three essays, and three letters of recommendation (two from professors who can attest to the applicant's academic abilities, and one from a workplace supervisor or another academic or professional contact). (All application documents must be in English.)

## 4. Selection Process:

- ① Document screening, ② Expert review, ③ Panel interview (final stage).

## 5. Selection Criteria:

- ① Excellent academic performance in STEM fields, ② Passion for contributing to society through STEM, ③ Curiosity, compassion, and integrity, ④ Initiative, ⑤ Innovation and creativity.

## 6. Schedule

Application Deadline: April 1, 2024, 5:00 PM (Eastern Time, USA)

## 7. Contact Information

The Quad Fellowship Website (English, Japanese): [www.quadfellowship.org](http://www.quadfellowship.org)

Inquiries: [quadfellowshipinfo@iie.org](mailto:quadfellowshipinfo@iie.org)

### **【Related Information】**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Website (Second Japan-US-Australia-India Leaders' Summit)

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/fp/nsp/page4\\_005424.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/fp/nsp/page4_005424.html)

<https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/files/100238176.pdf>

<https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/files/100238180.pdf>

**【Source of this Announcement】** (\*For inquiries regarding details of this fellowship, please refer to the contact information provided in section 7 above.)

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