


# FAQ regarding ABE Initiative

Questions related to "Program and Life in Japan"		In detail, Please see [General Information] and [Instructions] <General Information> http://www.education-japan.org/africa/ac_form/General_Information_5th_batch.pdf																																																
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Q1	<b>Is ABE Initiative a full scholarship?</b> <i>(Program and Life in Japan / Allowance)</i>	Yes. Fees for Tuition at Japanese university master's degree programs (and research student), allowances for living expenses will be covered by scholarship.  Refer to General Information (p.9-10) "15. Expenses To Be Borne by JICA".																																																
Q2	<b>Can I obtain full scholarship even while I am a Research Student?</b> <i>(Program and Life in Japan / Allowance)</i>	Yes. JICA provides tuition fee and living allowance during Research Student period.																																																
Q3	<b>Can any of my allowances be paid into my home country bank account during my stay in Japan?</b> <i>(Program and Life in Japan / Allowance)</i>	It is not possible because the bank card for withdrawing the allowance will be distributed by JICA after you arrive in JICA Tokyo. All allowances are paid in Japan.																																																
Q4	<b>How is the internship arranged?</b> <i>(Program and Life in Japan / Internship)</i>	<p>Summer Internship opportunity is MANDATORY and will be arranged by matching between your availability and offers from companies. Post-Graduation Internship can be arranged ONLY IF Japanese company offer you the opportunity. The company, period of internship and location will be informed 2 months before the graduation.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2018 Oct</th> <th>2019 Apr</th> <th>2019 Oct</th> <th>2020 Apr</th> <th>2020 Oct</th> <th>2021 Apr</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Research Student</td> <td rowspan="3">Research Student (6 months)</td> <td>1 year Master ★</td> <td></td> <td>Internship (-6months)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.5 years Master ★</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Internship (-6months)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 years Master ★</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Internship (-6months)</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Master Student</td> <td rowspan="3"></td> <td>1 year Master ★</td> <td>Internship (-6months)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.5 years Master ★</td> <td></td> <td>Internship (-6months)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 years Master ★</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Internship (-6months)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">★ Summer Internship (-2weeks)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2018 Oct	2019 Apr	2019 Oct	2020 Apr	2020 Oct	2021 Apr	Research Student	Research Student (6 months)	1 year Master ★		Internship (-6months)			1.5 years Master ★			Internship (-6months)		2 years Master ★				Internship (-6months)	Master Student		1 year Master ★	Internship (-6months)				1.5 years Master ★		Internship (-6months)			2 years Master ★			Internship (-6months)		★ Summer Internship (-2weeks)						
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Q5	<b>What happens in case I fail the entrance exam (to enter the master's course)?</b> <i>(Program and Life in Japan / Entrance Exam: For Research Student)</i>	In case a participant fail the entrance exam he/she has to return to home country.																																																
Q6	<b>Can my family come to Japan together?</b> <i>(Program and Life in Japan / Inviting your Family)</i>	<p>If you would like to invite your family and stay together with them, it is better to invite them AFTER 6 MONTHS of your arrival, and also after you enroll in the university as regular student.</p> <p>You should be responsible for all expenses, and should take all necessary procedures and responsibilities regarding inviting your family to Japan. JICA does not provide any support or additional assistance other than issuing certain documents necessary for the invitation procedure.</p>																																																
no	<b>Can I go back to my country or travel abroad during vacation?</b> <i>(Program and Life in Japan / Temporary Leave to Travel Home and/or to a Third Country)</i>	<p>ABE Initiative participant is allowed to leave Japan temporarily to travel to his /her home and /or a third country on official duties related to work for his / her government; for humanitarian reasons or any other reason approved by JICA. The payment of Living Allowance is suspended (not be paid) while you are away from Japan.</p> <p>In addition, "Overseas Research" is permitted if you fulfill several conditions. JICA continues providing you with Living Allowance when "Overseas Research" period" is 30 days or less. All travel expenses have to be borne by you.</p>																																																

<p><b>Q8</b></p>	<p><b>Are diseases and injuries covered by insurance while I'm in Japan?</b> (Program and Life in Japan /Medical Insurance)</p>	<p>JICA Medical Card is issued for every JICA participant to assist with medical treatment in Japan. It covers 100% of medical treatment expenses while you are unqualified for National Health Insurance (before you enroll in National Health Insurance). While you are qualified for National Health Insurance, it covers 30% of total treatment expenses as National Health Insurance covers 70%. <b>However JICA Medical Card does not cover your family's treatment and there are exceptions for your treatments as below.</b></p> <p>(a) Medical treatment for illness or injury caused by willful misconduct (b) Medical treatment of pre-existing illness (c) Corrective surgery that does not require an urgent operation (d) Cosmetic surgery (e) Immunization, or routine medical examinations and vaccinations (f) Treatment related to and resulting from pregnancy and/or childbirth (g) Dental treatment (h) Purchase or repair of eyeglasses (i) Medical treatment over 180 days of the first treatment (j) Medical Checkup (k) Other some treatments defined by the insurance conditions</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="762 562 1246 741"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Period</th> <th colspan="2">Amount covered by</th> </tr> <tr> <th>JICA Medical Card</th> <th>National Health Insurance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Just after arrival, During the overseas research trip (*While you are unqualified for National Health Insurance)</td> <td>○ 100%</td> <td>—</td> </tr> <tr> <td>During your stay in Japan</td> <td>○ 30%</td> <td>○ 70%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Period	Amount covered by		JICA Medical Card	National Health Insurance	Just after arrival, During the overseas research trip (*While you are unqualified for National Health Insurance)	○ 100%	—	During your stay in Japan	○ 30%	○ 70%
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<p><b>Q9</b></p>	<p><b>How Can I obtain information about life in Japan?</b> (Program and Life in Japan /General Topic)</p>	<p>You can obtain some information from the site below.</p> <p>Information about Japan <a href="http://www.education-japan.org/africa/about_japan.html#anc01">http://www.education-japan.org/africa/about_japan.html#anc01</a></p>											
<p><b>Q10</b></p>	<p><b>What type of accommodation will likely be in Japan?</b> (Program and Life in Japan / Housing)</p>	<p>JICA provides a participant with a room at JICA Domestic Center or Hotel upon your arrival in Japan. Afterward, most of the participants move out the facility to dormitories or public/private apartments close to the university.</p> 											
<p><b>Q11</b></p>	<p><b>Are there any things not to allowed as an ABE Initiative participants?</b> (Program and Life in Japan / Things not allowed)</p>	<p>ABE Initiative participant is not allowed to do following things;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Violation of the Japanese Laws and Regulations</li> <li>2) Part-time Job You are NOT allowed to work, because the purpose of your stay in Japan is to engage in study/research. Teacher's assistance in your university may be permitted if the tasks are closely related to your research and your supervisor/professor approves.</li> <li>3) Driving Vehicles</li> <li>4) Changing Accommodation without the Permission of JICA</li> <li>5) Being Absent from your Accommodation for a while without Informing JICA</li> <li>6) Leaving Japan without the Approval of JICA</li> <li>7) Extension of the Period of Program</li> </ol> <p>Any extensions of the period of stay in Japan for the reasons of admission to a PhD course or a failure of successful completion of degree within the scheduled term will NOT be considered.</p>											
<p><b>Q12</b></p>	<p><b>Does the program include a Japanese language course?</b> (Program and Life in Japan /General Topic)</p>	<p>Yes, you will have basic conversation classes upon your arrives in Japan. In addition, some universities provide Japanese language lessons to foreign students.</p> <p>* Japanese language course is not for academic purpose but for daily life in Japan. * You can obtain the credits required for master's degree in English, but some universities do not have all classes in English.</p>											