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**Regarding Applications for the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation)
for AY 2027**

On August 7, 2026, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) notified universities of the high possibility that recruitment for the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation) for students enrolling in Academic Year 2027 may be suspended.

As the suspension has not yet been officially decided, APU plans to continue accepting applications from those who wish to be considered for the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation). However, please note that depending on MEXT's final decision, APU may not nominate applicants for this scholarship.

In addition to the MEXT Scholarship (University Recommendation), there may be other external scholarship opportunities available to you, including those offered by the [Asian Development Bank \(ADB\)](#), the [African Development Bank \(AfDB\)](#), the [Yamaoka Scholarship](#) and the [Sylff Scholarship Program](#). We encourage you to review these opportunities as well.

Please be aware that once you submit the application, we cannot refund the paid application fee even if the MEXT Scholarship is suspended. APU will share any updates once MEXT makes an official announcement.

Reference Links

- [MEXT Scholarship \(University Recommendation\) Page](#)
- [Other External Scholarships Page](#)
- [Application Schedule Page](#)