

*Undergraduate
and Honours/Postgraduate
Scholarships*

in

Japanese Studies

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Curtin's Department of Asian Languages is pleased to offer five undergraduate/honours/postgraduate scholarships for students commencing Japanese programs at Curtin in 2012.

The undergraduate scholarship is valued at \$5,000 per annum for full-time study over a three year period for single degrees or a four year period for double degrees. The scholarship may be used to cover HECS fees, books and materials, and other costs related to study at the University. Year 12 students must apply for entry to a Bachelor of Arts (Japanese) or double degree with Japanese at Curtin in 2012 and must continue studying a major in Japanese throughout their course. Current Curtin students enrolled in Japanese are encouraged to apply; if successful, the funding will be provided for the remainder of your study.

The Honours scholarship is valued at \$6,000 for a one year full-time program leading to a BA (Hons) in Asian Studies at Curtin University. Applicants are required to have, or be about to complete, an undergraduate degree in an appropriate discipline. They must also have a level of competence in Japanese language to enable them to complete their research program.

All applicants should submit:

- a curriculum vitae
- a copy of their academic record
- three written references

Applicants for the undergraduate scholarship should also submit:

- a statement (maximum 500 words) indicating why they are studying or would like to study the Japanese major at Curtin and how they propose to use Japanese in their future career.
- Year 12 students must provide names and address of two teachers/school principal who can be contacted as referees (one of these should be a teacher of Japanese)

Applicants for the Honours scholarship should also submit:

- a 500 word statement of their intended research project.
- Names and addresses of two referees who may be approached for academic references. One of these should be able to comment on the applicant's ability in Japanese.

The Postgraduate scholarship is valued at \$7,000 per annum over three years (or part thereof for part-time students). For eligibility and conditions, please contact Samantha Hornby on email/phone details below.

Applications open 1 August 2011 and close 16 September 2011.

The Seizan Fukami Scholars

The undergraduate scholarships have been awarded to students from Kelmscott Senior High School, Leeming Senior High School, Lumen Christi College, Lynwood Senior High School, Nagle Catholic College (Geraldton) and Rossmoyne Senior High School.

Japanese Studies at Curtin

Curtin began teaching Japanese in 1967, and has maintained a strong Japanese program ever since. Curtin Japanese graduates have found employment in teaching and universities, tourism, banking, the resource and mining industry, journalism, libraries and many other industries. Many have followed their studies with teaching English as a Foreign Language in Japan.

The Japanese course caters for

- beginners,
- students with TEE Japanese and
- those who have spent a year on exchange in Japan.

The teaching methods used involve

- classes for both spoken and written language
- use of up-to-date technology (computer assisted learning and internet)
- cultural awareness activities

Because we are a part of a department with a strong EFL program, students may become involved in a program of joint activities with Japanese students learning English at Curtin. A "Speakers Corner" operates in the Wednesday common free time to provide the opportunity to practice Japanese and encourage Japanese students to practise their English.

The Department has links with partner universities in Japan and students are encouraged to spend a semester

abroad as part of their Curtin degree studying for Curtin credit at one of these universities.

As the Department offers training in TESOL at both undergraduate and graduate level, students may gain qualifications and experience in EFL teaching.

Undergraduate Courses Open to Seizan Fukami Scholars

The undergraduate scholarship may be held in the following courses:

Course	Duration	TISC code	Major	Associated Majors
BA (Japanese)	3 years	CUJPC	Japanese	Other Humanities streams (see list for further details)
BA (Japanese)/BCom	4 years	To Be Advised	Japanese with	Other Curtin Business School streams (see list for further details)
BA (Japanese)/BEEd	4 years	To Be Advised	Japanese with	Other School of Education streams (see list for further details)

Honours Degree

The honours degree is a one-year full-time course which is taken after completing a single or double degree. It is an introductory research degree which involves:

- setting a topic and research question
- completing a review of the literature related to the research question.
- participating in seminars related to research methods and dissertation structuring
- completing a 15,000 word dissertation on the research question

Curtin offers the honours student the opportunity to conduct research in the following areas of Japanese Studies:

To gain admission to the honours degree students must have

- achieved a minimum 65% course weighted average in their undergraduate studies to date.
- a suitable topic,
- a statement of the research question and the methodology to be used
- a list of ten references appropriate to the topic and methodology
- a staff member available to supervise their project

Applicants should contact the Honours Coordinator in the Department at least three weeks prior to the application deadline in order to ensure that documentation can be completed on time.

Applications and enquiries to:

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