

Dear International Students,

JASSO Support Funding for Victims of Natural Disasters etc.

1. Overview

This support fund is for the purpose of providing support to students whose accommodation has sustained significant damage (destruction of half or greater of the structure) as a result of a natural disaster etc., and who, as a consequence, have suffered disruption to their academic lives. The system seeks to support students in reclaiming their student lives in order that they may resume their education without further delay.

All necessary application details are specified below. We ask that persons applying for the “JASSO Support Fund” complete all necessary university procedures by the specified due date. All application documents shall be submitted to JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) after the university has confirmed eligibility for receiving support.

2. Application Details

(1) Eligible Persons

Undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in regular courses at the university who have sustained any of the below losses or damages as a result of a natural disaster occurring on or after July 1, 2014 who desire to continue studying and have definite prospects of completing their studies within the standard period for course completion (includes international students).

1. Destruction of half or greater (completely destroyed/half-destroyed/completely burned down/half burned down/completely swept away/half swept away/completely buried/half buried/inundated above floor level) of the accommodation unit located in Japan that the student uses on a daily basis and which forms the residential base from which he or she leads his or her student life.
2. Student has been prohibited from accessing his or her accommodation for one month or longer as a result of a local government-issued evacuation advisory etc., following a natural disaster or similar event.

Important Points

1. Students currently not receiving JASSO scholarship funding are also eligible to apply.
2. Students receiving JASSO scholarship funding or financial support from any other organization are also eligible to apply.
3. Disasters occurring and applications made while the student is repeating a year, as a result of their poor academic performance, are exempt from qualifying for this fund.
4. Disasters occurring while the student is on a leave of absence from the university are exempt from qualifying for this fund.
5. Disasters occurring and applications made prior to the student's enrollment at the university are exempt from qualifying for this fund.
6. Applications made after graduation in relation to damages or losses sustained while enrolled at the university are not acceptable.
7. A maximum of one application may be made per disaster per applicant.
8. Only damage/loss to the accommodation unit the student is using (including lodging in/renting) is applicable. (Damage/loss to the residence/business of the student's parents/guardians/financial supporters is not applicable.)
9. Damages and losses sustained as a result of accidents and other disasters caused by human failings also

fall within the scope of this support.

(2) Funding Amount (Grant)

100,000 JPY (repayment unnecessary)

(3) Application Documents

1. “Application to receive "JASSO Support Fund" funding” form (様式 1 __ 申請書 : 外国人留学生用)
2. **<In cases where destruction of half or greater of the accommodation unit has been sustained>**

Documentation certifying disaster victim status (copy acceptable)

Please note the following:

- Documentation certifying disaster victim status is documentation that indicates the extent of the damage/loss (e.g. completely destroyed, half-destroyed, inundated above floor level, etc.) and from which it can be ascertained that physical damage/loss has been sustained to the accommodation unit. Documentation certifying the occurrence of water or electricity outages is not applicable.
- If it will take a long time for the certification documentation to be issued, you should submit copies of all application documents that were submitted to the regional town hall, public office, etc., as part of the process of applying for the issuance of the certification documentation. However, support funds will only be paid once the certification documentation has been submitted and JASSO has verified the applicant’s disaster victim status.

<In cases of long-term evacuation>

- Please submit documentation from which it can be ascertained that the student has been prohibited from accessing his or her accommodation for one month or longer as a result of a local government-issued evacuation advisory etc., following a natural disaster or similar event. Examples of such documentation are relevant print-outs of the local government’s webpage and relevant official fact-based documentation.

3. Copy of passbook for deposit account to which the funds will be transferred. The account must belong to the student and the passbook copy must show the account holder’s name and the account number.

Please note the following:

- Funds may not be transferred to accounts at the following institution types:
Shinkin banks, credit cooperatives (including Credit Federation of Fishery Cooperatives), agricultural cooperatives, foreign banks, direct/online banks (Shinsei Bank Ltd, Aozora Bank Ltd, Seven Bank Ltd, etc.)
- Online branches and accounts that have been inactive for a long time (dormant accounts) are not acceptable.

(4) Application due date and Where to submit application

Due Date/Time: by 5:00 PM on the 20th of the second month after the month in which the natural disaster etc., occurred. (If the 20th falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or National Holiday, the due date will be the weekday following the 20th, by 5:00PM)

<For example, if the natural disaster occurred in October, the due date would be December 20th. However, if the 20th is a Saturday, the due date would be Monday, December 22nd instead.>

Please note the following:

- It is necessary that you are still enrolled at the university when the university recommends you to JASSO for qualification. If you plan to become unenrolled – graduate, complete, leave the university, etc. – soon, it is necessary for you submit your application earlier than the aforementioned due date. In such cases, please consult us in advance.

Application Submission Locations

Home Campus	Submission Location
Kinugasa Campus	Office of Student Affairs (Kinugasa) (2F, Kenshinkan Hall)
Biwako-Kusatsu Campus	Office of Student Affairs (BKC) (1F, Central Arc)
Osaka Ibaraki Campus	Office of Student Affairs (OIC) (1F, Building A)
Suzaku Campus	Inter-Faculty Graduate School Office (1F, Nakagawa Hall)

(5) Application Results

Ritsumeikan University will inform the applicant of the screening results after receiving notification from JASSO.

(6) Revocation of Eligibility

If either of the following judgments are made, qualification for funding will be revoked and any funds that have already been paid must be returned:

1. It is deemed that the applicant engaged in a dishonest act (e.g. submitted documents containing false information) in order to qualify for the funding.
2. It is not appropriate for the applicant to receive the funding.

(7) Other

If the documentation certifying disaster victim status that the applicant promised to submit at a later date, is not actually submitted, the content of such documentation fails to qualify the applicant to receive the funding, or the applicant fails to reply to queries regarding issues with submitted documents such as erroneous account numbers, etc., by designated due dates, their application will be invalidated.

Funding amount, timing of payment, etc., may change depending upon the scale of the disaster and other relevant circumstances.

Contacts for Inquiries

- Students at Kinugasa Campus or Suzaku Campus ⇒ Office of Student Affairs (Kinugasa)
(TEL 075-465-8168)
- Students at Biwako-Kusatsu Campus ⇒ Office of Student Affairs (BKC)
(TEL 077-561-2854)
- Students at Osaka Ibaraki Campus ⇒ Office of Student Affairs (OIC)
(TEL 072-665-2130)

Application to receive “JASSO Support Fund” funding

Date (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____

独立行政法人日本学生支援機構 理事長 殿

In accordance with the prescribed application criteria, I submit all necessary documentation herewith and hereby apply for “JASSO Support Fund” funding.

Name of Academic Institution			
Name of College/ Graduate School			
Student Number		Year (2 nd Year etc.)	Year
Full Name (in own handwriting)			
Address of residence sustaining damage/loss			
Cause of damage/loss			
Status/ Extent of Damage (circle)	Completely Destroyed Half-destroyed Completely Burned Down Half Burned Down Completely Swept Away Half Swept Away Completely Buried / Half Buried Inundated Above Floor Level Long-term Evacuation		
Account to receive funds	Name of Financial Institution		
	Branch Name		
	Account Number		
	Account Name (include katakana)		
Remarks			

大学確認欄