

# 2021 Shirato Fund Scholarships Application Packet

The Shirato Fund Scholarships will provide two \$2,000 scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students accepted to Columbia-approved intensive Japanese-language study programs for the summer of 2021. Please note that recipients will be required to take a Japanese course upon their return to Columbia in the fall 2021; students are required to submit a short report on your intended use for the scholarship funds and give a presentation at the study abroad information session about the language program in which you participated.

## Section I: Applicant Information

- 1) Full Name (Last, First MI): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Undergraduate/Graduate School and Year: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Major or Department: \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Columbia E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Name of Program(s) applied to and application status:  
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## Section II: Academic Information

- 1) List all Japanese courses taken, institutions in which they were taken, dates, and grades:  
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  - 2) Cumulative Columbia GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* First year graduate students are not required to provide a cumulative Columbia GPA.

## Section III: Supplementary Information

- 1) Personal statement: In one page or less (in English) explain your reasons for wanting to study abroad in Japan and your financial need for this scholarship.
- 2) Financial information: On separate sheets, provide the following information in as much detail as possible.
  - a) Estimated costs of studying abroad – be sure to include tuition, materials, travel, room and board, and other costs you expect to incur. Include one estimate per program you have applied to.
  - b) Your financial resources, actual and projected, for studying abroad – include scholarships and grants both already received and currently being evaluated for, loans, savings, and contributions from family and other benefactors.
- 3) Two academic letters of recommendation – at least one from a Japanese instructor. Letters should discuss the nature and length of the recommender's relationship to the applicant, the applicant's strengths and weaknesses, the applicant's short and long-term goals for studying in Japan, and any other information that might be useful to the selection committee.

**Applications, including the letters of recommendation, must be received by Keiko Okamoto no later than March 31, 2021.** For inquiries, please contact her directly ([ko47@columbia.edu](mailto:ko47@columbia.edu)).

**Due to the COVID-19 crisis, please email all applications and letters of recommendation.**  
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