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GSO Student Guide **Part 1**

Canada-Japan Co-op Program

Pre-application

Student Guide

This document is a guide for students who participate in CJCP and are eligible for GSO (Global Skills Opportunity) funding.

Who's eligible to receive GSO funding?

GSO funding is available for a total of 53 CJCP students who are Canadian students or Permanent Residents of Canada on a first-come, first-serve basis: GSO offers higher levels of funding for Indigenous students, as well as those who have disabilities, and/or are from a low-income background.

To receive the funding, you must first secure a job offer from the company in Japan through CJCP.

What is the eligible amount?

The eligible amount depends on the individual: Indigenous students, as well as those who have disabilities, and/or are from low-income background may be eligible for up to \$10,000 CAD. Other students can receive up to \$5,000 CAD.

Journey to the GSO

Meet all eligibility with CJCP and GSO and apply to CJCP

Interview, secure a job and complete the GSO pre-departure form

Receive 1st GSO installment, take pre-departure training and go to Japan

Meet with the GSO coordinator at midpoint of the experience and receive 2nd installment

After returning, complete the post-experience form.

You are here!

Award category definition

Eligible students may be awarded up to \$5,000 CAD. and if they are members of one of the groups below may be awarded up to \$10,000 CAD. The award will be processed in 2 install payments: you'll receive 50% of the funding before start your experience starts and 50% at the midpoint of the experience.

- **Indigenous students:**

Students who report being an Indigenous person, that is, First Nations, Metis or Inuk (Inuit). Do you self-identify as Indigenous to Canada*? Self-identification is a personal and voluntary process, and we ask in order to create an equitable and accommodating program.

If you are unsure of how or why to self-identify, please visit this resource to better understand why we ask for (and protect) this information: <https://indigenous.ubc.ca/students/prospective-students/indigenous-self-identification/>

- **Students with Disabilities:**

Students who report having difficulty or impairment due to a long-term condition or health problem and/or experience a limitation in their daily activities. Are you currently registered with the UBC Centre for Accessibility or the Accessibility Office with your institution? If yes, we can work together to ensure your accommodation needs are met throughout the Co-op application process and during participation in the program if admitted.

- **Low-income students:**

Students who report to be in receipt of Canada Student Grants, or similar non-repayable student financial assistance offered by provinces and territories, or, in the absence of receiving non-repayable student financial assistance, can provide information to demonstrate that they require financial support to study or work abroad. Note that students who report to be in receipt of student loans are also admissible under the low-income student group.

IMPORTANT: Grant funding received through Global Skills Opportunity WILL NOT have an impact on a student's eligibility for Canada Student Loans or Grants. Employment and Social Development Canada is working with Provinces and Territories with the intention of ensuring that similar exemptions are in place for provincial or territorial-administered financial assistance programs.

Next Step and Checklist

- You meet all eligibility with CJCP and you're a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada.
- You're an undergraduate student.
- You have not received GSO funding through another project before.
- Apply to CJCP. During the application, make sure to answer the questions truthfully so that we can provide you with appropriate support.
- Go through the interview, and normal CJCP processes (refer to CJCP student guide) to secure your co-op term in Japan.

Good luck with your application process!!!