



## The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan

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# 2020 SWADESH DEROY SCHOLARSHIP

( ジャーナリズム奨学金 )

The Swadesh DeRoy Scholarship is the annual scholarship award by the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan (FCCJ). It was created in honor of a respected long-time journalist member to encourage and support students interested in entering journalism. Any current undergraduate, graduate student or young professional who graduated within the last two years in Japan, or any Japanese student enrolled in an overseas journalism program, is eligible to apply. The award is intended to help students further their journalistic pursuits and should be used for such purposes (e.g. language courses, travel, purchase of computer equipment or books, or living expenses during a journalism internship).

Students are not required to provide receipts or a detailed financial accounting of how the money was spent, but a report to the Scholarship Committee of how they used the funds is required.

**For 2020, the Prizes will 300,000 yen for each category: Pen, Photo and Broadcast.**

**Entries must be submitted no later than December 31, 2020**

Entries will be judged by a panel of veterans in pen, television and photo journalism. Winners may also be required to submit a short article (200-300 words) detailing how the scholarship money is helping them in their journalism pursuits for publication in the club magazine (comments may also be used in FCCJ promotion and fundraising materials).

Please see additional sheet for entry details and background on the FCCJ.

**\*Students interested in journalism are also strongly encouraged to apply for the FCCJ's Student Membership Program. Accepted students will be given a limited complimentary membership to the club each year.**



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#### ENTRY DETAILS

Students can apply by submitting an application form, resume, copy of their student photo ID, a brief statement explaining what they would use the prize money for, and **ONE** of the following:

**PEN ENTRY:** Maximum 1,500 words unpublished article in English on one of the topics listed on page 3. Applicants are encouraged to include photos with their text.

**NOTE:** Priority is given to print entries that express original ideas, and are clear, concise and well-researched. Winning entries are not restricted to grammatically perfect articles. Non-native English speakers are free to consult with native speakers prior to submitting their articles, but there should be minimal outside editing. Entries are eligible if they were submitted as class assignments or for student publications but should not include revisions from professors or student editors. Entries from non-native speakers suspected of having been heavily rewritten by native speakers of English or with significant input from professors or student editors will be subjected to investigation by the Scholarship Committee and possible disqualification.

**PHOTO ENTRY:** A 200-250 word written introduction about what the photos are meant to convey as a journalistic work and a selection of at least ten 8x10 photos (color or black and white) on one of the topics with captions. Students may also submit a contact sheet or a group of digital photo thumbnails in addition to the photos. Entries may be submitted as printed photographs or digitally, via email or online sharing services such as WeTransfer, DropBox, Box or GoogleDrive.

**BROADCAST ENTRY:** Up to 10 minute visual or audio package on one of the topics. Broadcast contributions should be in spirit and in principle, the sole work of an individual although cited assistance from outside sources is permitted. Track must be in English or include subtitles. Submissions can be delivered on a drive or via online sharing services such as Vimeo, WeTransfer, DropBox, Box or GoogleDrive.



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#### TOPIC: Isolation & Engagement: Japan at a Turbulent Time

##### Background:

We invite applications on news topics in this broad theme. Applicants can also consider these subthemes :

##### Geopolitical Changes:

- Covid-19
- \* Climate Change
- Rise of Populism
- \* Shifting Alliances
- Regional Tensions
- Widening inequality (Access to online education, for example)

##### Domestic Changes:

- Shrinking Population
- Immigration Debate
- Covid-19 response and the Japanese economy
- Changing Workforce and Changing Gender Roles
- Overhauling of traditional practices and working styles, digitalization

The FCCJ is looking for print, photo or video stories told in an innovative way with in-depth analysis.

Imagine you are a professional journalist: Interview, gather news materials and report your story! The FCCJ Scholarship Committee looks forward to seeing the results of your hard work.



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### **2020 SWADESH DEROY SCHOLARSHIP (ジャーナリズム奨学金)**

#### **AWARDS**

**Pen Prize: 300,000 yen**

**Photo Prize: 300,000 yen**

**Video Prize: 300,000 yen**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Results will be announced around mid-February.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**Naomichi Iwamura** E-mail: [membership@fccj.or.jp](mailto:membership@fccj.or.jp)

Tel: 03-3211-3161

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#### **2020 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:**

**Abigail Leonard, Kazunori Takada and Ilgin Yorulmaz**

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Introduction of The Swadesh DeRoy Scholarship and FCCJ

The Foreign Correspondent's Club of Japan (FCCJ) was established in 1945 after the Second World War as a Shadan-Hojin, and has been certified more recently as a Koeki Shadan Hojin (Public Interest non-profit organization) under the laws of Japan. The club has more than 300 journalist members. We aim to promote friendship, harmony and mutual welfare among members, as well as proactively defending press freedom. In addition we strive to maintain good relations between the peoples of Japan and other countries.

During the 25th anniversary of FCCJ, the club journalists set up a scholarship with the purpose to encourage and support university students in Japan who are interested in a career in journalism. Our distinguished member, Swadesh DeRoy, an Indian Journalist, was the chairman of the scholarship committee in its early days, and contributed both in effort and finance. Swadesh DeRoy was born in the Bengal region of British colonial India, and passed away in 2001. The club decided to honor his contribution by naming the scholarship with his good name.



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2020 SWADESH DEROY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION	
<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>	
Name: (underline surname)	Gender (Circle one): M F
Name in Kanji (if applicable)	
Date of birth:	Nationality:
Current address:	
	Phone:
E-mail address:	
<b>ACADEMIC INFORMATION</b>	
Current school:	
Status (Undergrad, Grad or Recent Graduate):	Major:
School Address:	
	Phone:
Graduation date (Expected Date or Date Within Past 2 years):	
<b>QUESTIONNAIRE</b>	
What are your career goals? What kind of journalism or media are you interested in?	
Why do you want to become a journalist or involved in media?	
What would you spend the award money on if you are selected as a winner?	
How did you hear about the scholarship program at FCCJ?	
<b>SIGNATURES</b>	
I certify that the above information is true and accurate. I agree to abide by the policies of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan.	
Print Name:	Date:
Signature:	

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO THE ATTENTION OF NAOMICHI IWAMURA AT FCCJ WITH A COPY OF STUDENT ID (IF APPLICABLE), RESUME AND ENTRY MATERIALS:

Digital Submission: [membership@fccj.or.jp](mailto:membership@fccj.or.jp)

Hard Copy Submission:

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan, Marunouchi Nijubashi Building 5F,  
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# 2020-2021 FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB OF JAPAN STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

## INFORMATION SHEET

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan will grant a number of student memberships with the aim of encouraging students to enter the journalism profession. The membership will entitle holders to take advantage of any events and FCCJ facilities that do not require financial obligation. Specifically, student members may attend press conferences and events as well as make use of the library. Students can attend luncheons by paying at the front desk. The membership does not include privileges for the restaurant/bar/sushi bar unless invited by a member and student members cannot be served alcohol without proper ID to prove they are 20 years of age. The Scholarship and Young Professionals Committee also plans to coordinate internships as well as opportunities for students to interact with member journalists.

The membership is open to any full-time undergraduate or graduate student of universities in Japan enrolled in an accredited university program through at least March 2021 and has a serious interest in exploring journalism. It is open to both Japanese citizens and foreigners.

Students can apply by submitting an application form, a resume, a copy of a valid student identification card, a passport size photo and a short cover letter. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Students, who already have membership, may renew it by submitting a copy of a student ID card or a document showing expected graduation date and an updated photo.

Note: The student membership is treated as an FCCJ honorary membership and is subject to the policies of the club. Memberships are granted on a yearly basis and will expire on June 30, 2021. Membership will start on July 1, 2020. All applications received prior to that day may not be processed until that time. **Processing may take to three-four weeks.**

QUESTIONS: Please contact Membership Affairs at [membership@fccj.or.jp](mailto:membership@fccj.or.jp)

*The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan is a shadan hojin non-profit organization, established in November 1945, to promote friendship, harmony and mutual welfare among its members, to defend the freedom of the press, and to increase friendly relations between Japan and other countries. The first members were a group of journalists accredited to General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters. The club has since grown to more than 300 working journalists, representing news organizations from around the world. FCCJ is run by an elected board of directors and appointed committees.*

FCCJ STUDENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2020-2021	
<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>	
Name: (underline surname)	Gender (Circle one): M F
Date of birth:	Nationality:
Current address:	
	Phone:
E-mail address:	
<b>ACADEMIC INFORMATION</b>	
Current school:	
Status (Undergrad or Grad):	Major:
School Address:	
	Phone:
Expected Graduation date:	
<b>QUESTIONNAIRE</b>	
Why do you want to become a member of FCCJ?	
What kind of existing FCCJ programs interest you?	
What kind of student programs would you be interested in seeing?	
How did you hear about the student membership program at FCCJ?	
<b>SIGNATURES</b>	
I certify that the above information is true and accurate. I agree to abide by the policies of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan.	
Print Name:	Date:
Signature:	

PLEASE SEND TO THE ATTENTION OF NAOMICHI IWAMURA AT FCCJ WITH A PASSPORT SIZE PHOTO, COPY OF STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD AND RESUME TO:

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