

Dear FCCJ Directors,

The Swadesh DeRoy Scholarship Committee has two items to report this month.

First, we have contacted universities, journalism schools and a few international high schools to seek applicants for the 2025 scholarship. This year's flyer and application are attached. Please distribute these to every educator in your networks, to help us get the word out.

Second, we have extended honorary one-year Club memberships to the scholarship's past winners, per the Board's earlier decision. The list of those accepting the memberships is below:

1. Shoko Naito, Clover Aircraft Finance, 2020
2. Karin Kaneko, Japan Times Reporter, 2022
3. Hanako Lowry, Wieden & Kennedy Tokyo, 2022 (She also works as a freelance writer/reporter)
4. Linxiao Song, UNESCO, 2023
5. Eru Ishikawa, Keio University, 2023 (She starts working at Bloomberg this September)

Thank you,
Martin Fackler
Chairman, Swadesh DeRoy Scholarship Committee



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2025 SWADESH DEROY SCHOLARSHIP (FCCJ次世代ジャーナリズム育成奨学金)

The Swadesh DeRoy Scholarship supports the next generation of journalists by offering grants to students who want to pursue a career in public interest journalism. The scholarship is offered by the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan (FCCJ), which every year makes up to three awards of 300,000 yen each to help aspiring journalists pay for the costs of education. Awards will be decided based upon the students' accomplishments (as seen in their submitted work samples), plans for using the award money to further their education and commitment to journalism that serves the public interest by shining a light on important issues of the day.

Any current student in Japan who is considering a career in journalism, or any Japanese student enrolled in an overseas journalism program, is invited to apply. The scholarship is open to aspiring journalists of all nationalities and backgrounds and in any journalistic medium, including print, photos, video and digital media. High school, university and graduate-level students are all welcome.

The Scholarship honors a respected former FCCJ member who challenged barriers and devoted his career to journalism. Born in Bengal during British colonial rule, Swadesh DeRoy worked for decades as an Indian journalist in Japan, leading the FCCJ as president from 1979-1980. When DeRoy passed away in 2001, members of the FCCJ recognized his generous contributions by naming the scholarship in his honor.

The Swadesh DeRoy Scholarship seeks to promote the values of the FCCJ and Swadesh DeRoy by passing the mission of journalism to the next generation. The Scholarship is intended to help students further their education in journalism and should be used for educational purposes: e.g., university or graduate-school tuition, language courses, living expenses during an internship or purchase of camera or equipment for educational purposes.

Applications Accepted Until: Sept 30, 2025



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HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are required to submit an application form, resume, copy of their student photo ID, a statement explaining how they would use the scholarship money and a sample of an original work of journalism done by the applicant. The sample must be on a timely topic of public interest in ONE of the following formats:

1) Maximum 1,500-word article in English

The article can be published or unpublished, but it must be the sole work of the applicant. Entries from non-native English speakers do not need to be grammatically perfect, and applicants are allowed to consult with native speakers about grammar. However, the reporting and writing must be original work. For published pieces, please include a copy of what the applicant wrote prior to editing. Heavily rewritten pieces should not be submitted. Please include photographs or other images and graphics used with the piece.

2) At least ten 8x10 photos (color or black-and-white)

The photos can be published or unpublished. They must have captions, and the applicant must also submit a 200-250 word written introduction about what the photos are meant to convey as journalistic work. 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 as digital files via email or online sharing services such as WeTransfer, DropBox, Box or GoogleDrive.

3) Up to 10-minute visual package

Video contributions must be the sole work of the applicant, though cited assistance from outside sources is permitted. The audio 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.

4) Digital submission that includes one of the above or equivalent level of work

The work can be on a website or blog, which we can access using a URL. Online articles that include innovative use of graphics, data analytics or embedded images are also welcome. However you must be able to demonstrate that the work is original and done entirely by the applicant.





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Three Prizes of 300,000 yen

Deadline for Submissions: Sept 30, 2025

The winners will be announced in late spring and the awards presented at a dinner in their honor to be held at the FCCJ in June. Winners will also receive a one-year honorary membership to the FCCJ.

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Martin Fackler

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Founded in 1945, the Foreign Correspondent's Club of Japan (FCCJ) works to support journalists and uphold freedom of the press. The FCCJ's more than 300 members include journalists working in Japan for overseas news agencies and Japanese journalists who have worked abroad. We are a public Interest non-profit organization registered in Japan.



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2025 SWADESH DEROY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION	
APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Name: (underline surname)	Gender:
Date of birth:	Nationality:
Current address:	
	Phone:
E-mail:	
ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Current school:	
Level (e.g., undergraduate):	Major:
School address:	
	Phone:
Graduation date:	
QUESTIONNAIRE	
What are your career goals?	
Why do you want to become a journalist?	
How will you spend the scholarship money?	
How did you learn about the scholarship?	
SIGNATURE	
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 PASSPORT SIZE PHOTO, A COPY OF STUDENT ID (IF APPLICABLE), RESUME AND ENTRY MATERIALS:

Digital Submission: membership@fccj.or.jp

Hard Copy Submission:

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