

# THE PROJECT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP BY JAPANESE

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
November 10th, 2025

## Online Promotion Webinars

Fri, Sep. 26th  
(With JDS Staff)

Thu, Oct. 9th  
(For MOFA only)

Fri, Oct. 10th  
(For Female only)

Sat, Oct. 11th  
(With your Family)

Wed, Oct. 15th  
(With Research Plan Expert)

Fri, Oct. 17th  
(With JDS Staff)

Fri, Oct. 31st  
(With JDS Staff)

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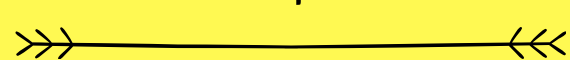
### Applicants (Master's Degree Program) :

- Be Nepali nationals.
  - Be between the ages of 25 and 40 as of April 1st, 2026.
  - Have a Bachelor's degree.
  - Have at least 3 years of work experience in Civil Service at the time of applications.
  - Be gazetted civil servants governed by Civil Service Act of Nepal, currently employed in all ministries, agencies under ministries, constitutional bodies, other institutions and authorities, and courts.  
or be civil servants (Level 7 and above) originally recruited by the federal government and deputed/adjusted to 7 provincial and 753 local governments.
  - Have a strong will to work for the development of Nepal after their return home.
  - Be in good health.
  - Have English language proficiency sufficient for studying in Japan.
- ※ JDS Programme values diversity and inclusion. Competent women, Dalit, Janajatis, Madhesi, other minority groups and persons with disability are encouraged to apply.

Doctoral Course also Available !  
Age limit up to 45

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Application guidelines & forms  
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Further Information



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Human Resource  
Development Scholarship  
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Sub-programme	Development Issues (Component)	Presumed Research Fields and Preferred Major Subjects <sup>1</sup>	Corresponding Graduate Schools ※
Social and economic development which directly leads to economic growth and the national livelihoods improvement	Financial Policy, Economic Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National development policy, macroeconomic policy, fiscal policy, monetary policy, tax policy, econometrics, investment environment development, industrial promotion policy, foreign investment promotion policy, business environment development, international development cooperation, foreign aid and debt management, etc.</li> </ul>	<b>Waseda University</b> <b>Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS), International Studies</b>
			<b>Rikkyo University</b> <b>Graduate School of Business, Master of International Business Program</b>
			<b>Hiroshima University</b> <b>Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, International Economic Development Program</b>
Governance Enhancement and Basic Framework Development for Democracy	Development of Human Resource and Administrative Capacity of Civil Servants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decentralization, local administration, administration, personnel management policy, fiscal management, local self-governance, labor policy, public policy, etc.</li> </ul>	<b>Meiji University</b> <b>Graduate School of Governance Studies, Public Policy Programme</b>
			<b>Yamaguchi University</b> <b>Graduate School of Economics, Public Administration Programme</b>
			<b>International University of Japan (IUJ)</b> <b>Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR), Public Management and Policy Analysis Programme (PMPP)</b>
	Building of International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International politics, international economy, foreign policy, South Asian regional integration, diplomatic relations between Nepal and other countries, Nepal's development as a landlocked country, relations with developing countries, international diplomacy on labor issues, labor politics, migration issues, etc.</li> </ul>	<b>Ritsumeikan University</b> <b>Graduate School of International Relations, Global International Relations Program (English-Based Program)</b>
			<b>Hiroshima University</b> <b>Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, International Peace and Co-existence Program</b>
	Improvement of Legal and Judicial System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civil law, criminal law, corporate and commercial law (including bankruptcy law), and Laws for trade and investment promotion, IT laws, intellectual property laws, international treaty laws, etc.</li> </ul>	<b>Kyushu University</b> <b>Graduate School of Law, LL.M. Program</b>
			<b>Keio University</b> <b>Law School, LL.M. in Global Legal Practice</b>

※ No. of acceptance students 2 in each graduate school

<sup>1</sup> It does not mean applicants must choose from the listed study fields.

### Fields of Study - Sub-programmes and Components

Priority area (Sub-programme)	Development Issues (Component)	Number of Acceptance per batch
1.  Social and economic development which directly leads to economic growth and the national livelihoods improvement	1-1.  Financial Policy, Economic Policy	2
2.  Governance enhancement and basic framework development for democracy	2-1.  Development of Human Resource and Administrative Capacity of Civil Servants	
	2-2.  Building of International Relations	
	2-3.  Improvement of Legal and Judicial System	

## Eligibility of Master's Programme

### **Applicants should:**

1. Be Nepali nationals.
2. Be between the ages of 25 and 40 (both inclusive) as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
(Should be born between April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1985 and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001).
3. Have a Bachelor's degree (Those who will apply to Kyushu University & Keio University must have a Bachelor's degree in Law).
4. Have at least 3 years of work experience in Civil Service at the time of application.
5. Be gazetted civil servants governed by Civil Service Act of Nepal, currently employed in the following organizations:
  - All ministries
  - All agencies under ministries
  - All constitutional bodies
  - All other institutions and authorities
  - All courts

Or be civil servants (Level 7 and above) originally recruited by the federal government and deputed/adjusted to 7 provincial and 753 local governments.
6. Have a strong will to work for the development of Nepal after their return home.
7. Be in good health.
8. Have English language proficiency sufficient for studying in Japan.
9. Not be currently serving in the military.
10. Not have previously acquired a master's degree after studying abroad on a scholarship awarded by the Government of Nepal or any other development partners.
11. Not be currently receiving, or planning to receive, another scholarship to acquire a master or doctoral degree through the assistance by the Government of Nepal or any other development partners.

- \* The Civil Service Act of 2049 will remain applicable for the selection process of this year's intake, even if a new Civil Service Act comes into effect prior to the JDS application deadline.
- \* JDS Programme values diversity and inclusion. Competent women, Dalit, Janajatis, Madhesi, other minority groups and persons with disability are encouraged to apply.

## Eligibility of Doctoral Programme

### **Applicants should :**

1. Be Nepali nationals
2. Be between the ages of **30 and 45** (both inclusive) as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.  
(Should be born between April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1980 and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1996)
3. Have a master's degree (including universities in Nepal).
4. Have at least 5 years of work experience in Civil Service at the time of application.
5. Be gazetted civil servants governed by Civil Service Act of Nepal, (Under Secretary and above) currently employed in the following organizations
  - All ministries
  - All agencies under ministries
  - All constitutional bodies
  - All other institutions and authorities
  - All courtsor be civil servants (Level 9 and above) originally recruited by the federal government and deputed/adjusted to 7 provincial and 753 local governments.
6. Should returned to and served for the country for certain years (involving actual work and/or research preparation) set by the Civil Service Act after completion of the Master's course.
7. Be in good health.
8. Have sufficient English language ability to pursue a doctoral degree
9. Should have published one or more peer-reviewed paper/s, in principle.
10. Not be currently serving in the military.
11. Not have previously acquired a doctoral degree after studying abroad on a scholarship awarded by the Government of Nepal or any other development partners. Not be currently receiving, or planning to receive, another scholarship to acquire a master or doctoral degree through the assistance by the Government of Nepal or any other development partners.

12. Not be receiving or applying for any other scholarship to acquire a master's or doctoral degree through assistance from the Government of Nepal or any other development partners.<sup>1</sup>

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### List of Target Organizations intake 2026

1	Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers
2	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
3	Ministry of Land Management, Cooperatives and Poverty Alleviation
4	Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation
5	Ministry of Defense
6	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
7	Ministry of Energy, Water Resource and Irrigation
8	Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration
9	Ministry of Finance
10	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
11	Ministry of Forest and Environment
12	Ministry of Health and Population
13	Ministry of Home Affairs
14	Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies
15	Ministry of Communication and Information Technology
16	Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security
17	Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs
18	Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
19	Ministry of Urban Development
20	Ministry of Water Supply
21	Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen
22	Ministry of Youth and Sports
23	Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of Authority
24	Public Service Commission
25	Election Commission, Nepal
26	National Human Rights Commission
27	National Natural Resources and Fiscal Commission
28	National Women Commission
29	National Dalit commission
30	National Inclusion Commission
31	Adibasi Janajati Commission
32	Madhesi Commission
33	Tharu Commission
34	Muslim Commission
35	Water and Energy Commission
36	National Information Commission
37	Nepal Law Commission
38	National Planning Commission
39	Truth & Reconciliation Commission



40	Commission of Investigation on Enforced Disappeared Persons Nepal
41	National Language Commission
42	Office of the Auditor General
43	Office of the President of Nepal
44	Office of the Vice-President of Nepal
45	Financial Comptroller General Office
46	Judicial Council Secretariat
47	National Vigilance Centre
48	Office of the Nepal Trust
49	Public Procurement Monitoring Office
50	Supreme Court of Nepal
51	Office of the Attorney General
52	Federal Parliament Secretariat, Nepal
53	Office of the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers, Koshi Province
54	Office of the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers, Madhesh Province
55	Office of the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers, Bagmati Province
56	Office of the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers, Gandaki Province
57	Office of the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers, Lumbini Province
58	Office of the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers, Karnali Province
59	Office of the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers, Sudurpashchim Province
60	National Statistics Office

## Promotion Webinars by JDS and Universities

Date	Day	Time (NST)	Session
2025/09/26	Fri	11:00 - 12:00 (Master) 12:00 - 13:00 (PhD)	General Q&A with JDS Staffs
2025/10/06	Mon	15:00 - 16:00	Kyushu University
2025/10/08	Wed	10:30-11:30	Waseda University
2025/10/08	Wed	12:00 - 13:00	IJJ
2025/10/09	Thu	10:30-11:30	Rikkyo University
2025/10/09	Thu	15:00 -16:00 (Master) 16:00 - 17:00 (PhD)	Special Webinar for Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2025/10/10	Fri	11:00 - 12:00	Ritsumeikan University
2025/10/10	Fri	12:45-13:45	Hiroshima University (International Economic Development Program)
2025/10/10	Fri	16:00 -17:00 (Both)	Meet ' The Future You' (only for FEMALE Applicants) Meet current/former female JDS fellows to get inspiration for your future success with the JDS
2025/10/11	Saturday	15:00 -16:00 (Master) 16:00 -17:00 (PhD)	Family Session(Meet current JDS fellows with their families in Japan to get to know their academic and family life.
2025/10/14	Tue	11:00-12:00	Hiroshima University (International Peace and Co-existence Program)
2025/10/15	Wed	10:30-11:30	Meiji University
2025/10/15	Wed	15:00 - 16:00 (Master) 16:00 - 17:00 (PhD)	Interact with Expert regarding Research Plan
2025/10/16	Thu	12:45 - 13:45	Yamaguchi University
2025/10/17	Fri	15:00 - 16:00 (Master) 16:00 - 17:00 (PhD)	General Q&A with JDS Staffs
2025/10/31	Fri	15:00 - 16:00 (Master) 16:00 - 17:00 (PhD)	General Q&A with JDS Staffs

Note: To participate in the webinars, please register in advance.

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