

ELIGIBILITY FOR DOCTORAL DEGREE APPLICANTS

Applicants should be/have:

1. Nepali nationals
2. between the ages of **30 and 45** (both inclusive) as of April 1st, 2025. (Should be born between April 2nd, 1979 and April 1st, 1995)
3. hold a master's degree (including universities in Nepal).
4. at least 5 years of work experience in Civil Service at the time of application.
5. 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 civil servants (Level 9 and above) originally recruited by the federal government and deputed/adjusted to 7 provincial and 753 local governments.
6. 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. in good health.
8. sufficient English language ability to pursue a doctoral degree
9. should have published one or more peer-reviewed paper/s, in principle.

Applicants should not be/have:

1. serving in the military.
2. previously acquired a doctoral degree after studying abroad on a scholarship awarded by the Government of Nepal or any other development partners.
3. currently receiving or planning to receive another scholarship to acquire a master's or doctoral degree through assistance from the Government of Nepal or any other development partners

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- * JDS Programme will request applicants to declare whether they would be applying to another scholarship before the Comprehensive Interview again.