

**The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS)
For Doctoral Degree Program
Application Guidelines for 2022 Fellows
(Selection process during JFY2021)**

1. Purpose (Basic Principle)

This project aims at fostering future leaders with a good -understanding of Japan and are capable of;

- 1) Making policy formulation and decision from a broader perspective by drawing on their advanced knowledge and expertise,
- 2) Leading international discourses on various policy issues on behalf of their countries, and
- 3) Exercising their positive influence within their countries and beyond from the global viewpoints by fully utilizing personal networks developed through this doctoral program,

Prospective Applicants must have the potential for becoming future leaders rather than academic researchers who can substantially influence policy affairs,

2. Eligibility Requirements and Conditions

【Eligibility Requirements】

The applicant must;

1. Have a citizenship of Kingdom of Bhutan
2. Have obtained a master's degree in fields below (in any country):
 - Economics
 - Engineering
 - Seismology
 - Flood Disaster
 - Data Analytics/mining
 - Artificial Intelligence

*** MA obtained in Japan or ex-participant of JICA training are preferable.**
3. Be the **age of 45 or younger as of April 1st, 2022**
4. Be a regular (permanent) government employee.
5. Have served for twice the duration of the LTT (long-term training) to obtain the master's degree.
6. Have a **recommendation from the supervisor of his/her current duty office.** (Reference Letter should contain evaluation of applicant's performance at work and relevance of his/her research theme to his/her career.)
7. Have a **recommendation from the expected academic adviser(s) of the applying university** (Submission of a draft academic guidance outline or a supervisory plan is desirable.)
8. Not have already obtained a doctoral degree.
9. Not be currently awarded or to be awarded a scholarship from other foreign donors
10. Have proficiency in English, sufficiently fluent for studying in Japan.

【Other Conditions】

The applicant must;

1. Present a research proposal relevant to the development Issues of their country referred to in the framework of Sub-Programs and Components.
2. Have fulfilled the work obligation stipulated in the JDS contract / JDS pledge letter, e.g. A JDS Fellow must work in his/her country at least nine years after return.
3. Be in good health both physically and mentally.

Complete the course within, and not exceeding, three (3) years. **However, if it is judged that the Doctoral degree is likely to be obtained, the extension up to 6 months will be accepted.**

3. Application and Selection Process

Call for application and selection will be conducted as below. The procedures may be revised for the next year and thereafter.

1. Application Period

Step 1: Please submit a set of application documents **to RCSC routed through Working Agency and Parent Agency by Sep 24.**

Step 2: Please submit a necessary set of application documents **to the JDS office** within the following period. **Only shortlisted candidates can apply for JDS application.**

JDS application starts from:
Oct 14 - Dec 8, 2021 (by 12:00 pm)

2. Selection:

(1) Basic Check by JICE

* This is not a selection but a verification of eligibility and submitted documents.

(2) (Document screening by the Committee) (December 2021)

* This screening will be conducted only when the number of application exceeds a certain upper limit.

(3) Health check-up (arranged by JICE) (January 2022)

(4) Interview by the JDS Operating Committee (Mid-February 2022)

(5) Approval of the final candidates by the Committee (Early March 2022)

* This is a "conditional acceptance" in this stage since further selection process by each university follows.

(6) Application for the universities (March – June 2022)

(7) Screening by the universities (April – July 2022)

* The application and screening process (6) and (7) varies depending on the universities. Some require an interview or written exam in Japan (the traveling cost for those exams will be covered by JDS).

(8) Notice of acceptance by the universities (July 2022)

* Upon acceptance by the university, the candidate will be awarded with the status of JDS Fellows.

(9) Announcement of final successful candidate (July 2022)]

【Tentative Schedule from Application to Enrollment】

2021				2022			
By Sep 24	Oct 13	By Dec 8	Feb. – Mar.	Mar. – Jun.	Apr. – July.	Aug.	Sep. or Oct.
Apply for RCSC	Shortlist Announcement	Apply for JDS	Selection by O/C	Application for the University	Screening by the University	Arrival in Japan	Enrollment in the University

*O/C=JDS Operating Committee

4. Selection (Evaluation) Criteria by O/C

The JDS Operating Committee will evaluate and select candidates based on the following criteria:

1. Leadership Qualifications

- Track records of demonstrating leadership
- Accomplishments and visions to contribute to the development of the country
- Enthusiasm for future development and growth of the country
- Achievements at work (e.g. work history, contributions, utilization of outcomes of JDS),
- Consistency between the career up to the present and the research theme/future vision in terms of contribution to the policy making and implementation

2. Relevance of the Research Theme to the Development Issues of the Target Country

Prospect of the achievement of their research towards improvement of the development issues in their country, etc.

3. Academic Transcripts and Academic Accomplishments in the Master's Course

Sufficient academic results, experiences of publishing peer reviewed papers, experiences of presenting at academic conferences/seminars, etc.

4. Readiness of the Accepting University

Availability of the recommendation letter, evaluation by the expected academic advisor/s, and academic guidance outline, etc.

5. Award Benefits

1. The scholarship grant is equivalent to that of MEXT Scholarships for Doctoral course
2. Amount for each allowance is equivalent to that of JDS Master's program.
3. Round-trip airfare to Japan

6. Expenses Paid to the Accepting University

Application fee, admission fee, tuition fee, and travel costs for the academic advisor/s visiting Fellow's country to assist his or her research will be borne by the JDS Project.

7. Support for the Fellows while in Japan

Support services for the Fellows in Doctoral courses will be equivalent to those for Master's courses. JICE will provide post-arrival support services including settlement assistance, monitoring, payment of allowances, and emergency assistance.

8. Application Procedures

1. Application Documents:

Applicants are required to submit a set of necessary documents in the following manner.

1) List of Application Documents

Doc No.	Application Documents	Remarks	Required number to be submitted	
			Original/ Certified True Copy	Copy of the Original
1	Application Form – with Photo (H4cm X W3cm) (Use designated form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attach a photo (taken within the past 3 months) to the 1st page of each of the 2 sets. ➤ Affix your signature on the lower right-hand corner of EACH PAGE. 	1	1
2	Official certificate of English ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Submit a grade certificate from an English Language Ability Test such as TOEFL or IELTS. (Photocopies are acceptable). *Only the Test taken in the two-year period preceding the application deadline is acceptable **If you do not have such test result, please consult with JICE JDS Office. 	/	2
3	Official Transcript of Records of Master's degree course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Must contain grades for all the credits earned ➤ 2 notarized copies of the original 	1 (Attested copy)	1
4	University Certificate/Diploma (Master's degree)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Written in English. If not, with notarized translation 	1 (Attested copy)	1
5	Professional Reference Letter (Use designated form.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Must be filled out by the current supervisor ➤ Must <u>be sealed in an envelope.</u> ➤ Must be written in English. If not, with notarized translation 	1	/
6	Academic Reference Letter (Use designated from.) form) - academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Must be filled out by the expected academic advisor of the applying university ➤ Must be <u>directly submitted from the supervisor to JICE JDS Office via e-mail.</u> 	1	/
7	Copy of Passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identification pages only. 	1 (Attested copy)	1

2) Notes

- Two (2) sets of Application Documents are required. To prepare the sets, you need to distinguish three types of documents. (Original / Certified True Copy / Copy of Original)
- All documents written in the language other than English need notarized English translation. (Self-translation is not acceptable.)
- Use only **A4** size paper for all Copy Sets.

- Do not staple the documents but clip on them.
- Submit a “Letter of Explanation” in case wrong information (e.g. wrong spelling of name, birthday, etc) is contained in official documents due to administrative errors.
- Make your own extra copy of the Application Documents before submission.

3) Submission of Application Documents

■ Notes

- Application lacking necessary documents will not be accepted.
- Application submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Application will be disqualified in case any deliberate falsifications or forgeries found in the documents.
- **Application Documents will not be returned for any reasons.**

■ Deadline for Applications

Deadline for Application: **on 12:00pm Dec. 8 (Wed), 2021** to JICE JDS Project Office in Bhutan

9. Contacts

JICE JDS Project Office in the Kingdom of Bhutan

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