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This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA). Since its inception in 1993, the JISPA has targeted future economic leaders from key policymaking agencies as part of the International Monetary Fund's capacity building efforts. With the support of the Government of Japan and under the current administration of the IMF's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Tokyo, the JISPA has awarded graduate-level scholarships for study in Japan to nearly 380 officials from 15 developing and transition economies in the Asia and the Pacific Region.

Among JISPA graduating scholars, some have taken up senior positions in key macroeconomic agencies, including in central banks and ministries of finance. Against this background, the JISPA has developed a solid reputation and established itself as a prestigious program among Asian officials. It is our intent to ensure the universities in Japan providing instruction under the JISPA continue to meet the needs of targeted countries in this era of rapid economic growth and development.

We are pleased about your interest in the JISPA. Let us encourage you to study carefully the material in this brochure and contact us directly if you have questions about the scholarship program.

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# I. INTRODUCTION

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**T**he Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA) was first introduced in 1993. It is funded by the Government of Japan, administered by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and conducted at various graduate schools in Japan.

Many countries in Asia are making the transition to more market-oriented systems of economic management. Skilled human resources within governments are essential if this transition is to be successful. By training future macroeconomic managers in these countries, the JISPA aims to enable them to better formulate sound economic and ensure financial stability needed for sustainable growth and development.

The JISPA targets highly motivated government officials who may serve as future macroeconomic policy makers with the capacity and vision to contribute effectively to the economic development of their countries. Scholarship awards are made on the basis of the candidate's academic record and work background, mathematical and statistics skills, English language proficiency, and potential for contributing to the macroeconomic and financial management and economic development of their country. The assessment also includes qualities such as the candidate's commitment to public service, willingness to learn, and openness to new ideas.

Currently, the JISPA is open to qualified candidates from the following countries:

**Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao P.D.R., Mongolia, Myanmar, Pacific Island Countries, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam.**

The scholarship covers tuition-related costs and most living expenses for the scholar only. Officials who receive the JISPA scholarship cannot accept other scholarships. Scholars are expected to devote full time to their studies while in Japan.

The program comprises two tracks: the partnership track, discussed in Part II of this brochure, and the open track, discussed in Part III. Because of the strong competition for scholarships, the JISPA is highly selective. In 2008-2009, a total of 30 new scholarships are available to candidates for the partnership track. There is no fixed limit on new scholarships for the open track, but they are generally a small number of scholarships.

## II. THE PARTNERSHIP TRACK

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The partnership track of the JISPA allows scholars to study a specially designed graduate level course concentrating on macroeconomics at an IMF partnership university. In 2008, the partnership universities<sup>1</sup> that will be accepting scholars are:

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS): one year program

Hitotsubashi University: two year program

International University of Japan (IUJ): two year program

All subjects, including the thesis component, are taught entirely in English.

The universities offer subjects that cover essential elements that will allow scholars to enter the macroeconomics policy dialogue at an international level. They also offer various optional subjects that will allow scholars to pursue their particular interests, relevant to the topic of their master's thesis. This thesis component is considered one of the most challenging and rewarding aspects of the program.

Subjects are taught by dedicated professors, a number of whom have experience working as professionals in the IMF, World Bank, or other international institutions.

**The application deadline for the partnership track is December 7, 2007.** After an initial screening of applications, select candidates will be contacted by the IMF to arrange an interview, which is typically done in-country with representatives from the partnership universities. A math and/or English examination may also be administered at this time. Final selection will be made on the basis of the in-country interview, math and English competencies, the application form, and other supplementary information.

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<sup>1</sup>Yokohama National University (YNU) accepts new scholars every other year. It will not accept any new scholars for the 2008-09 academic year.



# PARTNERSHIP UNIVERSITIES

## NATIONAL GRADUATE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES (GRIPS)

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**G**RIPS is a first-rate, government-sponsored graduate school and research institute. It was established as a separate entity out of the Graduate School of Policy Science of Saitama University - the first graduate school for policy studies in Japan. It aims to be a center of excellence for the advancement of policy research and dissemination. Several policy study project centers and a policy information center have been established. GRIPS exchanges information, ideas, and even personnel with other graduate schools, government institutes, and private research institutes throughout Japan. It is also establishing an international network of academics and government officials around the world in the field of policy studies. The majority of students studying at GRIPS are international students. Most are from the Asia-Pacific region, with rest from Africa, Latin America, Europe, and Middle East.

### The Transition Economy Program

For JISPA scholars, GRIPS offers the twelve-month Transition Economy Program, which leads to a Master of Public Policy. It is specifically designed to meet the needs of government officials from Asian countries who are faced with the enormous challenge of making the transition to more market-oriented systems of economic management.

The program aims to enhance the capacity of governments to formulate and implement financial and economic policies in a manner that leads to quality growth.

### The Faculty

The faculty at GRIPS is committed to training highly qualified professionals whose work in policy development and analysis will strengthen public policy making and enhance the effectiveness of development programs.

Faculty at GRIPS include academics and bureaucrats, as well as those with experience at the World Bank, IMF, Japan Bank for International Cooperation, and Japan International Cooperation Agency. Currently, there are 70 full-time faculty members, including many outstanding non-Japanese scholars.

### The Curriculum

Subjects deal with the macroeconomic and structural reform aspects of transition, including policies aimed at establishing sound fundamentals, such as a balanced budget and current account, low inflation, a stable currency, a liberalized trade and financial sector, and a vast private sector. Attention is also given to a broader range of development issues such as the roles of government, institution building, and environment and development.

### Required Courses

Scholars of the Transition Economy Program must take the following eight courses and Independent Study (Policy Proposal Paper): macroeconomics I, II; microeconomics I, II; structural reform and privatization; development economics; international economics; and demand

management (fiscal and monetary policies). In the Independent Study, scholars are required to write a policy proposal paper, under the supervision of an academic advisor.

### Quantitative Courses

Scholars must take three of the following four courses: statistics, introduction to quantitative methods, introduction to applied econometrics, and operations research.

### Other Recommended and Elective Courses

These courses cover a range of topics, including modernization of the financial sector, monetary economics, government and market, and environment and sustainable development.

Please see page 10 for a complete course listing.

The program is demanding and requires a high level of commitment from the scholars. In order to accommodate this intensive level of education within one year, GRIPS operates on the following four-term system: Fall Term (16 weeks, October–January), Winter Term (8 weeks, February–March), Spring Term (16 weeks, April–July), and Summer Term (8 weeks, August–September).

### Qualifications

Candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized/accredited university and must satisfy the English language requirements with a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (CBT 213) or IELTS 6.0. A strong undergraduate background and/or evidence of experience with public policy issues in economic management is also required.



### Facilities

In 2005, GRIPS moved to a new, spacious, state-of-the-art campus in Roppongi, which is one of the trendiest cultural and international districts in the heart of Tokyo. At GRIPS, students have access to many invaluable resources. The GRIPS library maintains an excellent collection of books, journals, databases, and reference materials, which supports the research and teaching programs. Additionally, a free laptop loan service with wireless internet access is offered to all students for the full academic year. On-campus facilities further include a fitness center, auditorium, and conference rooms.

GRIPS also arranges accommodations for students. Typical student housing comprises a studio apartment in the Tokyo International Exchange Center, located along the scenic Tokyo Bay.

Further information can be found on the GRIPS website at <http://www.grips.ac.jp>.





# HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY

**F**ounded in 1875, Hitotsubashi University is a leading university in economics and business in Japan. Today, it has four departments, seven graduate schools, and two research institutes, covering the fields of business, economics, law, and social sciences. It has an enrollment of approximately 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and a faculty and staff of over 600.

## Asian Public Policy Program, School of International and Public Policy

For JISPA scholars, Hitotsubashi University offers the two-year Asian Public Policy Program in the School of International and Public Policy. This program, which leads to a Master's degree in public policy, provides the analytical skills and policy formulation capabilities required for good macroeconomic policy management, public finance, fiscal operations, and other public policy fields. The program attracts Asian officials who are working in fiscal, monetary, and other public policy areas, and who aspire to work as policy analysts and policy makers in the future.

## The Faculty

The Asian Public Policy Program faculty includes teaching staff with experience at the IMF, World Bank, Bank of Japan, and Japan's Ministry of Finance. Academics with outstanding reputations from the Graduate School of Economics of Hitotsubashi University (located at the main Kunitachi campus) and special lecturers invited from other universities such as Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Duke University, National University of Singapore and from prominent businesses, international organizations and the government are also included in the faculty.

## The Curriculum

The curriculum focus on economic policy design and analysis. It is conducted entirely in English, with the school year running from October through July. The curriculum consists of core theory courses, fiscal and regulatory policy, monetary and financial policy, a workshop on current topics, and weekly seminars, as well as special intensive courses. In addition, a master's thesis is required to successfully complete the degree.

**First Year:** Students are required to take all core courses in order to master basic theoretical approaches and skills for quantitative analysis. They also take some elective courses, including special intensive ones. By the end of the second semester, students need to decide their thesis topic in consultation with their academic advisor. They are expected to work on their thesis, including data collection, during the summer recess.

**Second Year:** Students focus on working on their thesis while taking some elective courses as advised by their academic advisor. They are expected to complete the preliminary draft of their thesis in April, and required to





submit the final version by the end of May. Final examination and oral defense are held late June to early July.

Throughout the two years in the program, students are required to participate in a seminar held by their academic advisor as well as to take an English Thesis Writing course.

### Course Descriptions

**Required Courses: Theoretical Foundations**  
Core theory courses provide a solid foundation in microeconomic and macroeconomic theory and public sector economics as a framework for policy analysis. Courses on quantitative techniques of economic analysis and financial programming for macroeconomic policy formulation are also required, with the latter offered as a two-week intensive course.

### Elective Courses: Fiscal and Regulatory Policy

These courses cover major issues in fiscal and regulatory policy, such as taxation, public investment, fiscal decentralization, the social security system, and regulation of public enterprises and industries. They focus on both the analytical and practical side of issues, including discussion of best practices and case studies on policies adopted by Asian economies.

### Elective Courses: Monetary and Financial Policy

These courses comprise monetary and financial policy analyses focusing on analytical and practical aspects of policy making. They cover topics related to international finance, as well as the lessons learned from monetary policy during the bubble period in Japan and from the Asian financial crises in the late 1990s.

### Required Intensive Courses

Special intensive courses on selected relevant topics are offered by overseas visiting professors. They include a variety of current topics such as financial sector development, public expenditure management, social security issues, global imbalances, and

project planning and implementation in developing countries.

### Japanese Language Course

Hitotsubashi University offers a week-long intensive Japanese language course a few times a year for JISPA scholars.

### Seminars

Students are required to belong to a seminar group led by their academic advisor. They pursue an academic topic of their interest, which provides a basis for their thesis, under the guidance of the academic advisor. Weekly seminars are one of the core activities for students in the program.

Please see page 10 for a complete course listing.

### Qualifications

Candidates with a minimum of two years' full-time working experience in economic policy areas of government and a BA or BS degree from an officially accredited university are eligible for admission. Preference will be given to those with a first degree in economics or management.

Hitotsubashi University candidates are additionally required to complete and pass the admissions process for the School of International and Public Policy. A separate application form must be filled out and submitted to the university with the required documents. The university must receive this application no later than April 28, 2008. The scholarship only then will be finalized.

### Facilities

The Asian Public Policy Program is located on an inner-city campus in Tokyo. Adjacent to the Imperial Palace grounds, where the university originated 130 years ago, the campus is part of a new 23-story building, complete with high-tech communication, library, conference, fitness, and other facilities.

Hitotsubashi University will arrange appropriate housing.

Further information on the program can be found on Hitotsubashi University website at <http://www.hit-u.ac.jp/IPPP/APPP/>.





# INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JAPAN (IUJ)

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The IUJ was founded in 1982 with extensive support from Japanese industrial, financial, and educational communities, and from the local community of Minami-Uonuma-shi in Niigata prefecture. The IUJ consists of two graduate schools: the Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR) and the Graduate School of International Management (GSIM). There are three master programs in the GSIR: the International Development Program, International Relations Program, and International Peace Studies Program. The student body of IUJ comprises about 300 students representing about 50 countries in the world.

## International Development Program

For JISPA scholars, the IUJ offers the two-year International Development Program. The curriculum of the program is centered on economics and leads to a Master's degree in International Development. It intends to provide students with rigorous training in the principles of economics and their applications in policy analyses. The program's objective is to improve students' ability in identifying important policy issues related to economic development and to develop their analytical skills for formulating effective and consistent economic policies. The program particularly attracts students who wish to examine public policy issues of their own countries in comparison with those of other countries.

## The Faculty

Faculty of the International Development Program consist of core full time and

visiting faculty members. All core full time faculty members have obtained their PhD in economics or related fields from prestigious universities such as Cornell University, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, University of Essex, and University of Western Ontario.

Faculty members promote the exchange of ideas and discussions between students in an objective, supportive, and effective environment. They are not only effective teachers but also productive and excellent scholars. Faculty members have been involved in various policy related research projects financed by organizations such as the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia, and United Nations University. Their research results have been published in internationally refereed academic journals. Students of course are given the opportunity to learn from and/or be involved in these projects themselves.

## The Curriculum

The curriculum of the International Development Program encompasses a wide range of public policy issues, including monetary and fiscal policy, international finance trade, public finance, health care management, environmental management and sustainable development, poverty and income disparity, and urban and regional development. The two-year curriculum consists of required courses, applied disciplinary courses, regional courses, elective courses, and advanced seminars for thesis writing.

### First year:

In the first year, students mainly take required core courses, which consist of macroeconomics, microeconomics, applied econometrics, statistics and mathematics for economics, development economics, and research methodology. In the spring term of the first year, students can also take some applied courses related with their research topics. In addition, students begin preparing for their master's thesis towards the end of their first year. Students' thesis supervisors will be decided in the winter term, and the first advanced seminar for thesis writing will start in the spring term.

### Second year:

In the second year, students take applied courses that are closely related to their thesis topics and research interests. These courses include monetary economics and policy, public finance, international finance, international trade, health economics and management, computable general equilibrium models, quantitative analysis of economic policies, government structure and economic development, and inequality and poverty. Students may also take courses in politics and regional studies offered by other programs in the GSIR or courses in management offered by the MBA program in the GSIM.

The second year is also when most work is done on the master's thesis. Writing a thesis gives students an opportunity to apply the tools, methods, concepts, and theories they have learned in their studies at the International Development Program. It is also an effective way for students to develop independent capacity for economic analysis.

### Japanese language program

The IUJ has a very effective Japanese language program that offers courses from introductory to advanced levels.

Please see page 11 for a complete course listing.



### Qualifications

Candidates with a strong desire to study and contribute to the economic development of their countries are encouraged to apply. A strong undergraduate background, evidence of experience with public policy issues in development, and high English proficiency are required.

### Facilities

There are three computer labs on campus. In the dormitories, students can also access a highly efficient campus-wide Local Area Network (LAN), which is linked to the internet 24 hours a day. The IUJ's Matsushita Library and Information Center has a large collection of books, journals, and databases in the area of business, economics, finance, and politics. It serves as a gateway for students to access a wide range of important information from throughout the world. Sporting facilities include tennis courts and a gymnasium. Students also have easy access to ski slopes in the winter and hiking trails in summer.

Housing consists of on-campus dormitories.

Further information on the program can be found on the IUJ's website at <http://gsir.iuj.ac.jp/idp/index.html>. The latest brochure of the GSIR is also available upon request through the internet.



# COURSE LISTING

## GRIPS

Master's of Public Policy  
Transition Economy Program

## HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY

Master's of Public Policy  
Asian Public Policy Program

Macroeconomics I, II  
Microeconomics I, II  
Structural Reform and Privatization  
Development Economics  
International Economics  
Demand Management: Fiscal and Monetary Policies  
Independent Study (Policy Proposal Paper)  
Statistics  
Introduction to Quantitative Methods  
Introduction to Applied Econometrics  
Operations Research  
International Finance  
Modernization of Financial Sector  
Monetary Economics  
Government and Market  
Public Economics  
Accounting and Financial Management I, II  
Institutional Structure and Processes in the Government  
Game Theory  
Economics of Law  
Japanese Financial System  
Economic Modeling for Development Economics  
Labor Economics  
Environmental Economics  
Local Public Finance  
Public Expenditure Management  
Public Policy and Finance: Japanese Experiences and International Comparison  
Development Case Study  
Japan's ODA  
Development Assistance by International Organizations  
Foreign Direct Investment  
Seminar in Industry and Trade Policy  
Public Investment  
Armed Conflict and Development  
Economic Development of Japan  
Development Project Analysis  
Environment and Sustainable Development  
Policy Design and Implementation in Developing Countries  
Science and Technology Policy  
SMEs and Technology  
International Economic Law (Globalization and Regionalism)  
Social Science Questions and Methodologies  
Academic English writing  
Basic Japanese

Economics of the Public Sector  
Microeconomics for Public Policy  
Macroeconomics: Theory and Policy  
Fundamentals of Econometric Methods (one year course)  
Financial Programming for Macroeconomic Policy Formulation  
Economic Analysis of Tax Systems  
Fiscal Decentralization and Local Government Finance  
Economic Analysis of Social Policies  
Economic Analysis of Social Security Systems  
Economic Analysis of Public Investments  
Economic Analysis of Regulation and Public Enterprise  
Financial Sector Reform and Development  
Tax Policy I: Tax Policy and Systems  
Tax Policy II: International Taxation  
Field Research on Tax Administration  
Fiscal and Monetary Policy in Japan  
Asian Economic Development  
Tax Policy in Asian Countries  
International Economy and Finance: Policy and Institutions  
Workshop on Current Topics  
Issues on Public Policy I  
Issues on Public Policy II  
Issues on Public Policy III  
Issues on Public Policy IV  
Issues on Public Policy V  
Issues on Public Policy VI  
Issues on Public Policy VII  
Seminar (for Master's thesis)  
English Thesis Writing I (first year students)  
English Thesis Writing II (second year students)



## IUJ

Master's of International Development  
International Development Program

Computing and Mathematics for Economics  
Statistics for Business and Economics  
Microeconomics  
Macroeconomics  
Applied Econometrics  
Research Methodology  
Development Economics  
International Trade and Commercial Policy  
International Finance  
Development Planning  
Development Finance  
Health Economics and Management  
Public Sector Economics  
Public Finance  
Industrial Organization and Public Policy  
Monetary Economics and Policy  
Project Finance  
Cost Benefit Analysis  
Project Cycle Management  
Computable General Equilibrium Modeling  
Quantitative Methods for Decision-Making  
Quantitative Analysis of Economic Policies  
Environmental Economics  
Agricultural Economics  
Governance Structure and Economic Development  
Japanese Banking and Financial Systems

*Select courses offered by the Graduate School of  
International Relations (GSIR)*

Political Economy of Energy and the Environment  
Japanese Public Finance and Administration

*Select courses offered by the Graduate School of  
International Management (GSIM)*

Corporate Finance  
Investment  
International Business Management

Basic and Advanced Japanese  
Advanced English

Online syllabus is available at <http://gsir.iuj.ac.jp/idp/index.html>.



## SKILL-REFRESHING COURSES

The JISPA offers special Skill-Refreshing Courses (SRC) to newly accepted scholars under the partnership track. The SRC aims to refresh English and mathematics/computational skills, in preparation for the master's programs in economics at the partnership universities.<sup>1</sup> It is typically held from mid-July to mid-September, prior to commencing studies at the partnership universities.<sup>2</sup> In the past three years, the SRC has been conducted at the International University of Japan in Niigata prefecture.<sup>3</sup>

The SRC comprises a six-week course in academic English (reading, writing, listening, and oral communication skills) and a two-week course in mathematics/computational courses for economics (including statistical software).

Incoming scholars with a TOEFL score below 600 (CBT 250 and IBT 100) or IELTS score below 7.0 will be requested to participate in the English component of the SRC. All of these scholars will also be expected to participate in the mathematics/computational skills component of the SRC. Incoming scholars who do not require the English component but do require the math component will be requested to participate in the latter only. The basis for this determination will be the math test score received at the time of selection and the partnership universities' requirements in this area.



<sup>1</sup>The annual offering of the SRC is subject to budgetary resource availability.

<sup>2</sup>Scholars accepted into GRIPS will receive a two-week supplemental courses from mid- to end-September 2008.

<sup>3</sup>The institution that will conduct the SRC in the 2008-2009 academic year will be formally announced to incoming scholars at the time of their admission into the scholarship program.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

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Scholarships provide for tuition fees; a monthly stipend (including the housing allowance and medical/accident insurance); one round-trip economy class air-ticket; and a lump-sum allowance to cover visa application costs, testing fees (such as TOEFL), and book-shipping costs. The scholarship covers expenses incurred by the scholar only.

The scholarship covers one year. For the two-year master's programs, the scholarship can be renewed for the second year based on academic performance and the university's recommendation, together with nomination by a scholar's sponsoring agency.

## Travel and Visas

Travel to Japan will be economy class by the most direct flight(s) available. The IMF will provide scholars with pre-paid tickets and a travel allowance. Assistance in applying for visas will be provided by the universities.

## Accommodations

Accommodations in Japan will be arranged for scholars by the university. The location of housing depends on the university's choice and local availability. University arranged housing is only for one-person occupancy. No provision will be made for married scholars wishing to live together.

## Scholar's Family

No additional aid or arrangements are given for a scholar's family. Scholars are generally advised not to bring family members or other dependants to Japan owing to the high cost and other complications. If, however, a scholar must bring a family member to Japan, he or she is required to get prior approval from the university (sub-

ject to its guidelines) as well as from the IMF Scholarship Programs Officer. In any event, scholars should be aware that they are responsible for all additional expenditures as well as all required procedures associated with bringing a family member. These would include travel, insurance, and medical costs, as well as considerably higher housing costs.

## Health Requirements

Scholars are expected to be in excellent physical, mental, and emotional health during their studies in Japan. Scholars must notify the IMF Scholarship Programs Officer and the university immediately if there are any health issues, including pregnancy.

Arrangements will be made to provide medical insurance covering most medical expenses of the scholar. This insurance, however, does not cover pre-existing conditions.

All students are requested to undergo a thorough medical examination at an approved hospital or clinic in their countries prior to their arrival in Japan. Evidence of the medical examination must be submitted to the university. The cost of this medical examination is expected to be covered by the pre-arrival allowance.

## Other Requirements

Scholars who receive the JISPA scholarship cannot accept other scholarships.

Once accepted into the program, scholars are expected to attend all classes, maintain a solid academic standing, and conduct themselves appropriately in accordance with the university's internal guidelines and Japanese laws and regulations. Any violation of these conditions may be grounds for dismissal from the university and/or revocation of the scholarship.



# IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE PARTNERSHIP TRACK

See the table below for important dates. Please note that these dates are indicative, and subject to change.

Applicant's Process	Date
Application deadline	December 7, 2007
Interviews and testing of select applicants	March 1 – March 31, 2008
Notification of results of application	April 14 – April 18, 2008
Deadline to accept scholarship	April 21, 2008
Reserve or stand-by applicants are called, if necessary	April 21 – May 2, 2008
Deadline for additional Hitotsubashi University application	April 28, 2008
Visa application process	May – August 2008
Arrival in Japan for SRC participants	July 10-13, 2008 (tentative)
Skill-refreshing courses	Mid-July to mid-September 2008
<i>Two week optional course for GRIPS scholars</i>	<i>Mid- to end-September 2008</i>
Arrival in Japan <sup>1</sup>	GRIPS: October 1-2, 2008 Hitotsubashi: September 3-5, 2008 IUJ: September 8-12, 2008
Program registration period	GRIPS: October 10-13, 2008 Hitotsubashi: September 8-12, 2008 IUJ: September 29-October 6, 2008
Courses begin	GRIPS: October 6, 2008 Hitotsubashi: September 10, 2008 IUJ: September 29, 2008

<sup>1</sup>For those scholars not participating in the SRC.

# SAMPLE MATH TEST (30 MINUTES)

## (FOR PARTNERSHIP TRACK ONLY)

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Please note the following:

- You will have only 30 minutes to complete the test;
- No calculators are allowed;
- Please show all your work, including calculations and other notations in the margin of this paper.

Application ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Part I. Calculate the following (one point each):

Answer:

1.  $\left(\frac{3L^{0.5}}{L^{-1.5}}\right)^3 =$

2.  $3\log(2x) + 2(\log 1)\log(3x) - 2\log 4x =$

3. The determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} =$

**Part II. Solve the following equations (two points each):**

4.  $\frac{2}{x} = \frac{x}{2x} + 1$

5.  $x(x - 6) = 0$

**Part III. Find for each of the following (two points each):**

6.  $y = x^2 e^{2x}$

7.  $y = \ln\left(\frac{x}{3x+5}\right)$

**Part IV. Please answer the following questions (three points each):**

8. The demand and supply functions for a good are given as:

Demand function:  $P_d = 180 - 3Q_d$

Supply function:  $P_s = 100 + 5Q_s$

Please calculate the equilibrium price and quantity.

9. The profit function of a firm is:

$$\pi = -6Q^2 + 24Q - 80$$

Please find the output  $Q$  that maximizes the profit  $\pi$ .



### III. THE OPEN TRACK

The open track of the JISPA provides support to scholars who wish to study graduate-level macroeconomics or a related field at either the master's or PhD level at any leading university in Japan. It is geared towards highly motivated officials who are able to identify a course of study in Japan suitable to their professional pursuits in the public sector and supportive of their future work as an economic policy maker. The scholarship covers all or most of tuition cost and related expenses and provides a monthly stipend for the scholar.

For a master's degree, a scholarship can be awarded for up to two consecutive one-year periods and for a PhD degree for up to three consecutive one-year periods, depending on a university's requirements under a specific course of study. Annual

renewal of the scholarship is subject to approval by the IMF, based on the scholar's progress, university's assessment, and sponsoring agency's consent.

To be eligible for the open track, applicants must first apply directly to the university of their choice and be accepted in a graduate-level program in an appropriate discipline. The IMF maintains no information on the application processes at Japanese universities. The IMF can also consider providing support to those eligible scholars who have already commenced their studies in Japan.

To apply for the open track scholarship, applicants must complete the application form included in this brochure. In addition, they should submit a copy of the letter of acceptance into a graduate-level program from a Japanese university (see Part IV for complete application guidelines). There is no application deadline for the open track. Award of the scholarship will depend on the suitability of the chosen university and course of study, as well as a combination of the applicants educational background, work experience, and potential for future promotion in one of the key government agencies for economic policy making. Under the open track, the IMF will notify selection results within two months of an applicant's complete submission of requested application material.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## Scholar's Family

No additional aid or arrangements are given for a scholar's family. Scholars are generally advised not to bring family members or other dependants to Japan owing to the high cost and other complications. If, however, a scholar must bring a family member to Japan, he or she is required to get prior approval from the university (subject to its guidelines) as well as from the IMF Scholarship Programs Officer. In any event, scholars should be aware that they are responsible for all additional expenditures as well as all required procedures associated with bringing a family member. These would include travel, insurance, and medical costs, as well as considerably higher housing costs.

## Health Requirements

Scholars are expected to be in excellent physical, mental, and emotional health during their studies in Japan. Scholars must notify the Programs Officer and the university immediately if there are any health issues, including pregnancy. Individual universities may have their own health requirements, which scholars will be expected to comply.

## Other Requirements

Scholars who receive the JISPA scholarship cannot accept other scholarships.

Once accepted into the program, scholars are expected to attend all classes, maintain a solid academic standing, and conduct themselves appropriately in accordance with the university's internal guidelines and Japanese laws and regulations. Any violation of these conditions may be grounds for dismissal from the university and/or revocation of the scholarship.

For further information on program requirements under the open track, please contact:

Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia  
IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific  
21st Floor Fukoku-Seimei Building  
2-2-2 Uchisaiwai-cho  
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0011  
Japan  
Tel. +81 3 3597-6708  
Fax +81 3 3597-6705  
Email: [jisais@imf.org](mailto:jisais@imf.org)





## IV. APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR PARTNERSHIP AND OPEN TRACK

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### Application deadline

**Partnership track:** December 7, 2007 for the 2008-09 academic year.

**Open track:** There is no application deadline. Applications are accepted and reviewed year-round.

### Eligibility requirements

Under current program guidelines, candidates must be a national of one of the following countries:

Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao P.D.R., Mongolia, Myanmar, Pacific Island Countries, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, or Vietnam.

Candidates should also currently work for or have a formal offer of employment from one of the following or related agencies:

Central bank, ministry of economy, ministry of finance, ministry of planning/development, ministry of trade/commerce, tax administration, or national statistics bureau. The program will also consider officials working in other areas of government that have a significant impact on the formulation or implementation of macroeconomic policy. In addition, it is open to persons who intend to work in relevant government agencies but have not yet taken up their formal positions. This might include students who are finishing their university studies. However, these candidates must be

nominated by a senior government official from the agency where they plan to work upon completion of their studies in Japan.

Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree or an equivalent with at least 16 years of formal education. Names of schools and attending dates beginning from primary school must be listed in the application. In some cases, 15 years of formal education may be accepted if there is an official explanation (a country's particular educational system or other exceptional circumstances).

Applicants must have an English language proficiency, which needs to be demonstrated as equivalent to or more than an official TOEFL score of 550, CBT213, or IBT79-80. If TOEFL scores are not available, then an overall IELTS score of at least 6.0 can be substituted.

### Application procedures

**For both the partnership and open track,** eligible candidates should submit the following:

1. Completed application form (preferably typed).
2. Official transcripts and official copies of diplomas or degree certificates from all undergraduate and graduate schools: An official copy means a certified copy of the original document with an official seal obtained from the administration office of the university attended. Copies attested by organizations/persons not having notarized/legal bearing will not be accepted.





3. Two reference letters: References should be from applicants' supervisor at work and/or an academic advisor or professor.

4. TOEFL/IELTS certificate (if available): The TOEFL/IELTS test score must be from an examination taken after December 7, 2005. If a score is unavailable, the applicant will be requested to sit for a TOEFL/IELTS examination prior to receiving a final decision on the scholarship award.

**For the open track only**, eligible candidates should also submit the following:

5. Admission letter or enrollment certificate of the university of choice (not required for partnership track).

All submitted application material must be presented in English or be accompanied by an official English translation. The material will be considered under the control of the IMF and provided to the relevant

school(s) and the Government of Japan as it sees appropriate. None of the material will be returned to applicants.

**Application material should be sent by mail to the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific** (see address below).

For further information on the application procedure, please contact:

Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia  
IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific  
21st Floor Fukoku-Seimei Building  
2-2-2 Uchisaiwai-cho  
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0011  
Japan  
Tel. +81 3 3597-6708  
Fax +81 3 3597-6705  
Email: [jisais@imf.org](mailto:jisais@imf.org)





## V. CONTACT ADDRESSES

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IMF Resident Representatives or local offices/contacts are also available to provide information:

### **Cambodia**

IMF Resident Representative  
Mr. John Nelmes  
National Bank of Cambodia Building  
22–24 Preah Norodom Blvd.  
Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia  
Tel.: 855 23 218 600  
Fax: 855 23 218 601

### **China**

IMF Resident Representative  
Mr. Vivek Arora  
China World Tower II, Rm. 3612  
No. 1 Jianguomenwai Ave.  
Beijing 100004 China  
Tel.: 86 10 6505 1155  
Fax: 86 10 6505 8580

### **Indonesia**

IMF Resident Representative  
Mr. Stephen Schwartz  
c/o Bank Indonesia  
Tipikal Building, 1st floor  
Jl. M.H. Thamrin 2  
Jakarta Pusat Indonesia  
Tel.: 62 21 231 1884  
Fax: 62 21 231 1939

### **Kazakhstan**

Ms. Olga Bisekeeva  
National Bank Building  
2nd entrance, 4th Fl.  
Koktem-3  
Almaty 480090 Kazakhstan  
Tel.: 7 3272 704 631  
Fax: 7 3272 70 4892

### **Kyrgyz Republic**

IMF Resident Representative  
Mr. James McHugh  
National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic  
ul. Umetaliev 101  
Bishkek 720876 Kyrgyz Republic  
Tel.: 996 312 21 3934  
Fax: 996 312 61 0165

### **Lao P.D.R.**

IMF Resident Representative  
Mr. Philippe Beaugrand  
Banque d'Etat de la République  
P.O. Box 19  
Rue Yonnet, Vientiane, Lao P.D.R.  
Tel.: 856 21 21 3106  
Fax: 856 21 21 4986

### **Mongolia**

IMF Resident Representative  
Mr. Byung Kyoong Jang  
MCS Plaza, 3rd floor  
Seoul street – 4  
Ulaanbaatar 210644, Mongolia  
Tel.: 976 11 313 518  
Fax: 976 11 312 181

### **Myanmar**

Ms. May Mar Lar Maung Gyi  
Chief  
International Relations Department  
Minister's Office  
Ministry of Finance and Revenue  
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar  
Fax: 95 67 41 0189

### Pacific Island Countries

IMF Project Coordinator  
Ms. Susan Adams  
Pacific Financial Technical Assistance  
Center (PFTAC)  
Tower 7, Reserve Bank Bldg.  
Suva, Fiji  
Tel. 679-3304-866  
Fax. 679-3304-045

### Papua New Guinea

IMF Resident Representative  
Mr. Ebrima A. Faal  
P.O. Box 1997  
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea  
Tel: 675-3-320-2440  
Fax: 675-3-320-2441

### Philippines

IMF Resident Representative  
Mr. Reza Baqir  
Rm. 407. 5-Storey Building  
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas  
A. Mabini Street  
Manila, Philippines  
Tel.: 63 2 536 0785  
Fax: 63 2 536 0038

### Tajikistan

IMF Resident Representative  
Mr. Luc Moers  
National Bank of the Republic of Tajikistan  
107A Rudaki Avenue  
Dushanbe 7334025 Tajikistan  
Tel.: 992 446 00 3234  
Fax: 992 372 51 0121



### Turkmenistan

Mr. Igor Zhukov  
Cabinet of Ministers, Rm. 19  
17 Gogol Street  
74400 Ashgabat, Turkmenistan  
Tel.: 993 12 39 1888  
Fax: 993 12 39 2476

### Uzbekistan

Ms. Galina Kostina  
Central Bank of Uzbekistan  
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750001 Tashkent, Uzbekistan  
Tel.: 998 71 133 4243  
Fax: 998 71 120 6874

### Vietnam

IMF Resident Representative  
Mr. Il Houn Lee  
Suite 601  
63 Ly Thai To Street  
Hanoi, Vietnam  
Tel.: 84 4 824 3350  
Fax: 84 4 825 1885



# APPLICATION FORM

PARTNERSHIP TRACK 23–29

OPEN TRACK 30–36

## JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA—2008–2009

### PARTNERSHIP TRACK SCHOLARSHIP ONLY

Please read the brochure, including the General Information and Application Guidelines sections, before filling out the application form.

Please also note the following:

- Any change in the status of the applicant or information provided in the submitted application material must be communicated immediately to the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.
- Any false or misleading statements or inaccuracies in the submitted application material may be the grounds for denial of admission into the university, revocation of the scholarship, and/or dismissal from the university.
- Incomplete application forms or applications missing required documents *will not* be processed. Please note that submitted documents will not be returned, and application materials are not held over to the following year, in the event an applicant seeks to reapply for a scholarship.

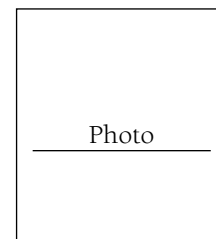
The application form together with supporting requested materials listed in the checklist (see page 29) must be received by December 7, 2007.

**JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA—2008–2009**  
**PARTNERSHIP TRACK**  
**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 7, 2007**

**APPLICATION FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a recent photo of yourself:



**1. PERSONAL DATA**

NAME (as in passport):

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality (as in passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(MM/DD/YYYY)

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

(as of October 1, 2008)

Gender (male/female): \_\_\_\_\_

**WORK ADDRESS**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (work, general): \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (work, direct): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. EDUCATION**

Please state in chronological order, starting with the most recent and including primary school.

School or University: \_\_\_\_\_

(Month/Year)

City / Country: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Language of Instruction: \_\_\_\_\_

School or University: \_\_\_\_\_

(Month/Year)

City / Country: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Language of Instruction: \_\_\_\_\_

School or University: \_\_\_\_\_

(Month/Year)

City / Country: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Language of Instruction: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of years of formal education (starting from primary school): \_\_\_\_\_ years.



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## PARTNERSHIP TRACK

### DEADLINE: DECEMBER 7, 2007

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

List five subjects taken in Economics, Statistics, Mathematics or other subjects relevant to the program. Please also indicate whether the course was taken at the undergraduate or graduate level.

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|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ |          |

#### Previous scholarship awards or training courses

Have you ever received a scholarship, or attended a training course provided by the International Monetary Fund or any other relevant international institutes? If yes, please state below:

Scholarship or training course:	From:
<i>(name of scholarship/courses and provider)</i>	To:
Scholarship or training course:	From:
<i>(name of scholarship/courses and provider)</i>	To:
Scholarship or training course:	From:
<i>(name of scholarship/courses and provider)</i>	To:

### 3. PRESENT POSITION

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize your present duties and responsibilities, or those you will have when you take up your position.

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### 4. PREVIOUS POSITIONS

(please state in chronological order, starting with the most recent)

Employer: _____	Division/Department: _____	From: _____	To: _____
Position: _____			
Employer: _____	Division/Department: _____	From: _____	To: _____
Position: _____			
Employer: _____	Division/Department: _____	From: _____	To: _____
Position: _____			

### OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

(membership of committees, authorship of publications, participation in special projects, attendance at international conferences, etc.)

Membership/Publication/Project/Conference: _____	Date: _____
Membership/Publication/Project/Conference: _____	Date: _____
Membership/Publication/Project/Conference: _____	Date: _____

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## PARTNERSHIP TRACK

### DEADLINE: DECEMBER 7, 2007

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (Required)

##### English Testing

TOEFL Test: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

IELTS Test: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how/when you use English.

#### 6. RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR THESIS OR POLICY PAPER

On a separate sheet of paper, please submit a proposal for your thesis or policy paper. It should describe carefully the project you wish to undertake. The subject should be grounded solidly on important policy issues and challenges facing your country and concentrate in the area of macroeconomic stability, economic growth, and/or overall development. Please note how your research might contribute more effectively to these objectives. The proposal must be typewritten and should be *no more than 500 words*. Please attach it to this application form. Also, note that you cannot substitute your proposal by listing courses you intend to take.

#### 7. PARTNERSHIP UNIVERSITY PREFERENCE

Please check one university for each choice:

First Choice: ☐ GRIPS ☐ Hitotsubashi ☐ IUJ

Second Choice: ☐ GRIPS ☐ Hitotsubashi ☐ IUJ

#### 8. APPLICATION FOR OTHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

This information is simply gathered for statistical purposes only, and will not affect the selection process.

Have you applied for, or will you apply for, any other scholarship or financial aid programs for 2008-2009?  
YES / NO (circle one)

If yes, please provide the information below:

Scholarship Program Information

Name of Scholarship Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship or Financial Aid Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

University or Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study and Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Notification/Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Scholarship Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship or Financial Aid Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

University or Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study and Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Notification/Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

**JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA—2008–2009**  
**PARTNERSHIP TRACK**  
**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 7, 2007**

**SPONSOR'S NOMINATION AND CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned (name of sponsor) \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Given name \_\_\_\_\_

acting on behalf of (name of agency) \_\_\_\_\_  
hereby:

1. nominate (name of applicant) \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Given name \_\_\_\_\_

for graduate studies under the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia;

2. certify that the information supplied by the applicant is correct to the best of my knowledge;

3. certify that the applicant, if accepted, will receive a leave of absence for the duration of his/her studies in Japan under the JISPA and upon return will be employed:

as (title of position) \_\_\_\_\_

in (name of agency) \_\_\_\_\_

4. certify that the applicant, if accepted, will not be assigned duties that will conflict with devoting full time and attention to his/her studies;

5. certify that my agency will assist in the applicant's repatriation if any personal difficulties or circumstances arise during his/her studies that make repatriation desirable or necessary;

6. certify that the candidate, if accepted, will undergo a comprehensive medical examination immediately before arriving in Japan, to ensure that he/she is in good health, free from any contagious disease, and free from any medical condition that would impair his/her studies;

7. guarantee, in addition, that the IMF will be reimbursed promptly by my agency for all expenses incurred as a result of any of the conditions mentioned in 5 and 6 above, as well as for any medical expenses not covered by medical insurance.

Official seal

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Given name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

City and Country \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA—2008–2009**  
**PARTNERSHIP TRACK**  
**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 7, 2007**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION**

1. I certify that the information I have written on the application form and the documents I have submitted to be true and accurate.
2. I understand and agree that any false or misleading information may be the grounds for denial of admission, revocation of the scholarship, and/or dismissal from the university.
3. I certify that I have carefully read the General Information and Application Guidelines sections of the brochure and I understand all requirements and restrictions for the scholarship.
4. I authorize the IMF to collect from and release to the universities and the Government of Japan my personal information (including application information and academic records) for the purpose of selection and monitoring under the scholarship program.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

# JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA—2008–2009

## PARTNERSHIP TRACK

### DEADLINE: DECEMBER 7, 2007

#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

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Please read and check the boxes, and make sure all necessary documents (1 to 10) are provided as requested. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Please submit four sets of application documents (one original set and three sets of photocopies) in the order below. Each set of application material should be bound by a clip (staples should not be used). **Please also send the four sets in one package to:**

Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia  
IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific  
21 Floor Fukoku-Seimei Building  
2-2-2 Uchisaiwai-cho  
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0011  
Japan

- ☐ 1. **One original copy of the application form (pp. 24–26):** The application form must be completed by the applicant.
- ☐ 2. **One original nomination letter (p. 27):** The letter must be completed, signed, and dated by the sponsor with an official seal of the sponsoring agency.
- ☐ 3. **One original letter of declaration (p. 28):** The letter must be completed, signed, and dated by the applicant.
- ☐ 4. **Two letter of reference:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 18–19).
- ☐ 5. **Research proposal for thesis or policy paper:** As described in the section 6 of the application form (p. 26).
- ☐ 6. **Official copies of diploma or degree certificates:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 18–19).
- ☐ 7. **Official transcripts:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 18–19).
- ☐ 8. **Official English translations:** Translations are required if supporting documents are not presented in English. Each translation must be clipped to the original document written in the native language.
- ☐ 9. **TOEFL Score Record or IELTS Test Report:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 18–19).
- ☐ 10. **Passport copy:** If available, please attach a copy of your valid national passport.

# JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA—2008–2009

## OPEN TRACK SCHOLARSHIP ONLY

### APPLICATION

Please read the brochure, including the General Information and Application Guidelines sections, before filling out the application form. The open track scholarship has no specific deadline for submitting an application (applications are considered year-round). For those who apply to the open track, the IMF will notify selection results within two months of an applicant's complete submission of requested application material.

Please also note the following:

- Any change in the status of the applicant or information provided in the submitted application material *must* be communicated immediately to the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.
- Any false or misleading statements or inaccuracies in the submitted application material may be the grounds for denial of admission into the university, revocation of the scholarship, and/or dismissal from the university.
- Incomplete application forms or applications missing required documents will not be processed. Please note that submitted documents *will not* be returned, and application materials are not held over to the following year, in the event an applicant seeks to reapply for a scholarship.



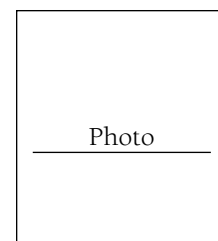
# JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA—2008–2009

## OPEN TRACK SCHOLARSHIP ONLY

### APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a recent photo of yourself:



#### 1. PERSONAL DATA

NAME (as in passport)

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality (as in passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (male/female): \_\_\_\_\_

( MM/DD/YYYY )

#### WORK ADDRESS

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (work, general): \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (work, direct): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. EDUCATION

Please state in chronological order, starting with the most recent and including primary school.

School or University: \_\_\_\_\_

(Month/Year)

City / Country: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Language of Instruction: \_\_\_\_\_

School or University: \_\_\_\_\_

(Month/Year)

City / Country: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Language of Instruction: \_\_\_\_\_

School or University: \_\_\_\_\_

(Month/Year)

City / Country: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Language of Instruction: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of years of formal education (starting from primary school): \_\_\_\_\_ years.

# JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA—2008–2009

## OPEN TRACK SCHOLARSHIP ONLY

### APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

List five subjects taken in Economics, Statistics, Mathematics, or other subjects relevant to the program. Please also indicate whether the course was taken at the undergraduate or graduate level. For applicants for a PhD program scholarship, please indicate graduate level courses only.

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|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ |          |

**Previous scholarship awards or training courses:**

**Have you ever received a scholarship or attended a training course provided by the International Monetary Fund and any other relevant international institutes? If yes, please list below:**

Scholarship or training course: <i>(name of scholarship/courses and provider)</i>	From: To:
Scholarship or training course: <i>(name of scholarship/courses and provider)</i>	From: To:
Scholarship or training course: <i>(name of scholarship/courses and provider)</i>	From: To:

### 3. PRESENT POSITION

Employer:	
Department:	
Division:	From:
Position:	To:

**Summarize your present duties and responsibilities, or those you will have when you take up your position.**

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### 4. PREVIOUS POSITIONS

**(please state in chronological order, starting with the most recent)**

Employer:	Division/Department:	
Position:	From:	To:
Employer:	Division/Department:	
Position:	From:	To:
Employer:	Division/Department:	
Position:	From:	To:

### OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

**(membership of committees, authorship publications, participation in special projects, at international conferences, etc.)**

Membership/Publication/Project/Conference:	Date:
Membership/Publication/Project/Conference:	Date:
Membership/Publication/Project/Conference:	Date:

# JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA—2008–2009

## OPEN TRACK SCHOLARSHIP ONLY

### APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

##### English Testing

TOEFL Test: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

IELTS Test: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how /when you use English.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### 6. RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR THESIS

On a separate sheet of paper, please submit a proposal for your thesis. It should describe carefully the project you wish to undertake. The subject should be grounded solidly in important macroeconomic policy issues and challenges. Please note how your research might contribute more effectively to stability, growth, and/or development of your country. The proposal must be typewritten and should be *no more than 500 words*. Please attach it to this application form. Also, note that you cannot substitute your proposal by listing courses you intend to take.

#### 7. OPEN TRACK UNIVERSITY

University :

University Address:

Program you have been accepted to or are studying at:

Degree you will be awarded: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Supervisor Name:

Contact Address:

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 8. APPLICATION FOR OTHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

This information is simply gathered for statistical purposes only, and will not affect the selection process.

Have you applied for, or will you apply for, any other scholarship or financial aid programs in support of your graduate studies? YES / NO (circle one)

If yes, please provide the information below:

Name of Scholarship Program:

Scholarship or Financial Aid Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study and Degree:

University or Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study and Degree:

Dates of Notification/Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

# JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA—2008–2009

## OPEN TRACK SCHOLARSHIP ONLY

### APPLICATION

#### SPONSOR'S NOMINATION AND CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned (name of sponsor) \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Given name \_\_\_\_\_

acting on behalf of (name of agency) \_\_\_\_\_  
hereby:

1. nominate (name of applicant) \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Given name \_\_\_\_\_

for graduate studies under the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia;

2. certify that the information supplied by the applicant is correct to the best of my knowledge;

3. certify that the applicant, if accepted, will receive leave of absence (up to two years for a master's program and three years for a PhD program) for the duration of his/her studies in Japan and upon return will be employed:

as (title of position) \_\_\_\_\_

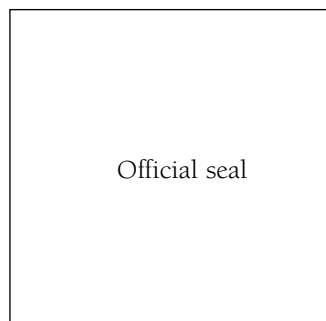
in (name of agency) \_\_\_\_\_

4. certify that the applicant, if accepted, will not be assigned duties that will conflict with devoting full time and attention to his/her studies;

5. certify that my agency will assist in the applicant's repatriation if any personal difficulties or circumstances arise during his/her studies that make repatriation desirable or necessary;

6. certify that the candidate, if accepted, will undergo a comprehensive medical examination immediately before arriving in Japan, to ensure that he/she is in good health, free from any contagious disease, and free from any medical condition that would impair his/her studies;

7. guarantee, in addition, that the IMF will be reimbursed promptly by my agency for all expenses incurred as a result of any of the conditions mentioned in 5 and 6 above, as well as for any medical expenses not covered by medical insurance.



Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Given name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

City and Country \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

#### DECLARATION

1. I certify that the information I have written on the application form and the documents I have submitted to be true and accurate.
2. I understand and agree that any false or misleading information may be the grounds for denial of admission, revocation of the scholarship, and/or dismissal from the university.
3. I certify that I have carefully read the General Information and Application Guidelines sections of the brochure and I understand all requirements and restrictions for the scholarship.
4. I authorize the IMF to collect and release to the Japanese university of my choice and the Government of Japan my personal information (including application information and academic records) for the purpose of selection and monitoring under the scholarship program.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

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#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Please read and check the boxes, and make sure all necessary documents (1 to 11) are provided as requested. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Please prepare three sets of application documents (one original set and two sets of photocopies) in the order below. Each set of application materials should be bound by clip (staples should not be used) **Please send the three sets in one package to:**

Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia  
IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific  
21 Floor Fukoku-Seimei Building  
2-2-2 Uchisaiwai-cho  
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0011  
Japan

- ☐ 1. **One original copy of the application form (pp. 31-33):** The application form must be completed by the applicant.
- ☐ 2. **One original nomination letter (p. 34):** The letter must be completed, signed, and dated by the sponsor with an official seal of the sponsoring agency.
- ☐ 3. **One original letter of declaration (p. 35):** The letter must be completed, signed, and dated by the applicant.
- ☐ 4. **Research proposal for thesis:** As described in the section 6 of the application form page 33.
- ☐ 5. **Official copies of diploma or degree certificates:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 18-19).
- ☐ 6. **Official transcripts:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 18-19).
- ☐ 7. **Two letters of reference:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 18-19).
- ☐ 8. **University's acceptance letter:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 18-19).
- ☐ 9. **Official English translations:** Translations are required if supporting documents are not presented in English. Each translation should be clipped to the original documents written in the native language.
- ☐ 10. **TOEFL Score Record or IELTS Test Report:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 18-19).
- ☐ 11. **Passport copy:** If available, please attach a copy of your valid national passport.





