Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia

The Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA) is administered by the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. Established in 2000, the program offers scholarships to junior government officials in emerging and developing countries in Asia to pursue graduate-level economics at Japanese universities.

Program Overview

The JISPA comprises of two tracks: (1) Partnership Track; (2) Open Track.

Partnership Track

The program offers opportunities for scholars to study in Japan and pursue career-long support. The Partnership Track offers the following:

- The Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA) aims to contribute to institutional capacity building of key macroeconomic management agencies in emerging and developing countries in Asia by providing support to scholars under the partnership track. It comprises of intensive courses during Orientation Program:
  1. Academic English
  2. Mathematics for economics/introductory statistics
  3. Macroeconomic Policy Program (Master of Arts in Economics or Public Policy-two-year program)
  4. Public Policy (Master of Public Economics—one-year program)

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 National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) or International University of Japan (IUJ).

Eligibility

To be eligible, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Working for a key economic agency such as a central bank, ministry of economy, ministry of finance, or financial regulatory agency
- Fluent in English
- A Bachelor's degree

For the open-track only:

- Additional qualification: For the open-track scholarships, the government of Japan will consider only Ph.D. candidates.

Activities for JISPA Scholars

The IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (OAP) arranges various activities exclusively for JISPA scholars, including a series of occasional seminars, a summer workshop, regional conferences organized by OAP. The partnership universities also provide career-long support.

How To Apply

Visit the JISPA website for detailed application procedures.

Apply online at https://www.imf.org/en/Departments/ExternalAffairs/Programs/AuthG Misc/ApplyToJISPA

Application Deadline:

4. Open Track: 5 November 2022 (midnight)

Note: The application must be completed in English and submitted online.

Partnership Track (AY2018-20)

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MESSAGE FROM CURRENT JISPA SCHOLARS

‘The JISPA offers us the opportunity not only to study but also to meet and share skills and knowledge with young and remarkable macroeconomic policymakers from other emerging and developing countries in Asia and the Pacific. I believe the time studying in Japan will become great memories for us.’

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How would you assess the instructors?

Strongly Disagree

Agree Strongly agree

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How would you assess the host university?

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