

APPLICATION FORM
JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA
PH.D. TRACK ONLY

Please read [the JISPA e-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 (OAP) at jispa@imf.org.
- Any false or misleading statements, inaccuracies, or plagiarism in the submitted application materials may be 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.
- When taking an English proficiency examination (TOEFL or IELTS), applicants are requested to register with the institution code of the JISPA.

TOEFL: “C626 – Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia”

IELTS: “JISPA: Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia”

- If the applicant decides to withdraw the application for the JISPA during the selection process, the applicant must immediately notify OAP at jispa@imf.org.

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NAME: _____

Please attach a recent photo of yourself.

Photo

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, 2026)

Gender (*male/female*): _____

Marital Status (*single/married*): _____

Do you have any family members currently studying in Japan under JISPA? **Yes / No**

WORK ADDRESS

Country: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Department: _____

Division: _____

Position: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

Postcode: _____

Email (office): _____

Email (private): _____

Tel. (work, general): _____

Tel. (work, direct): _____

Tel. (mobile phone): _____

Fax number: _____

2. EDUCATION

Please state in chronological order, starting with the most recent.

School or University: _____

(Month/Year)

City / Country: _____

From: _____

Field of Study: _____

To: _____

Degree or Qualification: _____

Language of Instruction: _____

School or University: _____

City / Country: _____

From: _____

Field of Study: _____

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Language of Instruction: _____

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

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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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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 institutions? If yes, please state below:

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

3. PRESENT POSITION

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

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

4. PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Please state in chronological order, starting with the most recent.

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

Total number of years of work experience in the public sector (as of October 2026): ___ years ___ months

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

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

Membership/Publication/Project/Conference:	Date:
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5. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

English Testing

TOEFL Test	Date of test:				
iBT	Reading:	Listening:	Speaking:	Writing:	Total:
IELTS Test	Date of test:	Test Report Form Number:			
Listening:	Reading:	Writing:	Speaking:	Overall:	CEFR:

Describe how/when you use English in no more than 50 words.

6. RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR DISSERTATION

Title of the Research Proposal:	
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7. PH.D. TRACK UNIVERSITY

University:

University Address:

Program you have been applying for, accepted to, or are studying at:

Program:

Graduate School:

Degree you will be awarded:

Admission Month (Month/Year):

Expected Graduation Month (Month/Year):

Expected Date of University Acceptance Notification:

Academic Supervisor Name:

Contact Address:

Tel:

Email:

Fax:

*Applicants must notify the IMF of the admission result of the university(ies) to which they are applying prior to receiving a final decision on the scholarship award.

8. APPLICATION FOR OTHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

This information is 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 2026-27?

YES / NO (circle one)

If yes, please provide the information below:

Name of Scholarship Program:	
Scholarship or Financial Aid Provider:	Country:
University or Institution:	Country:
Field of Study and Degree:	
Dates of Notification/Attendance:	

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9. REFEREE INFORMATION

Please provide information on your referees who will send a reference letter to the JISPA Secretariat. Their email address should be the one with the official domain of the referee's agency/university.

Referee 1 (Workplace)

Name:

Position:

Department:

Agency:

Country:

Email Address:

Referee 2 (Academics)

Name:

Position:

Department:

University:

Country:

Email Address:

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AGENCY NOMINATION AND CERTIFICATION¹

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 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 conditions 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.

Agency Representative's Signature _____ Date _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)



Name Dr./Mr./Ms. _____, _____
Surname *Given name*
Title _____
Department _____
City and Country _____
Tel. _____ Fax _____
Email. _____

¹ This sponsor's nomination form must be completed by the designated person of the agency which employs the candidate. If the candidate is on secondment, this form should be completed by the designated person of the assignor/original agency of the candidate.

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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, including plagiarism, will justify a denial of admission into the university, revocation of the scholarship, and/or dismissal from the university.
3. I certify that I have carefully read the Application Guidelines and I understand all requirements and restrictions for the scholarship.
4. I, if selected, intend to return to my agency upon completion of the JISPA to utilize the knowledge and skills acquired through the scholarship program.
5. I authorize the Japanese university of my choice, the Government of Japan, and the IMF to share among these institutions my personal information (including application information and academic records) for the purpose of implementing the scholarship program.

Date: _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Signature: _____

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Please read and check the boxes and make sure all necessary documents (1 to 12) are provided as requested. Incomplete applications will not be processed. All documents, excluding a thesis or equivalent paper from master's degree (No 12), should be scanned and combined in one PDF file in the order given below, and sent to jispa@imf.org via email, together with a separate file of the thesis/equivalent paper (No 12). Reference letters need to be directly sent by the referees as described in the section of "Two letters of reference" (p.XIII).

- 1. Application form (the PDF covered version of the online application responses):** The application form must be completed by the applicant.
- 2. Agency Nomination and Certification Form (p. VI):** This form must be authorized, signed, and dated by a representative of the agency and bear the official seal of the agency.
- 3. Declaration (p. VII):** The form must be completed, signed, and dated by the applicant.
- 4. Research proposal for dissertation:** As described in Application Guidelines.
- 5. Statement of Purpose:** As described in Application Guidelines.
- 6. Official copies of diploma or degree certificates:** As described in the Application Guidelines. Official English translations are required if supporting documents are not presented in English. Each translation must be attached to the original document written in the native language.
- 7. Official transcripts:** As described in the Application Guidelines. Official English translations are required if supporting documents are not presented in English. Each translation must be attached to the original document written in the native language.
- 8. University's acceptance letter or a copy of the submission confirmation of the application to the university:** As described in the Application Guidelines section. (Applicants must notify the IMF of the admission result of the university(ies) to which they are applying prior to receiving a final decision on the scholarship award.)
- 9. TOEFL Score Record or IELTS Test Report:** As described in the Application Guidelines.
- 10. Passport copy:** If available, please attach a copy of your valid national passport. If the passport is unavailable, please attach a photocopy of your official national ID with photo.
- 11. Check list:** The check list must be completed by the applicant. (p. VIII)
- 12. Thesis or equivalent paper from master's degree:** As described in the Application Guidelines.

[TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE]

1. References should be both from the applicants' supervisor at work and an academic advisor or professor.
2. The letters must be completed, signed, and dated by the referees.
3. The letters should be directly sent by the referee to jispa@imf.org from their official email account provided in the section 9 of the application form (p.V) (public domains, such as "Gmail.com" or "Yahoo.com", are not acceptable).
4. The file name of the reference letter needs to be the full name of the applicant (e.g., "Mr. Taro Tanaka.pdf").

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The letter as well as the email to the JISPA secretariat must contain the following information:

1. Name of the applicant
2. Country of the applicant
3. Email address of the applicant (the applicant's email address should be the one used for a primary account for the online application)

The JISPA Ph.D-track general information and application guidelines can be found on the JISPA website at <https://www.imf.org/en/countries/resrep/oap-home/jispa-home>.