

JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA (JISPA)

MASTER'S TRACK

NUTURING FUTURE LEADERS IN ECONOMIC POLICY

The Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA) is more than just a scholarship – it's a gateway to becoming a future leader in economic policy. Targeted at highly motivated government officials from Asia and the Pacific who are committed to contributing to their country's development, the program supports select government officials to pursue graduate-level studies in economics at Japanese universities.

As such, JISPA aims to strengthen the long-term analytical and research capacity of key economic agencies across the region and empower officials to design and implement policies that foster economic and financial stability and sustainable growth.

MASTER'S TRACK

The Master's Track is JISPA's flagship program, offering scholars the opportunity to pursue a specially designed master's degree in economics or public policy at one of the partner universities in Japan.

- National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)
- Hitotsubashi University (HIT)
- International University of Japan (IUJ)
- The University of Tokyo (UTokyo)

ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Newly accepted scholars will join a two-and-a-half-month Orientation Program before commencing their studies at their master's programs. The program includes courses in academic English, mathematics, introductory economics and econometrics, and introductory Japanese.

ELIGIBILITY

- Being nationals of one of the following countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pacific Island Countries, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam
- Working for and endorsed by a key economic agency (e.g. central bank, ministry of finance/economy, financial regulatory agency, or any other related agencies involved in economic policy making)
- Holding a Bachelor's degree
- Having Fluency in English
- At least two years of work experience
- Having no Master's Degree from a university outside their home country

Priority is given to applicants whose age is below 36 at the time of application. However, applicants satisfying the other eligibility criteria can apply notwithstanding the age.

BENEFITS

JISPA covers all reasonable expenses for scholars' studies in Japan, including full university tuition; a round-trip airfare; and a monthly stipend to cover living expenses and health insurance premiums.

HOW TO APPLY



Scan to find more information regarding the application

APPLICATION WINDOW:

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 20, 2026

ENROLLMENT: JULY 2027

JISPA offers both Master's and Ph.D. track scholarships. For more information on the Ph.D. track, please visit the JISPA website.



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