

JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA MASTER'S TRACK ONLY

Please read the *JISPA e-brochure*, including the Scholarship Conduct Policies, as well as the *Application Guidelines* sections, before starting the on-line application.

Please also note the following:

- Any changes 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.
- No changes, even due to typing mistakes, can be made after submission. If you make a mistake, you are requested to re-submit with another email address and inform OAP at jispa@imf.org of the new Reference number.
- Any false or misleading statements, inaccuracies, or plagiarism in the submitted application material 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 that an applicant seeks to reapply for a scholarship.
- If selected, applicants must submit original copies of their application materials requested by the university of enrollment for their admission process. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of the university's admission and cancellation of the scholarship offer.
- When taking an English proficiency examination (TOEFL or IELTS), applicants are requested/required to register with the institution code of the JISPA.¹
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.

[Privacy Notice]

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), through the Japan IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA), processes your personal data in connection with your participation in the program. The personal data you provide in this form is used for administering and managing the scholarship program. Please ensure that the information you provide is accurate and notify us promptly of any changes. Personal data will be accessible to authorized IMF personnel. Where necessary, it will be shared with partner universities, the orientation program host institution, the Government of Japan, your nominating agency, and other authorized partners or service providers supporting program delivery. The IMF may collect your personal data from your nominating agency and other relevant third parties. Personal data will be retained for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes described above. You have rights in relation to your personal data. For more information about your rights and how to exercise them, please refer to the [IMF's General Privacy Notice](#).

¹ An English test allowance is provided only to the master's scholars (1) who registered the JISPA institution code in TOEFL or IELTS; and (2) who were admitted to and enrolled in the partner universities, in lieu of receipt.

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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, 2027)	Gender (male/female): _____	Marital Status (single/married) _____
Do you have any family members currently studying in Japan under the JISPA? Yes / No			

WORK ADDRESS

Country: _____	
Agency/Organization: _____	
Department: _____	
Division: _____	
Position: _____	
Street: _____	
City: _____	
Postcode: _____	
Email (work): _____	Email (private): _____
Tel. (work, general): _____	Tel. (work, direct): _____
Mobile Phone: _____	
Fax number: _____	

2. PARTNER UNIVERSITY PREFERENCE

Please carefully consider your choice of universities to meet your career interests by reviewing each program description/curriculum/skills to be attained described in the JISPA Website, as well as the respective university website, and check one university for each choice. **Changes in the university preference will NOT be accepted after application submission to the JISPA:**

First Choice: ☐GRIPS (one-year) ☐GRIPS (two-year) ☐Hitotsubashi ☐IUJ ☐UTokyo

Second Choice: ☐GRIPS (one-year) ☐GRIPS (two-year) ☐Hitotsubashi ☐IUJ ☐UTokyo

For those who selected the two-year program at GRIPS for your first or second choice, would you also consider the one-year program at GRIPS? If you check "Yes", a position for the one-year program might be offered.

YES / NO (circle one)

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3. EDUCATION

Please state in chronological order, starting with the most recent. GPAs are required for undergraduate-level education and above. If your transcripts do not indicate a GPA, please calculate the GPA yourself using [GPA calculator](#). For high-school education and below, please indicate N/A for a GPA field.

School or University:	(Month/Year)
City / Country:	From:
Field of Study:	To:
Degree or Qualification:	
Language of Instruction:	
GPA	
School or University:	From:
City / Country:	To:
Field of Study:	
Degree or Qualification:	
Language of Instruction:	
GPA	
School or University:	From:
City / Country:	To:
Field of Study:	
Degree or Qualification:	
Language of Instruction:	
GPA	

Total number of years of formal education (starting from primary school): _____ years. 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 institutions? If yes, please state below:

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

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

Summarize your present duties and responsibilities, or those you will have when you take up your position.
The summary should be no more than 100 words.

5. PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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

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

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 December 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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6. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

English Testing

TOEFL Test	Date of test:		
iBT	Reading:	Listening:	Speaking:
			Writing:
			Total:
			CEFR:

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

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

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7. RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR THESIS OR POLICY PAPER

Title of the Research Proposal:	
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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 2027-28?

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:	

9. Referee's Information

First Referee's Information

Designation:
First Name:
Last Name:
Email (work) ¹ :
Title:
Department:
Agency:
Website of the Agency/University ² :
Website of the first Referee (if available) ³ :

Second Referee's Information

Designation:
First Name:
Last Name:
Email (work) ⁴ :
Title:
Department:
Agency:
Website of the Agency/University ⁵ :
Website of the second Referee (if available) ⁶ :

1&4: The referee's email address should be their official account/address associated with the domain of the referee's agency/university. It should not be a personal account such as Gmail, Yahoo, MSN, etc.

2&5: Please provide the URL of the official website of the agency of the referee. As for a professor, please provide the URL of the official website of the department/school to which they belong.

3&6: Please provide the URL of the official website which introduces and/or lists the referee, if available (e.g., the individual introduction page in the directory of the faculty members, the individual introduction page or the list of the senior officials at the agency)

The above-mentioned website should be in English. However, if only the website in local language is available, please provide the URL of the website in local language.

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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 lead to the disqualification from the JISPA selection process and/or will justify a denial of admission into the university, revocation of the scholarship, and/or dismissal from the university.
3. I understand and agree that my candidacy and/or acceptance to the JISPA will be nullified if I fail to submit the originals of the application materials via post prior to the designated date after I have been selected for the program.
4. I certify that I have carefully read the JISPA e-brochure, including important dates, and the Application Guidelines. I understand all requirements and restrictions of the scholarship and agree to adhere to the guidelines and schedule.
5. I certify that I have no record of misconduct, have not been subject to disciplinary action, and have no criminal conviction. I will promptly inform the JISPA Secretariat of any change that may affect my eligibility for the JISPA. I understand that any misconduct, disciplinary action, criminal conviction, or false or misleading information may result in the withdrawal of my candidacy, admission, or scholarship.
6. If selected, I will adhere to the Scholars' Guidelines and Code of Conduct as well as all the schedule and arrangements under JISPA including full participation in the Orientation Program and other JISPA organized events.
7. If selected, I will return to my nominating agency upon completion of the JISPA to utilize the knowledge and skills acquired through the scholarship program as specified in the scholarship conduct policies.
8. I authorize the IMF to collect from and release my personal data as stipulated in the Privacy Notice for the purposes of selection and monitoring under the scholarship program.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please carefully review and check each item below to ensure that all required documents (items 1 to 9) are uploaded to the online application system. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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UPLOADED DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- ☐ **1. Agency's Nomination and Certification Form:** This form must be authorized, signed, and dated by a representative of the agency and bear the official seal of the agency.
- ☐ **2. Statement of Purpose:** As described in Application Guidelines
- ☐ **3. Research Proposal for Thesis or Policy Paper:** As described in Application Guidelines. Only Word files are accepted.
- ☐ **4. Official Diploma or Degree Certificates:** As described in the Application Guidelines. Official English translations are required if the original documents are not in English. Each translation must be attached to the original document.
- ☐ **5. Official Transcripts:** As described in the Application Guidelines. Official English translations are required if the original documents are not in English. Each translation must be attached to the original document.
- ☐ **6. Grading System and GPA Explanation:** Include the page from the transcript or a separate document that explains the grading system and GPA. If not provided, applicants must prepare an explanation and calculate their GPA using a GPA calculator, attaching the completed calculator.
- ☐ **7. TOEFL Score Record or IELTS Test Report**
If the institution code was not registered when taking the test, the original score report must be submitted. Applicants from India, the Philippines, and selected Pacific Island countries are exempt.
- ☐ **8. Passport Copy:** Please attach a photocopy of the photograph page of your valid national passport. If a passport is unavailable, please attach a photocopy of your official national ID with photo.
- ☐ **9. Photo:** A recent photo in JPG format, maximum size 500KB.

REFERENCE LETTERS

Two letters of reference: As described in the Application Guidelines. Referees must submit the letters directly to OAP via email, using an official email address, to jispa@imf.org. Applicants must first complete their online application and obtain a reference number, which must be included in the submission email. All reference letter submissions must follow the instructions in the Application Guidelines.