

JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA PARTNERSHIP TRACK ONLY

Please read [the JISPA e-brochure](#), including the General Information and 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 to 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.
- 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.
- Applicants who are selected for the JISPA will be requested to send the original documents of their application materials to OAP, together with other requested forms, by a date to be designated after they have been accepted to the program.

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

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NAME: _____

Photo

Please upload 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*):

Marital Status (*single/married*)

(*MM/DD/YYYY*)

(*as of October 1, 2024*)

WORK ADDRESS

Country:

Agency/Organization:

Department:

Division:

Position:

Street:

City:

Postcode:

Email (office):

Email (private):

Tel. (work, general):

Tel. (work, direct):

Mobile Phone:

Fax number:

2. 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:

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Field of Study:

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GPA

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

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

3. 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.

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

Total number of years of work experience in the public sector (as of December 2023): _____ 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:	CEFR:

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 THESIS OR POLICY PAPER

Please submit a proposal for your thesis or policy paper. It should carefully describe the project you wish to undertake. The subject should be grounded solidly on important policy issues and challenges facing your country and should help you contribute more effectively to macroeconomic stability, economic growth, and/or overall development. Please note how your research might contribute more effectively to these objectives. Plagiarism will lead to the disqualification from the JISPA selection process. The proposal must be typewritten and should be *no more than 500 words*. Please attach it to this application form, and write the title of the research proposal below. Also, note that you cannot substitute your proposal by listing courses you intend to take.

Title of the Research Proposal:	
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7. PARTNERSHIP 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 e-brochure](#), 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)

NAME: _____

Please state your purpose for studying under the JISPA, your short-term and long-term career goals, the reason for your choice of the partnership universities and the area of study you wish to pursue. Also, explain how your qualifications and experience match the requirements of the partnership university programs that you are applying for. Describe how your studies under the JISPA and its partnership universities might contribute to your career. (400-600 words. Text only, no equations or formulas please.)”

For Reference Only
Please Complete
Online Application

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 2024-25?

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: _____

I, the undersigned (name of sponsor) _____, _____
Surname
Given name

1. nominate (name of applicant) _____, _____
Surname Given name

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)

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 Dr./Mr./Ms. _____, _____
Surname *Given name*

City Country

Tel. _____ Fax _____

Email

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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 to the JISPA Secretariat prior to the designated date after I have been selected for the program.
4. I certify that I have carefully read the General Information and Application Guidelines sections in [the JISPA e-brochure](#) and I understand all requirements and restrictions for the scholarship.
5. I, if selected, intend to return to my sponsoring agency upon completion of the JISPA to utilize the knowledge and skills acquired through the scholarship program.
6. 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: _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Signature: _____

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please read and check the boxes, and make sure all necessary documents (1 to 10) are provided and uploaded to the online application system as requested. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Only applicants who are selected for the JISPA in the spring of 2024 will be asked to send a printed copy of the PDF file (application form) with your reference number received upon completion of your online application. You also need to include the originals of #1-2 and 5-6 (7 and 8, as appropriate) to the address below. The submitted set of original documents should be identical to the set of documents submitted in the afore-mentioned PDF file.

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

UPLOADED FORM CHECKLIST

- ☐ **1. Sponsor's Nomination and Certification:** The letter must be authorized, signed, and dated by the sponsor with the official seal of the sponsoring agency.
- ☐ **2. Declaration:** The letter must be completed, signed, and dated by the applicant.
- ☐ **3. Two letters of reference:** As described in the Application Guidelines section. The letters must be completed, signed, dated, and directly provided to the online reference system by the referees.
- ☐ **4. Research proposal for thesis or policy paper:** As described in the section 6 of the application form (p. 3). Only word file is accepted.
- ☐ **5. Official copies of diploma or degree certificates:** As described in the Application Guidelines section. Official English 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.
- ☐ **6. Official transcripts:** As described in the Application Guidelines section. Official English 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.
- ☐ **7. Grading System and GPA explanation:** The page attached to or descriptions in the transcript which explain the grading system and GPA. If your transcripts do not provide explanations of the grading system and GPAs, explanations prepared by the applicants should be provided. If the transcript does not indicate GPA, then the GPA needs to be calculated by the applicants themselves, using [GPA calculator](#) and include the completed GPA calculator.
- ☐ **8. TOEFL Score Record or IELTS Test Report:** If the institution code was not registered when applicants took the test, the original score record/report is required. India, the Philippines, and selected Pacific Island Countries are exempt from submitting the report.
- ☐ **9. Passport copy:** If available, please attach a photocopy of the photograph page of your valid national passport. If the passport is unavailable, please attach a photocopy of your official national ID with photo.
- ☐ **10. Photo** (Extension allowed: jpg and 500kb max)

Please refer to the [Application Guidelines](#).