

When applying for JDS and preparing a research plan, you are advised to understand the **Sub-Program (SP)**, **background of the Component (CP)**, and **expected research areas** under the CP.

<b>Sub-Program (SP)</b> (Target priority area)	<b>3. Realization of Safe and Secure Society</b>
<b>Component (CP)</b> (Development issue in SP)	<b>3-1. Improvement of Administrative Functions</b>

**[Important note]** The topics and expected research areas presented by JDS below **may not necessarily correspond** to all the curriculum offered by the host university. When preparing your research plan, **be sure to check the university's program and the research areas covered by the faculty members** (If your research plan does not match them, you are more likely to be rejected in the selection process).

#### **CP background**

Good governance is the foundation of all development, and the Cambodian government has identified "Strategy Governance Reform and Strengthening" as a core element of the 'Pentagonal Strategy- Phase I' (2023). The Cambodian government has worked hard to tackle corruption, reform public administration, and decentralize to transfer its authority and functions to regional governments. Nevertheless, it is essential to develop the capacities of those who are responsible for making and implementing policies and frameworks. It is also vital to make and implement monetary policy, including public financial management and support for domestic companies, in order to promote economic activities.

In Cambodia, improving administrative capacity and establishing effective systems in the relevant field are key challenges, and the development of civil servants as the core administrative officials through the JDS project is expected.

#### **Expected research areas**

Decentralization, Local Administration, National development policy, Macroeconomics / Finance, Finance (Microfinance), Gender, Inequality Correction