

JDS Application Guidelines



The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid in Mongolia 2022



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I. General Information

1. About JDS Scholarship

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS) was launched by the Government of Mongolia with the assistance of the Government of Japan in 2001



From the People of Japan

JDS is funded by the Government of Japan through its ODA (Official Development Assistance) budget.

JDS targets young government officials who are expected to play a leadership role in the development of their countries.

JDS provides scholarships to Mongolia government officials to study at two-year Master Degree courses (instructed in English) of Japanese universities.



Beneficiaries of JDS

■ For the participants (JDS Fellows)

JDS Fellows will acquire expertise to use for policy making and institutional building for the development of their country, and also build human network in and out of Japan through the two-year study in Japan

■ For the organizations (The Fellows' workplace)

The Fellows' workplace will attain highly-capable and motivated returnees (JDS Fellows) who can effectively contribute to the organizational missions

■ For the Country (The Fellows' country)

The Fellows' country will improve institutional capability of the government organizations which leads to foster country's development



Objectives of JDS

■ To support for Human Resource Development

JDS's objective is to strengthen the government's administrative capacities in Mongolia, through providing the opportunity to obtain the Master's degree to the young capable government administrators who are expected to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development plans and to play a leadership role in the development of the country.

■ To Enhance Bilateral Relationships

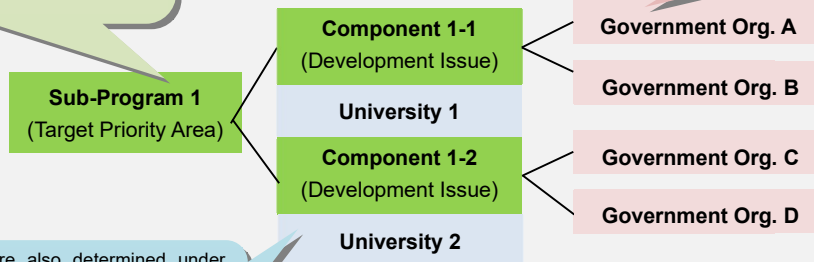
JDS fellows are expected to solidify foundations to further bilateral relations with Japan by utilizing their human network developed through academic and social activities while in Japan.

2. System of JDS Mongolia

The framework of the JDS Project gives its importance on "selection and concentration" on the target priority issues to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of the program. A single program (One phase) is designed to accept four batches of Fellows (Fellows in each fiscal year constitute one batch).

The JDS Project consists of the sectors called "Sub-Program" and "Component", which correspond to and deal with the selected target priority areas and the relevant development issues, which were confirmed as indispensable to the economic and social development of the country.

The Fellows of the JDS Project are selected from government organizations whose mission is closely related to the target priority areas (Sub-Program) and the relevant development issues (Component).



Accepting universities are also determined under each Component, which offers educational programs relevant to the needs of Mongolia. The degree to be pursued is master's degree (2 years course), and the medium of instruction is English.

For further details

P10 Framework of JDS Mongolia
P11 Information on each Component

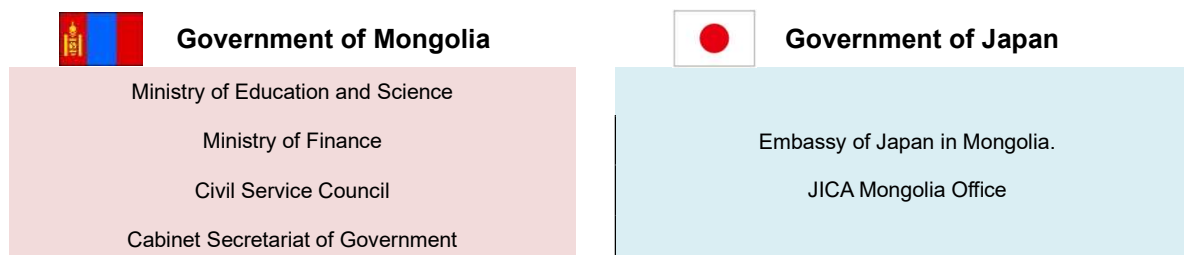
3. Applicant Eligibility

Nationality	Citizens of Mongolia
Age	Between 25 and 39 years old (inclusive) as of April 1 in 2023 (Born on/after April 2, 1983 and born on/before April 1, 1998)
Academic Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess a Bachelor Degree from universities authorized by the Government of Mongolia or other countries. • For CP 1-2-2, Graduate School of Law, Kyushu University, those who obtained bachelor degree in the field of Law is preferable.
Job Category	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently employed with permanent status as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Core Civil service (Administrative service <TZ>/Special service <TT>) of central/regional Mongolian government organizations 2) Officers of Bank of Mongolia(BoM)/Development Bank of Mongolia(DBM)
Work Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have at least 2 (two) years of full-time work experience in the administrative organization and special state organization or BoM/DBM at the time of application.
Language Proficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a good command of both written and spoken English for postgraduate study in Japan. • TOEFL iBT 60 (ITP 500), IELTS 5.5 or above is preferable. (not required) • Any level of Japanese language skill is preferable. (not required)
Health Condition	In good mental and physical health. *Candidates who cannot take all the checkup items at the health check-up of JDS selection will be disqualified.
Ineligibility	<p>A person who falls under the followings is NOT eligible to apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been awarded or scheduled to receive other scholarship • Has obtained a master's degree or higher under the support of foreign assistance. • Military personnel registered on the active list, person on alternative military service, and personnel on temporary leave from the active list.
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates who attend the final selection are required to submit "Final Check Form" from belonging organization that assures of reinstatement of the candidates to the former position upon returning to Mongolia. • Successful candidates are required to submit a "Pledge" & "Confirmation Letter" on the conditions deemed necessary as scholarship participants under the JDS Project. • JDS Fellows are obliged to return and work within Mongolia at least two years in their belonging organizations in order to make a contribution to the development of Mongolia through their work, complying with the Act of Pledge required by the Ministry of Education and Science . • JDS Fellows must understand the objective of JDS Project well, and should have a strong willingness to work for the development of Mongolia after their return.

4. JDS Operating Committee (OC)

JDS Operating Committee (OC) is the decision-making committee of JDS Project. It consists of both members of Mongolia and Japanese governments. The OC not only sets the framework and selection policies but also evaluates candidates in final selection.

JDS Operating Committee (OC) of Mongolia



JICE (Japan International Cooperation Center)

JICE supports a smooth implementation of JDS Project as an agent of Ministry of Education and Science (MES). Under a contract with MES, JICE also supports JDS Fellows studying in Japan.

5. Selection Process

Schedule	Steps	Description
Sep 1 – Nov 2, 2022	Application ▼	Closing Date: 14:00 on November 2 (Wed), 2022 Further details → P6“Application”
Mid of Nov, 2022	Academic aptitude test ▼	TOEFL-ITP and Math tests. The test results will be reviewed by the universities in later selection stages. *Applicants for Kyushu University are exempted from the Math test.
Dec, 2022	1 st Selection ▼	Document Screening: Application Documents and research plan will be examined by the Japanese universities.
Early Jan – Mid of Feb 2023	English Training ▼	50 hours of English training course will be provided to candidates who passed the 1st selection ¹ . *The attendance and the results of the training will be reviewed by the interviewers in later selection stages.
Jan, 2023	Health Checkup ▼	The health checkup will be arranged at a hospital in Ulaanbaatar.
Mid of Feb, 2023	2 nd Selection ▼	Technical Interview: Faculty members of the Japanese Universities will visit to Ulaanbaatar to conduct their interview exams.
Mid of March, 2023	3 rd Selection ▼	Comprehensive Interview: The JDS Operating Committee (OC) members will conduct their interview exams. “ Final Check Form ” will be required ² .
End of March, 2023	Approval by the OC	Successful candidates will be approved and notified
Apr, 2023	Application Procedure	JICE will support application for each university
May - Aug, 2023	Japanese Training	All successful candidates must attend 100 hrs of Japanese training course.
Jul, 2023	Orientations	Provided by JICA and JICE.
Aug, 2023	Departure for Japan	JICE will arrange air-ticket, visa, and also support after the arrival in Japan.

<Important Notes>

- ✓ All the selection costs will be covered by JDS project.
- ✓ Limited transportation allowance will be provided to candidates coming from provincial areas for the selections.
- ✓ The result of 1st Selection will be announced to successful candidates only. From 2nd Selection, the result of selection will be announced to all candidates by JICE JDS Project Office.
- ✓ In principle, reasons of the selection-results will not be disclosed.



TOEFL & Math test



1st Selection
Document Screening



2nd Selection
Technical Interview



3rd Selection
Comprehensive Interview

¹ Participation is not mandatory for candidates with TOEFL iBT 60 (ITP 500), IELTS 5.5 or above.

² Candidates who have passed the 2nd selection will be required to submit a “Final Check Form” before undergoing the final selection. At this selection stage, those candidates are close to reaching an acceptable level once they pass the final selection. Therefore, “Final Check Form” is a kind of preliminary confirmation-letter to confirm if their workplace can release the candidates from their work duties keeping their positions in the workplaces while they study in Japan for 2 years.

6. Selection Criteria

Selection process	Criteria	Intent and Purpose
1st Selection Document Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic records and background Possibility of future contribution by utilizing acquired knowledge Contents of Research Plan Relevance between Research Plan and Sub-Program / Component (Development issues set by JDS) Reference Letter (Annex in the Application Document) 	The Japanese universities evaluate applicants' basic knowledge, ability and academic background. Compatibility to the university course will be also examined.
2nd Selection Technical Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic background and learning ability Capacity for completing the study in Japan Possibility of contributing to the development of the country Compatibility to the university course 	The universities mainly evaluate <u>academic knowledge, candidates' idea about research plan</u> , etc. English, communication and logical thinking skills are also checked through the interview.
3rd Selection Comprehensive Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity for completing the study in Japan Capacity to utilize outcomes of the study over the long term Possibility of contributing to the development of the country and strengthening bilateral relations with Japan 	After the universities check the candidates' academic abilities, the Operating Committee evaluates the <u>candidates' capacity of future contribution to the development of the country and strengthening bilateral relations with Japan</u> such as purpose of study in Japan, career plan after the study, etc.

* The English and math test results will be reviewed by the universities in the selection stages

7. Award Benefits

The awards are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by JDS project. The following benefits generally apply:

- Full tuition fees
- Air fare
- Arrival allowance
- Accommodation allowance
- Monthly Scholarship
- Book allowance
- Shipping allowance
- Travel and seminar attendance allowance
- Overseas travel insurance
- Japanese language training
- Supports from the agent
 - Finding accommodation
 - Initial settlement of your life in Japan
 - Emergency situation etc.



8. Important JDS Rules

JDS has specific rules in order to realize its project goals and to ensure favorable study environment for the Fellows.

Before departure

- JDS Fellows must submit a JDS pledge, confirmation letter, three party agreement to the Operating Committee to commit themselves to follow JDS Rules.

During the stay in Japan

- The Fellows are allowed to bring their family members to Japan only after 3 months from the date of arrival.
- The Fellows are prohibited from
 - Working
 - Driving motor vehicles, and
 - Applying for further studies such as a doctoral course in Japan
- The Fellows must complete the study within the predetermined period of study, and return to his/her country immediately after the study completion.

After returning to home country

- The Fellows must attend a report back meeting held by the Operating Committee.
- The Fellows are obliged to **return and work within Mongolia at least 2 (two) years in the previously belonged Organization** in compliance with the Act of Pledge required by the Ministry of Education and Science.

Further details will be explained in an orientation conducted after the selection.

II. How to Apply

1. Application

1) Online Application

- All applicants are required to fill out online application form and submit a set of necessary documents to complete your application.
- First, visit JDS website (<http://jds-scholarship.org/>) and fill out a password request form. Then, JICE JDS Project Office will send you the password by E-mail.
- Application Guideline (AG), and other designated forms are available from JDS website.
- For further information on online application, please check the online application manual which is also downloadable from JDS website.

2) List of Application Documents

- All documents written in other language than English need official English translation. (Self-translation is not acceptable.)
- Submit "Reason Letter" in case where wrong information (e.g. wrong spelling of name, birthday, etc.) is contained in the ID and official documents due to administrative errors.

No	Application Documents	File Type	Remarks
1	Short Essay (Designated Form)	PDF (One file only)	• Must be filled out in English.
2	Research Plan (Designated Form)	PDF (One file only)	
3	University Certificate of Degree and Transcript / Academic Record	PDF (One file only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written in English or accompanied with official translation. • Certificates and transcripts of all the degrees you have obtained, including Diploma, second bachelor, and masters. • With university seal. <p><i>*Notarized copy date after September 1 2022 is required</i></p>
4	Reference Letter (Designated Form)	PDF (One file only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filled out by the current supervisor from your belonging org. • Written in English or accompanied with official English translation.
5	Social Insurance Book / Record of Social Insurance	PDF (One file only)	• To be able to prove at least 2 years of work experience.
6	Employment Certificate	PDF (One file only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An official letter from your workplace to proof your employment. • Written in English or accompanied with official English translation
7	National ID Card	PDF (One file only)	• Photocopy of the front page and back side.
8	Data of Photograph	JPG, JPEG, PNG, GIF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A photo (within the past 3 months) should be uploaded. • It must be taken against a plain background • 4:3 (height: width) aspect ratio
9	[If any] Valid Official Certificate of TOEFL or IELTS	PDF (One file only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should have the test date after June 1, 2021 • TOEFL prediction will not be accepted. • Certificates other than TOEFL and IELTS will not be accepted.
10	[If any] Certificate of Japanese Language skill	PDF (One file only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of JLPT, J Test or any other to prove your Japanese language skill such as completion certificate of Japanese language training course. • No requirement for the test date

3) Submission of Application

■ Important Notice

- If you could not access to online application form, contact JICE JDS Office immediately.
- Application lacking necessary documents will not be accepted.
- There might be access concentration on the closing day of the application. However, application submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Once you submit the application, it will not be able to change.
- Application will be disqualified in case false statements and/or plagiarism is found.

■ Deadline for Application Submission

Deadline: 2 pm on November 2 (Wed), 2022

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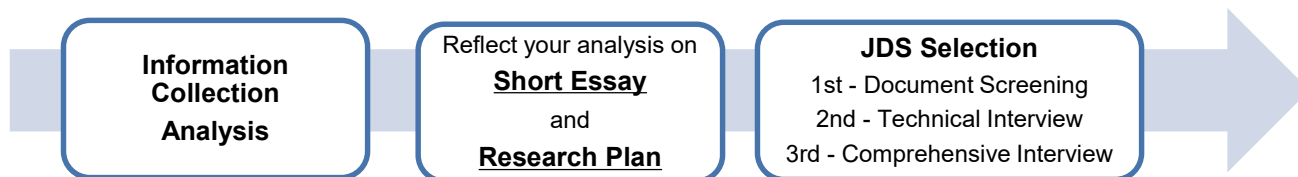
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2. Tips on Application and Selection (Reference)

The better you prepare for the Application Documents, the more chances to pass the selection you have.

Here are some tips on the preparation of Short Essay and Research Plan (RP).



Before making the application documents, you are advised to...

Collect information, Analyse the information, and Analyse yourself!



Short Essay

- Responsibilities of your work
- Reason for applying the Graduate School
- Future contribution

Research Plan

In answering the questions, it is very important to keep in mind that **those questions are NOT separate questions** - they are very coherent in the sense that each question asks [who you are / what you are doing now], [what you want to do in Japan] and [what you can / want to do after your study]. Therefore, those questions ask how you relate your career and the study in the context of the development of Mongolia

For further details, the video is available on the website.

- [Tips for the selection](#)

3. Guidelines for Writing a Research Plan

The tips on how to prepare a research plan are available in this video. It is recommended you watch it for your preparation.

- [How to write a research plan](#)
 - ◇ *What is research?*
 - ◇ *How important is the research plan in the JDS selection?*
 - ◇ *How and what theme should be addressed?*
 - ◇ *How to review the previous studies? What is "hypothesis"? etc.*

Warnings about "Plagiarism"

"Plagiarism" is a serious offense in the academic field. Plagiarism means using other person's ideas and words without explicitly acknowledging the source of that information.

You may be disqualified from the selection, or even be discharged from the university, if the plagiarism is found in your research plan, or academic work at the university.

Such cases are deemed as plagiarism:

- Copying from books or articles written by other authors without permission
- Copying from an internet source without referring to the attribution text or information
- Misrepresentation of someone's work as one's original

To avoid plagiarism, you must cite sources and give credit whenever you use:

- Other person's idea, opinion, or theory
- Any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings – any pieces of information – that are not common knowledge
- Quotation of other person's spoken or written words, or
- **Paraphrase*** of other person's spoken or written words



4. FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Program

Q1. Is JDS a full scholarship?

YES. All the costs to study in Japan will be fully covered by JDS. For further details, please refer to "Award Benefits" in this booklet.

Q2. What is the Sub-Program (SP) / Component (CP)?

They are the fields of study determined according to the priority development issues of each JDS recipient country. JDS Fellows are expected to prepare the research plan in line with the stated issues. You are encouraged to study in advance the Sub-program/ Component under which you apply for JDS.

Q3. How should I travel to Japan, and how to start to live there?

JICE will support all JDS Fellows during their stay in Japan. Fellows' air-ticket and visa to enter Japan will be arranged by JICE. In Japan, JICE will also assist the Fellows in apartment hunting and university entrance procedure. JICE will support JDS Fellows all the time from your departure to return.

Q4. Can I extend my stay after the completion of Master's program?

NO. Every JDS Fellow MUST return to their country by the designated date after graduation in compliance with the Pledges required by the JDS Operating Committee. JDS Fellows have an obligation to return to the previously belonged organization and contribute to the socio-economic development of the country with acquired knowledge and skills.

Q5. How can I obtain general information about Japan?

Living Guide:

<http://www.clair.or.jp/tagengorev/en/index.html>

Japan in general

<http://web-japan.org/>

Appliation

Q6. How can I apply for JDS?

Please access JDS web-site.

<http://jds-scholarship.org/>

Application Guidelines (AG), designated forms and university information can be downloaded from this website.

Q7. How do I write a research plan?

Please refer to "Guidelines for writing a research plan" in this booklet. You can also refer to many literatures about how to make a research proposal on the Internet. Please pay attention to avoid "Plagiarism".

Q8. I graduated from more than 2 universities. Which diploma/transcript should I submit?

If you write down several universities as Educational Background in the Application Form, please submit all of them.

Eligibility

Q9. Is it essential that my age is between 25 to 39 years old?

YES. You cannot apply unless your age is between 25 to 39 years old as of April 1, 2023. We do not accept any official documents from you.

Q10. How should I count the period of schooling if I attended more than 2 schools at the same time?

Please do not count it separately but based on the years you studied. See an example below.

9/2005-6/2009 School A (4 years)

9/2006-6/2009 School B (3 years)

In this example, the total school year is NOT 7 years but 4 years (9/2005~6/2009).

Q11. The position of civil servants' job rank is divided into four categories. Can any category apply for JDS?

Civil Service who are appointed as administrative position and special service position can apply to JDS. Also officer from Bank of Mongolia and Development Bank of Mongolia are acceptable. Political service and support service are ineligible.

Q12. I had worked for private company before joining Government organization. Can I apply for JDS program?

As long as you meet the eligibility at the time of application, you are qualified to apply for JDS program even though you have previously worked for a private company.

Q13. I have already received a scholarship from other country. Am I eligible to apply for JDS?

No. The following persons are NOT eligible to apply for JDS.

- Persons who are currently receiving or is scheduled to receive other scholarship
- Persons who had already obtained master's degree in other countries under any scholarship.

(*) However, persons who are studying in master's course or obtained master degree without foreign assistance in local/foreign universities are eligible.

Q14. Is Japanese language ability required?

Japanese language skill is not a requirement, but we welcome applicants with any level of Japanese language skill.

Selection

Q15. Do I need to take English and math test? And do these scores affect the JDS selection?

Applicant who does not possess valid English score must take English examination (TOEFL). Regarding math examination, applicants for Kyushu University are exempted and others must take the test. The scores of English and math examination will be reviewed by the accepting universities in the document screening and afterwards.

Q16. How can I know the each selection result?

JICE JDS Project Office will notify the result of 1st Selection to successful candidates only. From 2nd Selection, it will be announced to all candidates.


III. Sub-Program (SP) / Component (CP)

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SP 1. Sound Macroeconomic Management and Strong Governance	
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(2) 1-1-2. Improving Public Financial Management (Public Policy)	12
(3) 1-2-1. Promoting the Vital Market Economy (Financial Policy and Capital Market Policy)	13
(4) 1-2-2. Promoting the Vital Market Economy (Business and Economic Legal System)	14
SP 2. Environment-friendly and Balanced Economic Development	
(5) 2-1. Industrial Policy and Business Administration	15
(6) 2-2. Developing High-quality Infrastructure to Underpin Growth	16
(7) 2-3. Improving Urban Environment Management	17


1. Framework of JDS Mongolia


Sub-Program (JDS Priority Areas)	Component (Development Issues)		University	Course/Program	Degree to be obtained	Slot
1. Sound Macroeconomic Management and Strong Governance	1-1 Improving Public Financial Management	1-1-1 Public Financial Management	Saitama University Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences	Master of Economics Program (MEcon Program)	Master of Economics	2
		1-1-2 Public Policy	Meiji University Graduate School of Governance Studies	Major in Governance Studies (1) Public Policy (2) International Development Policy (3) Community Planning	Master of Public Policy	2
	1-2 Promoting the Vital Market Economy	1-2-1 Financial Policy and Capital Market Policy	International University of Japan Graduate School of International Relations	International Development Program (IDP) (or Japan-Global Development Program (JGDP) (Concentration: Development Policy or Economy Policy))	a. International Development b. Master of Arts in Economics	2
		1-2-2 Business and Economic Legal System	Kyushu University Graduate School of Law	The International Economic and Business Law (IEBL) LL.M Program	Master of Laws	1
2. Environment-friendly and Balanced Economic Development	2-1 Industrial Policy and Business Administration		International University of Japan Graduate School of International Management	MBA/Japan-Global Development Program (JGDP)	Master of Business Administration	2
			Hiroshima University Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences	Division of Humanities and Social Sciences International Economic Development Program (Special Educational Program on Agricultural and Rural Development)	a. Master of Economics b. Master of Business Administration c. Master of International Cooperation Studies d. Master of Philosophy	2
	2-2 Developing High-quality Infrastructure to Underpin Growth		Nagaoka University of Technology Graduate School of Civil and Environmental Engineering	Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, International Graduate Program for Human Resource Development	Master of Engineering	2
	2-3 Improving Urban Environment Management		University of Tsukuba Graduate School of Science and Technology	Master's Program in Environmental Sciences/SUSTEP Program	Master in Environmental Sciences	2
Total						15


2. Information of Each Sub-Program / Component

Sub-program (Target Priority Area)	1. Sound Macroeconomic Management and Strong Governance	
Component (CP) (Development Issues)	1-1-1. Improving Public Financial Management (Public Financial Management)	
Expected Research Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable Development Policy, - Development Economy, Macro Economic Planning, - Public Financial Management, - Public Investment Policy, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal Audit, - International Taxation, - Public Debt Management, - Property Tax
Accepting University	<p>Saitama University (Acceptable number of seat: 2) GS of Humanities and Social Sciences Japanese and Asian Economy and Management (MEcon Program) - Master of Economics</p>	
Background and Needs	<p>Mongolia has seen economic development thanks to the global boom in resources starting in the early 2010s, but it is now at a critical moment recording a deficit of 17% of GDP in 2016 due to a drop in mineral resource prices, a reduction in foreign direct investment (FDI) in Mongolia following the passage of the Foreign Investment Law of Mongolia, and rapid rise in public debt due to expensive financial management, etc. From 2017 to 2020, an international support package was put together by the IMF and other groups, and the economy was picking up. However, it is expected that economic and public financial management of Mongolia will be seriously affected over the medium to long term due to the global spread of COVID-19. In such an environment, it is essential to improve public financial management system and financial discipline such as control budget deficit, maintain foreign currency reserve, and strengthen of governance of financial sector.</p>	
Voice of JDS Fellow	 <p>The image shows Mr. Ganbayar Gunbileg, a JDS Fellow, standing at a podium during a ceremony. He is wearing a traditional Mongolian hat and a light-colored jacket. He is holding a certificate or diploma that features the Mongolian flag and the text 'Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship 14' and '2019 Welcome Reception'.</p>	<p>Mr. Ganbayar Gunbileg (2019-2021)</p> <p>By participating in Master of Economics program at Saitama University, I have been able to study policy-making, economic, and statistical research methods in detail, and to produce research papers that could be accepted by the academic world. It was a great chance for me to conduct scientific studies cooperating with qualified professors and complete my thesis at such a great university in Japan. Within Saitama University, the School of Humanities and Social Science has competent professors who got the Ph.D degree from the United Kingdom, Australia and other countries, plus the professors have rich experiences working in government organizations such as Ministry of Finance, the Bank of Japan, JICA and so on. Hence, your theoretical learning could be enriched by their practical experiences during your master study.</p> <p>Mongolians may be unfamiliar with the Saitama city. The Saitama city borders with Tokyo, and it takes one hour from Saitama University to the central location of Tokyo. The central sport complex of Saitama city locates very close to our university campus; therefore, the students can spend his/her free time by training his/her favorite sports. Moreover, our university organizes many social activities, in particular 'Home Stay' and 'Bus Tour' program arranged twice a year. These social activities give you opportunities to find out your new environment in detail. From my experience, the first year of my master study was in dormitory where I made many international friends and exchanged cultural and personal life experience with them, while the second year of the study was in renting apartment where I lived very close to original Japanese people and investigated Japanese-specific life style in depth. You can expect that there will be full of wonders and memorable experiences during your master study at Saitama University.</p>


Sub-program (Target Priority Area)	1. Sound Macroeconomic Management and Strong Governance	
Component (CP) (Development Issues)	1-1-2. Improving Public Financial Management (Public Policy)	
Expected Research Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social Welfare Governance - Social Security Governance - Health Policy - Rural Development - Regional development - Population Policy / Urban Decentralization Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tax Administration - International Education in comparative perspective - Human Resource Development - E-Governance - Public Procurement Policy
Accepting University	Meiji University (Acceptable number of seat: 2) GS of Governance Studies Major in Governance Studies (Public Policy, International Development Policy, Community Planning Policy) - Master of Public Policy	
Background and Needs	<p>Mongolia has seen economic development thanks to the global boom in resources starting in the early 2010s, but it is now at a critical moment recording a deficit of 17% of GDP in 2016 due to a drop in mineral resource prices, a reduction in foreign direct investment (FDI) in Mongolia following the passage of the Foreign Investment Law of Mongolia, and rapid rise in public debt due to expansive financial management, etc. From 2017 to 2020, an international support package was put together by the IMF and other groups, and the economy was picking up. However, it is expected that economic and public financial management of Mongolia will be seriously affected over the medium to long term due to the global spread of COVID-19. In such an environment, it is essential to improve public financial management system and financial discipline such as control budget deficit, maintain foreign currency reserve, and strengthen of governance of financial sector.</p> <p>In May 2020, the Diet's amendment to the Law on Development Policy Planning Development Policy Planning and its Management Law) and Long-Term Development Policy Vision 2050 were approved. In order to achieve long-term and medium-term development policy objectives in line with the law, position of this project is extremely high.</p>	
Voice of JDS Fellow	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>Ms. Bayarnyam Khongorzul (2021-2023)</p> <p>Before anything else, I am satisfied to have the opportunity to study in Japan, one of the few countries which succeeded in the most powerful economy with modern development alongside its unique culture and tradition. I want to express my deep gratitude to the people and government of Japan and JDS for giving me this opportunity. Our Meiji University is a private university that was first established in 1881. At that time, the Meiji Revolution brought the beginning of the rapid development of modern Japan. Now Meiji University has approximately 33,000 students and has a total of 4 campuses in Izumi, Ikuta, Nakano, and in the heart of Tokyo, the Surugudai Campus. It consists of 15 world-class research centers and museums. Meiji University is famous for producing two prime ministers of Japan, hundreds of political and social figures, company leaders, and sports celebrities. It is one of the oldest and most sought-after, and competitive universities among Japanese youth. The Surugudai campus where we study is located in the center of Tokyo, close to famous places such as Akihabara, Ginza, Shinjuku, and Shibuya, so it is a great place to experience the development of Japan from scratch, participate in and observe the diversity of Japanese society and culture. Participating in this program allowed me to be primary in public policy at Meiji University, broadening my academic knowledge and acquiring essential skills such as public speaking, debating, and effective teamwork at a more advanced level. The best part of this program is that apart from classes, by participating in events organized by the school and the program, as well as trips to introduce Japanese history and culture. Throughout those activities, you can expand your network, become friends with international students, exchange opinions, share experiences, and create great memories. Good luck with your journey in Japan.</p> </div> </div>	

Sub-program (Target Priority Area)	1. Sound Macroeconomic Management and Strong Governance
Component (CP) (Development Issues)	1-2-1. Promoting the Vital Market Economy (Financial Policy and Capital Market Policy)
Expected Research Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Policy - Capital Market Policy - Revitalization of the Stock and Bond Markets - FDI Promotion Policy - Digital Market Policy and Management
Accepting University	International University of Japan (Acceptable number of seat: 2) GS of International Relations International Development Program (IDP) Japan-Global Development Program (JGDP)) - Master of Arts in International Development - Master of Arts in Economics
Background and Needs	<p>Mongolia is an indirect financial entity where the banking sector accounts for about 95% of financial resources, but with rapid decline in the economy due to the end of the global resources boom of the early 2010s, the issue of nonperforming loans in banking industry is becoming increasingly serious. The economy was once in a recovery trend thanks to the international financial support led by IMF. However, the economic downturn is expected for a while after 2020 due to the global spread of COVID-19. In such an environment, in addition to the existing issues such as disposing of nonperforming loans and strengthening bank supervisory and regulatory capacities, improvement of financial measures is necessary such as diversifying financing through revitalization of shares and debenture markets, and re-expansion of FDI in Mongolia through improvements to business environment. In “Long-Term Development Policy Vision 2050” (approved May 7, 2020), diversification of financial market access and economic structure and improvement of business environment are stated as important parts in order to achieve the goal of increasing middle class by improving business environment.</p>
Voice of JDS Fellow	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>Ms. Lkhanaa Tseveenjav (2018-2020)</p> <p>I, Tseveenjav Lkhanaa, earned a master's degree in Public Management from the International University of Japan (IUJ) in 2020. IUJ was established in 1982, with the objective of producing and developing future leaders in the world, and for this purpose, it was initiated as the first graduate university in Japan which offers all the courses in English. The Economist announced its 2021 MBA rankings, and the IUJ MBA Program is the only one from Japan featured in this list. The overall ranking has risen to 73rd, with Asia's schools ranking seventh and the global ranking fourth for job offers within three months post-graduation. The Public Management and Policy Analysis Program, where I studied, is ranked second in Japan and eleventh in Far East Asia by the "Eduniversal Best Master Ranking 2021". IUJ is situated in the picturesque Minami-Uonuma countryside, 230 kilometers from Tokyo, and has a splendid learning environment. Students from more than 60 countries come here to study for master's and doctorate degrees, and many of the best businesspeople and government officials from different countries come to learn, making it an ideal setting for networking. Consequently, we refer to it as the “mini-United Nations”. Professors at IUJ are graduates of the world's top universities; the library is constantly enriched with the latest books; the IUJ's research and analysis platform are highly developed; the library and computer laboratories are available from 8 a.m. to 3 a.m., and the self-study rooms are open 24 hours a day. Students perform exceptional research and publish their findings in the highest-ranked journals due to the flexible learning environment. Me and my colleagues from MBA (India, Malaysia, Morocco, Indonesia, and Vietnam) competed in the "Hult Prize" competition, the prize for which was a million dollars, and we participated in both the university competition and the Tokyo regional competition in 2018 and 2019 (https://www.hultprize.org). In my perspective, the relevance of IUJ does not only provide you with in-depth education but also enables you to create lifelong bonds and network with people from across the world.</p> </div> </div>

Sub-program (Target Priority Area)	1. Sound Macroeconomic Management and Strong Governance
Component (CP) (Development Issues)	1-2-2. Promoting the Vital Market Economy (Business and Economic Legal System)
Expected Research Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business and Economic Legal System - Legal Negotiation on Contract with International Corporations - Mediation and Other Conflict Management Approaches - Public Private Partnership Law - Competition Law - International Financial Law and Regulation
Accepting University	Kyushu University (Acceptable number of seat: 1) GS of Law The International Economic and Business Law LL.M. Program - Master of Laws
Background and Needs	<p>Mongolia is an indirect financial entity where the banking sector accounts for about 95% of financial resources, but with rapid decline in the economy due to the end of the global resources boom of the early 2010s, the issue of nonperforming loans in banking industry is becoming increasingly serious. The economy was once in a recovery trend thanks to the international financial support led by IMF. However, the economic downturn is expected for a while after 2020 due to the global spread of COVID-19. In such an environment, in addition to the existing issues such as disposing of nonperforming loans and strengthening bank supervisory and regulatory capacities, improvement of financial measures is necessary such as diversifying financing through revitalization of shares and debenture markets, and re-expansion of FDI in Mongolia through improvements to business environment. In “Long-Term Development Policy Vision 2050” (approved May 7, 2020), diversification of financial market access and economic structure and improvement of business environment are stated as important parts in order to achieve the goal of increasing middle class by improving business environment.</p>
Voice of JDS Fellow	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>Ms. D.Nomingerelel (2017-2019) Founded in 1911 as one of the former Imperial Universities, Kyushu University is a leading research-oriented national university of Japan. Kyushu island is Japan’s one of five main islands which is historically renowned as Japan’s gateway to Asia due to its geographical location. Kyushu University is located in Fukuoka, Kyushu. Fukuoka as well as Kyushu island are interesting places particularly to Mongolians because of historical traces back to the Yuan Dynasty. Therefore, Fukuoka was ranked the first in the most desirable cities to live in Japan among cities nationwide in 2021.</p> <p>The University is comprised of 12 undergraduate schools, 18 graduate schools, 5 research institutes, and a hospital. The newly built Ito campus of the university, located in 2.72 million m2, is ranked as the third largest campus in Japan.</p> <p>There is an interesting fact that a four-year student would have to read 2,875 books a day to finish all library books. The University library is open 24/7 and it is fully furnished with all required facilities to ensure a comfortable studying environment.</p> <p>Graduate Law School where I graduated from has colleagues of well-known professors, visiting foreign professors as well as lawyers. Therefore, we have the advantage to take the European Union diploma program which is one of the joint programs with its 269 foreign partner universities. During my student years, I had great opportunities to take various research activities including attending conferences and workshops, visiting courts and law firms etc. not only in Okinawa, Hokkaido, Kyoto, Hiroshima of Japan but also in Myanmar, Cambodia, Singapore, Vietnam, and South Korea. Furthermore, I had the vivid memory of participating as a member of the English team of Kyushu University in the 17th Intercollegiate Negotiation Competition among law students.</p> <p>I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all for having supported to study internationally recognized program at Kyushu University where I made lifetime friends and had unforgettable precious memories of life in Japan.</p> </div> </div>

Sub-program (Target Priority Area)	2. Environment-friendly and Balanced Economic Development
Component (CP) (Development Issues)	2-1. Industrial Policy and Business Administration
Expected Research Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industrial Policy - Agriculture Policy - Business Administration and Finance - SMEs Development - Local Industry Promotion - SDGs Monitoring
Accepting University	<p>International University of Japan (Acceptable number of seat: 2) GS of International Management MBA Program, Japan-Global Development Program - Master of Business Administration</p> <p>Hiroshima University (Acceptable number of seat: 2) GS of Humanities and Social Sciences Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, International Economic Development Program, Special Educational Program on Industrial Policy and Business Administration - Master of Business Administration</p>
Background and Needs	<p>Mongolia has experienced economic growth driven by its rich natural resources. However, its mining-dependent industrial structure has hampered sustained economic development due to external factors such as resource prices. In addition, the mining industry has low employment absorption capacity and, with the exception of a few industries such as cashmere, industries that have high employment absorption capacities are still under-developed, so to ensure sustained economic development that does not rely on mining, diversification of industry and subsequent creation of jobs and development of human resources are recognized essential.</p> <p>In the "Long-Term Development Policy Vision 2050" of Mongolia, promotion of diversification of industries beyond mining (manufacturing, tourism, transportation/logistics etc.) is clarified as an issue. In order to diversify economic structure, it is necessary to train officials knowledgeable in promoting development of SMEs and industrial policies based on a long-term vision.</p>
Voice of JDS Fellow (International University of Japan)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Ms. Byambadorj Ariuntuya (2016-2018) Hello. I'm Ariuntuya, 16th JDS batch fellower.</p> <p>First of all, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the Japanese people and the JDS program, I am very happy that I got the opportunity to study in Japan and get a master's degree in "Urban Development Engineering" by JDS program.</p> <p>Within the framework of the program, I studied at Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation of Hiroshima University. During my studies, I studied urban development and planning, spatial data analysis, environmental and climate change modeling and published peer-reviewed article in an international academic journals.</p> <p>During the study, in addition to academic knowledge, I learned how to achieve the goals in a planned, step-by-step and controlled manner, and now it is important thing that I always apply in my work.</p> <p>The support of the supervisor is very important for the success of the research work, and the school has a very good educational environment such as equipment, software, research materials, etc., and the support of the supervisor was very good. There is also a great opportunity to develop personal skills within the curriculum. Our school is located in Higashi-Hiroshima city, which many students live from many countries and the people are helpful and friendly. It was a pleasure to live there for 2 years. The JDS program provided continuous support for adapting to a new environment, understanding Japanese culture, traditions, and order, and successfully graduating without difficulties. I would like to wish that young civil servants who are applying the JDS program the best of luck in their research, and to achieve their goals without giving up.</p> </div> </div>

Sub-program (Target Priority Area)	2. Environment-friendly and Balanced Economic Development	
Component (CP) (Development Issues)	2-2. Developing High-quality Infrastructure to Underpin Growth	
Expected Research Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urban Policy - Urban/Regional Plan - Transportation Plan - Public Private Partnership - Complex Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urban Development Project Management - Geodesy Data Analysis - Waste Water Treatment Plan and Management - Logistics Management System
Accepting University	Nagaoka University of Technology (Acceptable number of seat: 2) GS of Civil and Environmental Engineering Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, International Graduate Program for Human Resource Development - Master of Engineering	
Background and Needs	<p>With the increasing population flow to the cities and uncontrolled expansion of urban areas, social infrastructure in the capital, Ulaanbaatar, in particular (transport, electricity, heat supply, water and sewage, schools, health and medical facilities, etc.) is being stressed by demand, inviting serious traffic jams, air pollution, declines in social services, and fixed inequality. In addition, the infrastructure that supports the expansion of tourism and agricultural fields which are seen to have high potential (such as roads connecting cities with provinces, airports, border management facilities, etc.) are under-developed, hampering growth. In the “Long-Term Development Policy Vision 2050” of Mongolia, “Formulation and Implementation of Infrastructure Construction and Regional Development Policy with the Policy of Promoting Economic Competitiveness and Regional Equal Development” is clearly stated as a priority issue. As a result, infrastructure development remains an area of focus for the long term.</p>	
Voice of JDS Fellow	<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> <div style="flex: 2;"> <p>Ms. Jargalsaikhan Jargal-Erdene (2021-2023)</p> <p>I am very happy to have the opportunity to study in Japan and gain a wide range of master's level knowledge through a highly developed education system. I would like to express my deep gratitude to the Japanese people and The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS), for giving us all these opportunities.</p> <p>My university is one of two public engineering universities in Japan. University campus is located in the western area of Nagaoka city, surrounded by beautiful forest. The university environment, hardware and software, equipment of experiment and all necessary research materials for learning are fully provided. School dormitories are adequate and affordable in terms of fees. Furthermore, there are a variety of sports and music, astronomy, boating, hiking clubs, giving students many opportunities to develop their other skills besides the academic knowledge.</p> <p>The weather and environment are good for living with our family, and the citizens of our Niigata region are very helpful and kind people, thus the International Affairs Center of the City office helps with all our problems, especially in every issue related to our children's schools and kindergartens. Niigata Prefecture is located northwest of Tokyo along the Sea of Japan. In wintertime most cities of the prefecture snow heavily, making it ideal for enjoying winter sports. During my studies in Japan, not only my academic knowledge, but also personal skill has been growing while I am participating in various social activities through representatives of Mongolia. I made friends with many international students, and I have been learning from them. In addition, I am developing myself tremendously as an individual through gaining knowledge about Japanese culture and unique customs. Every young person has goals and aspirations for the future. Therefore, with the sincere desire to make a real contribution to the development of Mongolia, I am developing myself further and studying hard for my future goals.</p> </div> </div>	

Sub-program (Target Priority Area)	2. Environment-friendly and Balanced Economic Development
Component (CP) (Development Issues)	2-3. Improving Urban Environment Management
Expected Research Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urban Environment Policy - Environment Assessment - Environment Engineering - Disaster Management - International Environment Law
Accepting University	University of Tsukuba (Acceptable number of seat: 2) GS of Science and Technology Master's Program in Environmental Sciences (SUSTEP Program) - Master of Environmental Sciences
Background and Needs	<p>In Ulaanbaatar, increasingly population density has led to uncontrolled expansion of the ger districts, and appropriate development management and alleviating urban environmental problems are urgent issues. The coal stoves used inside the gers and the emissions from vehicles cause atmospheric pollution levels that can be far higher than other cities around the world, so dealing with this pollution is one of the top priorities of the government of Mongolia. Although banning the use of raw coal in Ulaanbaatar since May 2019 has improved air pollution in the city to a certain extent, it is not the long-term solution. In terms of waste management from the increasing population density, landfill capacities of currently operating final disposal sites are forced to be exceeded, and as there is no construction of systems for sewage sludge and other industrial waste, the problem of waste disposal is expected to become even worse as the economy and population both grow.</p> <p>As environmental issues in Ulaanbaatar become more complex and serious, "Long-term Vision 2050" was formulated in 2020, one of the goal is "Green Growth" in consideration of the environment, and for the healthy and safe living of citizens, to develop an environment that introduces green technology to reduce the emission of carbon dioxide maintaining ecological balance is targeted to achieve.</p>
Voice of JDS Fellow	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Mr. Dashtogtokh Tumurtsooj (2020-2022)</p> <p>I'm Dashtogtokh Tumurtsooj; I obtained my Master of Environmental science degree at the University of Tsukuba of Japan in 2022 with a grant from the Government of Japan. I am very grateful to have achieved my research goal by participating in the JDS program. As part of pursuing an advanced research career at the University of Tsukuba, I gained knowledge and insights into multiple environmental issues, pollution, sustainable management, and prevention policy framework from a theoretical and practical perspective. In addition, scholarship</p> </div> </div> <p>awardees can demonstrate their thought processes in various priority fields by developing their critical thinking and academic and personal skills.</p> <p>Studying in foreign countries and learning about their experiences in developing human societies is one of the rare opportunities for young people. For daily life, Tsukuba was the best place for living as a family. Nursing schools and kindergartens are convenient in terms of accessibility. In terms of schools and kindergartens, it seems like a peaceful eco-city with high livelihoods in all aspects.</p> <p>For me, the last two years were spent not only increasing my academic learning but also improving my skills. It has now become clear to me what my future career path will be, and I have gained inspiration to study more and more. Even though the time was sometimes hard due to the Covid-19 pandemic, I could still participate in social activities and international conferences online and in person and enjoy Japanese unique culture and customs.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to express my deep gratitude to my supervisor, family, and friends for their support, especially to my academic supervisor, Professor Maki Tsujimura, Department of Environmental Sciences, the University of Tsukuba, who has always supported me during my years at Tsukuba since when I came as a master's student, all through my master program years, guiding me to become a better researcher.</p>

IV. Special Trainings and Events

JDS Program provides the following opportunities for JDS Fellows only in addition to research at university.

Asian Government Leaders Networking Event

This special event aims to establish long-term cooperative relationships between JDS Fellows and Japanese government officials by providing opportunities of interaction and mutual learning. JDS Fellows participate in the event and expand their personal networks with Japanese government officials, who would become their counterparts in the future.



Japanese Language Training

All JDS Fellows participate in Japanese language training before/after their arrival in Japan. This training provides Fellows with the lessons on Japanese characters (*hiragana*, *katakana*, and *kanji*), greetings, and how to introduce themselves. In addition, they deepen their understandings of Japanese culture, lifestyle and manners, and learn the procedures necessary for staying in Japan such as government office, post office, and bank.



JDS Joint Seminar

JDS Joint Seminar is held half a year before returning home, inviting all JDS fellows from each university.

During this seminar, the Fellows have opportunities to attend a series of programs, including leadership program and a special lecture given by a prominent scholar. It also helps them build a network with JDS fellows from various countries.



Coffee Break

Introduction to Japan

Must visit Areas & Landmarks



Mt. Fuji,
Shrines & Temples in Kyoto and Nara historical areas, Tokyo Metropolitan area, Onsen (hot springs), Castles, National parks in Yakushima and Fushimi Inari Shrine, and so on much MORE!



Food
everything from Sushi to Hamburgers



A "set meal" in typical Japanese restaurants
Main plate (fish or meat), Side dishes (Vegetables), Rice, Miso soup, Green tea or Water



Capital is TOKYO!



Japan has four Seasons

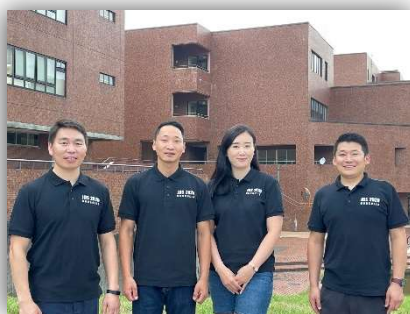


In Tokyo, it's not too hot and not too cold...

General Data:
 Land area → 364,560km²
 Population → 127million
 GDP → USD4.6trillion
 GDP per capita → USD36,194
 People → nice & polite
 Currency → YEN (¥)
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