

JDS Application Guidelines

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship in Tajikistan



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Оиди стипендияи (бурсия барои таҳсил) JDS

Бурсияи JDS маблағи таҳсил, хароҷоти зиндагӣ ва дигар хароҷоти зарурии гирандагони бурсияро пурра мепӯшонад. Илова бар стипендияи моҳона, инчунин як маротиба барои либос, китобҳо ва иштирок дар семинарҳо кӯмакпулӣ дода мешавад.

Маркази JICE инчунин ба гирандагони бурсия дар ёфтан ва интихоби манзил, бақайдгирӣ, кушодани суратҳисоби бонкӣ ва дигар масъалаҳо дар давраи будубошашон дар Ҷопон кӯмак мерасонад.

Самтҳои таҳсил, донишгоҳҳои мизбон, шумораи бурсияхо ва ташкилотҳои мақсаднок аз ҷониби намояндагони Тоҷикистон ва Ҷопон мувофиқа карда шуда, мувофиқи ниёзҳои мақомоти давлатӣ ва маҳалии Ҷумҳурии Тоҷикистон дар ин марҳилаи рушди кишвар муайян карда шуданд.

Гирандагони бурсияи лоиҳаи JDS

Талабот барои довталабон:

- **Шаҳрвандӣ**: Ҷумҳурии Тоҷикистон;
- **Синну сол**: то 40 сола ба ҳолати 31 июли соли 2027;
- **Шуғли ҷорӣ:** Кормандони доимии мақомотҳои мақсадноки лоиҳаи JDS;
- **Таҷрибаи корӣ:** Ҳадди ақал ду сол (пурравақт) дар мақомотҳои мақсадноки JDS, аз ҷумла ҳадди ақал як сол дар мақомоти ҷорӣ ба ҳолати 31 июли соли 2026.
- **Дараҷаи маълумот:** Олӣ (дараҷаи тахассусӣ ё бакалавр);
- **Дониши забони англисӣ:** Барои дараҷаи магистр кофӣ

Хизматчиёни ҳарбӣ ва онҳое, ки аз ҳисоби стипендияҳои давлатии дигар кишварҳо дараҷаи магистрӣ гирифтаанд, наметавонанд дар лоиҳаи JDS иштирок кунанд.

Раванди интихоби лоиҳаи JDS:

I давр (январи 2027): Баррасии ҳуҷҷатҳо аз ҷониби профессорони донишгоҳҳои Ҷопон

II давр (марти 2027): Мусоҳибаи техникӣ бо профессорони донишгоҳҳои Ҷопон

III давр (апрели 2027): Мусоҳибаи ҳамаҷониба бо аъзоёни Комиссияи идоракунии лоиҳаи JDS

Пас аз анҷоми раванди интихоб

Пас аз бомуваффақият анҷом додани ҳар се даври интихоб, 15 нафар ғолибон:

- Барои гирифтани даъватнома барои таҳсил тавассути JICE ба донишгоҳҳои интихобкарда дар Ҷопон муроҷиат мекунанд.
- Дар моҳи августи соли 2027 ба Ҷопон мераванд.
- Дар моҳи сентябр ё октябри соли 2027 таҳсилро дар донишгоҳи интихобкардаи худ оғоз мекунанд.

Пешниҳоди лоиҳаи JDS да соли ҷорӣ:

Понздаҳ (15) стипендия барои кормандони давлатӣ барои таҳсил дар барномаҳои магистрӣ дар донишгоҳҳои интихобшудаи Ҷопон, ки ба онҳо имкон медиҳад дониш ва малакаҳои худро такмил диҳанд ва баъдан онҳоро дар кори худ дар низоми идоракунии давлатии Ҷумҳурии Тоҷикистон татбиқ кунанд.

Дараҷае, ки пас аз хатми барнома дода мешавад:
Магистратура (2 соли таҳсил)

Забони таълим: англисӣ

Мо шуморо барои иштирок дар Лоиҳаи JDS (барои солҳои таҳсили 2027-2028) даъват менамоем!

Барои ин ба шумо лозим аст:

- Талаботҳои дархостро бодиққат баррасӣ кунед ва боварӣ ҳосил кунед, ки ба ҳамаи онҳо ҷавобгӯ мебошед.
- Омодагиро барои имтиҳони сатҳи дониши забони англисӣ (TOEFL) ҳарчи зудтар оғоз кунед, зеро ҳамаи таҳсил дар донишгоҳҳо бо забони англисӣ гузаронида мешаванд.
- Мавзӯи тадқиқотеро, ки мехоҳед дар Ҷопон анҷом диҳед, баррасӣ кунед ва нақшаи тадқиқотии худро нависед.
- Аз роҳбари худ иҷозати хаттӣ барои иштирок дар Лоиҳаро бо истифода аз шакли махсуси замимашуда ба варақаи дархост гиред.
- Варақаи дархости онлайниро бо забони англисӣ дар вебсайти JDS пур карда, як самт ва як донишгоҳро интихоб кунед.
    - *Қисми муҳими варақаи дархост - ин навиштани нақшаи тадқиқотӣ дар доираи самти интихобшуда мебошад ва онро профессорон баҳогузорӣ мекунанд.*
- Ҳамаи ҳуҷҷатҳои иловагии заруриро омода ва боргузорӣ кунед.
    - *Муҳим аст, ки дар хотир дошта бошед, ки ҳуҷҷатҳои зарурӣ иҷозати роҳбарияти ташкилоти номзадро барои иштирок дар Лоиҳаи JDS дар бар мегиранд.*

Аризаи худро дар якҷоягӣ бо ҳамаи ҳуҷҷатҳо дар вебсайти JDS http://jds-scholarship.org на дертар аз

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пешниҳод кунед.

Иштирок кунед ва ба онҳое, ки аллакай ба воситаи ин барнома таҳсил мекунанд, ҳамроҳ шавед!

Суроғаи дафтари лоиҳаи JICE/JDS дар Ҷумҳурии Тоҷикистон:

Соатҳои қабули меҳмонон:

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Иштироки бонувон муҳим арзёбӣ карда

I. Application Guidelines

1. About JDS Scholarship

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (**JDS**) was launched by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan with the assistance of the Government of Japan in 2008.

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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 government officers to study at two-year Master's degree courses (instructed in English) of Japanese universities.

Objectives of JDS

- **To Support for Human Resource Development**
  JDS's objective is to strengthen the government's administrative capacities in the Republic of Tajikistan, through providing the opportunity to obtain the Master's degree for 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.

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.

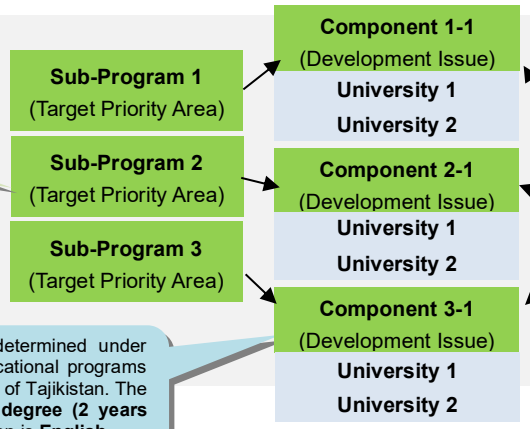
- **For the country (The Fellows' country)**
  The Fellows' country will improve institutional capability of the target organizations which leads to foster country's development.



2. System of JDS Tajikistan

The approach of JDS 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), and this is the third batch in phase five in the Republic of Tajikistan.

The new 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 are confirmed as indispensable to the economic and social development of the country.



The JDS Fellows are selected from the **"Target Organizations"**

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

For further details

P15 Framework of JDS Tajikistan
P17 Information on each Component

3. Applicant Eligibility

Nationality	Citizen of the Republic of Tajikistan
Age	**Between 22 and 39 years old** as of July 31st, 2027 (Born on/after August 1st, 1987, and born on/before July 31st, 2005)
Academic Background	Possess a **Bachelor's Degree** from universities authorized by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan or other countries
	Other requirements or desirability of academic background Some accepting universities have other requirements or desirable academic background. Check "Accepting University", [Information of Each Component] and [University information] on P17-19.
Work Experience	**1. Must be a permanent employee of a Target Organization (p.16), with at least one (1) year of continuous service in their current organization as of July 31, 2027.** **2. Must have at least two (2) years of work experience under permanent status in the Target Organizations (p.16).** **3. For FY2027 only, work experience in the designated organizations listed below may also be counted toward the two-year work experience requirement.** Designated Organizations: ①Main Computing Center ②Institute for Transport Infrastructure Design ③Tajik Air Navigation ④ Tajik Railways ⑤ National Patent and Information Center ⑥ Tajik Research Institution of Hydrotechnics and Land Reclamation(TajikNIGIM) ⑦PPP Project Implementation Center ⑧Center for Strategic Studies ⑨National Center for Legislation ⑩National Testing Center ⑪Academy of Public Administration ⑫State Savings Bank of the Republic of Tajikistan "Amonatbank" ⑬State Unitary Enterprise "Sanoatsodirotbank"
English Proficiency	Have a good command of both written and spoken English. TOEFL –ITP score of 500 or higher is preferable.
Health Condition	Mentally and physically in good health. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be in good condition physically and mentally from the time of application to the time of return to the home country after completion of his/her course in Japan. In case there is a drastic change in Fellow's health condition before his/her departure to Japan, and if the university which the Fellow goes to considers his/her condition not suitable for the pursuit of academic goal, the scholarship may be cancelled, based on the decision/guidance of the university.
Ineligibility	**A person who corresponds to the following are not eligible to apply** • Those who are currently receiving (or is scheduled to receive) another scholarship (including other scholarships of Japan). • Those who have obtained a master's or higher degree overseas under the support of foreign scholarship. • Military personnel and military civilian employees registered on the active list, and also personnel on temporary leave from the active list.
Others	• JDS Fellows are obliged to return to the Republic of Tajikistan on their graduation in order to make a contribution to the development of the Republic of Tajikistan through their work in their organization or JDS Target Organization for **at least five (5) years**. • The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan requests the successful candidates to sign a pledge letter on the conditions deemed necessary as scholarship fellows under the JDS Project. In case that they should violate the pledge, the scholarship will be automatically terminated, and other necessary steps shall be taken.

4. JDS Operating Committee (OC)

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

JDS Operating Committee (OC) in the Republic of Tajikistan



Government of the Republic of Tajikistan

Agency of Civil Service under the President (ACS)

Executive Office of the President

Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Government of Japan

Embassy of Japan in Tajikistan

JICA Tajikistan Office



JICE (Japan International Cooperation Center)

JICE supports the smooth implementation of JDS project, which covers a wide range of services such as arrangements of recruitment and selection, and assistances for JDS Fellows studying in Japan as an agent of the Agency of Civil Service under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan (ACS).

5. Selection Process

Schedule	Steps	Description
Early November, 2026	**Application**	**Closing Date: 23:59, on January 3 (Sun), 2027** ◆ Deadline for Application documents **Further details →** **See** P7 "Application Documents" and P8 "Deadline for Application Submission"
Early January, 2027	**English Training Course**	The English training course will be provided for eligible applicants. Only those who can fully attend and complete the course.
Middle of January, 2027	**Academic aptitude test**	**TOEFL-ITP and Math test**[1]. The test results will be reviewed by the universities in later selection stages (*1 TOEFL is necessary for all Universities, Math test is necessary for CP2-1 Ritsumeikan University and IUJ (IM), and CP3-1 IUJ (IR))
Middle of February, 2027	**1st Selection**	**Document Screening:** Application documents and research plan will be examined by the Japanese universities.
Middle of March, 2027	**2nd Selection**	**Technical Interview:** Faculty members of the Japanese Universities will visit Dushanbe to conduct interview exams.
End of March, 2027	**Health Checkup**	The health checkup will be arranged at a hospital in Dushanbe.
Middle of April, 2027	**3rd Selection**	**Comprehensive Interview:** The Operating Committee members will conduct the interview exams.
Middle of April, 2027	**Approval by the OC**	Successful candidates will be approved and notified.
April to July, 2027	**Application Procedure**	JICE will support successful candidates for application to each university.
May to August, 2027	**Training Course**	1. English Academic writing course 2. Japanese Language training course 3. Math training course will be provided for successful candidates (Attendance is mandatory)
May to August, 2027	**Orientations**	Provided by JICA and JICE
August, 2027	**Departure for Japan**	JICE will arrange air-ticket, visa, and also support after the arrival in Japan

<Important Notes>

- ✓ Limited transportation allowance to participate in the Academic Aptitude Test, Technical Interview and Comprehensive Interview will be provided for candidates living far from Dushanbe.
- ✓ Application documents will not be returned (Please keep a copy of your documents for yourself).
- ✓ Application documents with false statements or plagiarism will be immediately disqualified.
- ✓ The result of each selection will be announced only to the successful candidates by JICE JDS Project Office.
- ✓ In principle, the reasons for the selection-results will not be disclosed.



TOEFL_ITP & Math test



1st Selection Document Screening



2nd Selection Technical Interview



3rd Selection Comprehensive Interview

[1] The applicants who would like to use the score of TOEFL-ITP taken under the project last year, or the one of TOEFL-iBT or IELTS obtained within 2 years as of June 30th, 2027, by themselves, can be exempted from the English exam based on their request to JICE JDS Project Office in Tajikistan. For those who need to take Math test, refer to the chart of "Academic aptitude test" above.

6. Selection Criteria

Selection process	Criteria	Intent and Purpose
1st Selection Document Screening	・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 with the university course will be also examined.
2nd Selection Technical Interview	・Academic background and learning ability ・Capacity for completing the study in Japan ・Possibility of contributing to the development of the country ・Compatibility with the university course	The universities mainly evaluate academic knowledge, candidates' idea about research plan, etc. Communication and logical thinking skills are also checked through the interview.
3rd Selection Comprehensive Interview	・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 ・Possibility of contributing to the bilateral relationship with Japan	After the universities check the candidates' academic abilities, the Operating Committee evaluates the candidates' capacity of future contribution to the development of the country and the bilateral relationship with Japan such as purpose of study in Japan, career plan after the study, etc.

* TOEFL-ITP and Math test results will be reviewed by the universities in the selection stages.

7. Award Benefits

Once accepted as a JDS Fellow, you are entitled to receive following support from the project.

- Full tuition fees
- Air fare
- Arrival allowance
- Accommodation allowance
- Monthly Scholarship
- Travel and seminar attendance allowance
- Special Program Expenses
- Overseas travel insurance
- Support from the agency
  - ・Finding accommodation
  - ・Initial settlement of your life in Japan
  - ・Emergency situation etc.



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 to the Operating Committee to commit themselves to follow JDS Rules.

During the stay in Japan

- It is highly recommended to bring JDS Fellow's family members either after at least 3 months from your arrival in Japan or in accordance with the regulations of the accepting university. Scholarships are provided to only one JDS Fellow, so JDS Fellows themselves are responsible for the procedures and costs related to their family calling.
- JDS Fellows are prohibited from
  - ・Working
  - ・Driving motor vehicles
  - ・Applying for further studies such as a doctoral course in Japan
- JDS 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

- JDS Fellows must attend a report back meeting held by the Operating Committee.
- JDS Fellows are obliged **to return and work in the Republic of Tajikistan at least 5 (five) years** in compliance with the Act of Pledge required by Agency of Civil Service under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Further details will be explained after the selectio

II. How to Apply

1. Application Documents

1) List of Required Documents

You are required to upload the following documents in the online application system.
Please make sure that you have prepared all the documents before you start your application.

- Only **one file** can be uploaded for each document, therefore please combine the documents into **a SINGLE PDF** in advance, if necessary.
- All documents written in other languages than English need official English translation. (Self-translation is not acceptable.)
- Submit "Reason Letter", if any of the documents cannot be submitted by the deadline for unavoidable reasons, or any wrong information (e.g., wrong spelling of name, birthday, etc.) is contained in the documents.
- As for University Certificate/Transcript, Reference Letter, and TOEFL or IELTS certificates, JICE may request you to submit the notarized copy of your certificate if you are selected as a final candidate.

Doc No.	Required Documents	File Type	Remarks
1	Short Essays	PDF (One file only)	* *Prescribed form* - Short essays on "Responsibilities of your work", "Reason for applying the Graduate School", and "Future Contribution"
2	Research Plan	PDF (One file only)	* *Prescribed form*
3	University Diploma or Certificate of Degree University Transcript of Academic Records	PDF (One file per university)	- Written in English or accompanied with official translation - Certificates of all the degrees you have obtained - University certificates should be arranged in the following order; Certificate of degree (Original language) > University Transcript (Original language) > Certificate of degree (Translated in English) > University Transcript (Translated in English) * JICE may request you to submit notarized copy of your certificate if you are selected as a final candidate.
4	Reference Letter	PDF (One file only)	* *Prescribed form* - Filled out by the current supervisor in your organization - Written in English or accompanied with official notarized English translation - JICE may contact your referee for verification.
5	Employment Certificate (CV)	PDF (One file only)	- Attested by personnel department - Must contain minimum 2-year work history as of July 31st, 2027 under permanent status in the target organizations, including at least one year at the current organizations as of July 31st, 2027. - Accompanied with official English translation with notarization *CV should be arranged in order of Original language (Tajik / Russan) followed by English Translation.
6	Permission Letter	PDF (One file only)	* *Prescribed form* Your official representing head (Minister, Chairman etc.) must authorize you to apply for JDS and permit to participate in JDS events if you are selected as a final candidate.
7	Copy of International Passport (or National ID Card)	PDF (One file only)	Photocopy of only the first page (with your photo, name, birthday etc.) Those who do not have international passport can submit the copy of the domestic ID.
8	Photo	JPG, JPEG, PNG, GIF	- The Photo must show only the applicant - A person without a hat, facing forward - A Color photo, taken within the last 3 months - 4:3 (height: width) aspect ratio - Must be taken against a plain background
(9)	**[If any]** Valid Official Certificate of TOEFL or IELTS	PDF (One file only)	- Scores obtained within 2 years as of June 30th, 2027 are valid - TOEFL Prediction is not accepted **- Original certificate is acceptable (copy cannot be accepted)** - Those who submit the valid score do not have to take the English exam arranged by the project

			* JICE may request you to submit the original (or attested original) of your English certificate if you are selected as a final candidate.
(10)	**[If any]** Additional Document	PDF (One file only)	If any of the following examples seem to apply to you, please submit the documents. -Certificate you changed your name, if your current name is different from passport or University certificate and transcript. -Statement of reasons if your university certificate or transcript has wrong record such as enroll year or graduation year is wrong. *Documents should be arranged in order of Certificate in Original language (Tajik / Russan) followed by English Translation.

2) Online Application (Flow)

1. **Download the prescribed forms from JDS Website (https://jds-scholarship.org/)**

   Please access to JDS Tajikistan website, then download the prescribed forms to be filled in.



2. **Prepare the required documents**

   Make sure to start preparing the documents well in advance



3. **Access the online application system**

   Link to the Online Application Form is available on JDS Website (https://jds-scholarship.org/)
   Complete your application by filling out the necessary information and uploading the required documents.

4. **Receive an email**

   [Submission Succeeded] You will receive a confirmation email.
   [Submission Failed] You will receive an error message. Please contact JICE JDS Project Office immediately, and make sure to complete your application before the deadline.



3) Important Notice

- If you cannot access the online application system, or you have any problem filling out the form, please contact JICE JDS Project Office.
- Once you submit your application, you will not be allowed to modify it.
- Applications lacking necessary documents will not be accepted.
- Applications after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Application will be disqualified in case any false statement or plagiarism is found.

■ Deadline for Application

23:59 on January 3 (Sun), 2027
Submit your application through Online Application System. JDS Website (https://jds-scholarship.org/)

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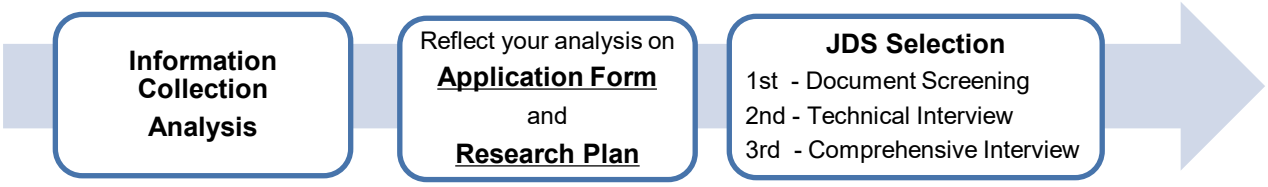
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9:00-12:30 / 13:30-17:30, Monday to Friday



2. Tips on Application and Selection (Reference)

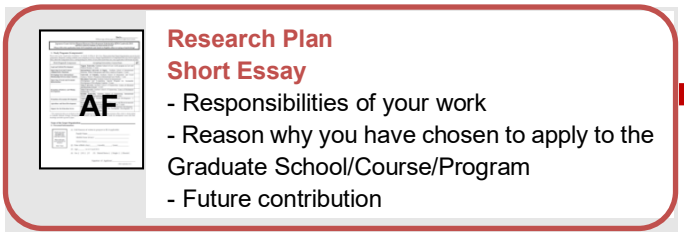
The better you prepare for the Application Documents, the more chances to pass the selection you have. Here are some tips on the preparation of Application Form (AF) and Research Plan (RP).



Before making the application documents, you are advised to…

Collect information, Analyze the information, and Analyze yourself!





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

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

- **Tips for the selection**

(1) Understanding JDS

Objectives and framework

The objectives of JDS are written in P3. **"Sub-Program and Component (SP/CP)"** and **"Targeted Organizations (TO)"** are shown in P16. But, here, most importantly, you have to note the reasons why JDS is provided to the government sector, why SP/CP and TO are set in the JDS framework. The answers to those questions will be an important basis in making preparation for AF and RP.

- → *JDS is designed to support the human resource development of Tajikistan.*
- → *Government sector can directly and widely contribute to the development.*
- → *SP/CP are set based on the development plan of Tajikistan and Japan aid policy,*
- → *TO (You and your workplace) are considered to be closely involved in the development.*

(2) Country analysis

As mentioned in "(1) JDS analysis" above, "SP/CP" is set based on the development plan of Tajikistan (Rectangular strategy, NSDP, etc.). First, read and understand the background of the SP/CP you wish to apply for (P17-19) to know what kind of development issues are assumed and what kind of research are expected under JDS. Then, obtain information on development issues of Tajikistan (Rectangular strategy, NSDP, Issues of your organization, etc.) to deepen your understanding on the status of the development. This analysis of present development status will be important not only for making a RP but also for later selection steps (interviews).

- → *Read and understand a background of the SP/CP you apply for (P17~19)*
- → *Check such materials as NSDP, issues of your organization, etc.*

(3) Organization task analysis

As shown in "JDS framework (P15)", **TO** is set under each CP and considered to be closely related with the development issues (P16). Therefore, it is essential for you to know what kind of mission your organization has in the context of the development of Tajikistan. Also, it is important to observe what kind of issues your organization is tackling and what are lacking to solve the issues. Those observations will help you conduct further analysis.

- → *Check missions and roles of your organization in the context of the development of your country.*
- → *Also observe what is necessary in your organization to solve the development issues of your workplace. Those observations will help you find reasons to study in Japan.*

(4) University research

As shown in "JDS framework (P15)", the relevant Japanese universities (courses) are designated under each CP. Those universities are selected to offer you with sufficient knowledge in order to tackle development issues of your concern. As the universities wish to recruit students with the necessary academic level and high motivation to learn, you need to demonstrate those points in the following way.

- → *One of the ways to show self-motivation is to demonstrate how much you know about the university you are applying for.*
- → *Go to the university website to know their location, history, provided courses, the faculty members, etc.*
- → *Find interesting professors, and check their research areas, current activities, their published academic papers, etc.*

(5) Career plan

As you can see in Prescribed Form, you will be required to submit **Short Essays** ([Q1] Responsibilities of Your Work, [Q2] Reason for Applying the Graduate school / course, [Q3] future contribution), and **Research plan**. Those 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]. So, those questions ask how you relate your career and the study **in the context of the development of your country**. This is a clear tip to answer to those questions in AF.

- → ***Your answers to Short Essays** and **Research Plan** are very coherent.*

About "Responsibilities of Your Work" (Q1 in Short Essays)
Due to lack of understanding of the connections among [Q1], [Q2], [Q3] in Short Essays and Research Plan, some people do nothing but list up their daily work for Q1. As mentioned above, it is important to show your current (or previous) work in the context of the development issues in order to bridge your answers to the next questions (Research Plan and career plan after study).

- → *Q1 in Short Essays just ask your current and previous work. But, based on your answers in this question, the interviewers (The university and OC) try to guess if you can use acquired knowledge in your work after you return from Japan. Therefore, Q1 and Q3 in Short Essays are two sides of the same coin.*

About Research Plan (Prescribed Form)
The details about how to write Research Plan (RP) is explained in (P11). On the basis of the explanation above, keep in mind that the RP is considered as an extension of your responsibility of your work [Q1], which will lead to your career plan after you study in Japan [Q2].

About contribution after study in Japan (Q3 in Short Essays)
You may have a problem in answering to this question about how you will contribute to the development and bilateral relationship with Japan after your study in Japan. Considering the objectives of JDS, these are very important factors through the selection process. Here you are required to show your potential for future contribution through your research, based on your background in the workplace. Just answering such as "I will share my knowledge", "I will teach at educational institutions" would not attract interviewers.

- → *If you have finished the analysis in (2) ~ (4) above, you should be able to identify the needs of your country and organization as well as your tasks to fulfill such needs.*
- → *It is important to layout your future career plan (after your study in Japan) in relation to the needs of your country and organization, which also will be a solid and good reasoning to study in Japan!*

(6) Research on relevant issues in Japan

The JDS Fellows are to conduct research on development issues of their home countries. And also, taking into account that they study in Japan, you are also recommended to know in advance, at least, about historical and empirical cases of Japan in your research field.

(7) Test preparation ※IMPORTANT

As shown in "Selection Process (P5)", the results of English and Math tests will be reviewed by the universities in the 1st selection (AF and RP screening by the universities in Japan) and afterwards.

- → *It is strongly recommended to prepare for those tests, improving your ability by self-study. You can prepare for both tests in advance!*
- → *About TOEFL test, getting used to the test format using sample test and textbooks.*
- → *About Math test, question and solution of the past years' test are available at JDS website. Using the past test question, check rules and formulas in school textbooks!*

Please Try This!

TOEFL preparation ETS web site
https://www.ets.org/toefl/itp/prepare.html

Past math test and solutionJDS web site
https://jds-scholarship.org/past/index.html

3. Guidelines for Writing a Research Plan

The tips on how to prepare a Research Plan are available in this video.

- **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.*

* The video is available on the website (https://jds-scholarship.org/country/tajikistan/apply_masters.html)

It is recommended you watch it for your preparation, also please refer to the information below too.

(1) Guideline for writing research plan

In the application for JDS, the research plan for your Master's thesis should ;

- Address the current issues/problems of the socioeconomic development of your country and how to remedy these issues/problems.
- Present a detailed work plan on how and what you will do to achieve the goal of your study.

The research plan, which is submitted for the application is not deemed to be final. It will be revised during the course work in line with the Component. The purpose of the research plan is to help its readers (faculty members of graduate schools) evaluate the significance and potentiality of your research from the following aspects:

1) Does the research plan address the important policy questions of the applicant's country?
2) Does the research plan show that the applicant is strongly motivated and adequately prepared to implement the research successfully?
3) Who will benefit from the result of the research? Will the result of the research contribute to solving or clarifying policy questions which are important for applicant's country?
4) Does the research help the applicant to participate in the development process of your country more effectively after the completion of the course?
5) Is the applicant's academic background strong enough to implement the research plan?
6) Is the applicant's work experience sufficient to pursue the research? (Not necessary if other application material is good enough to show that the answers are positive.)
7) Does the research plan fit well with the program of the graduate school?
8) Are the applicant's research questions academically significant?

The importance of each point above, however, depends on the field of study and the graduate program you are applying for. Some graduate programs may require more specific information about the data and method of analysis. Therefore, it is essential to go through the "University Information" as well as the website of the university carefully before writing your research plan. Writing a research plan is the beginning of your research. It is highly recommended that you keep improving your research plan before departure to Japan after being selected as a JDS Fellow.

(2) Outline of the research plan (Example)

Title		Describe the nature of your proposed research clearly. Avoid making it too short or redundant.
Introduction	Background	Position your research theme here to state a significance of your research in the research areas. The literature review is not a part to merely describe preceding studies but to sort out what research has been done, what have been found and what are unknown in your research field. Also consider relevance to development issues and your organization. List the preceding studies in a reference section at the end of your research plan.
	Literature Review	
	Purpose and Questions	Shape and clarify what you want to achieve by your research. It is recommended to think about research purposes at a higher level not in your daily duties. The research itself is not the purpose. Your research is supposed to contribute to the development of your country and institutional development of your organization. As for the research questions, set your questions in relation with to the preceding studies above, development issues of your country and organization, also taking into consideration your research methodologies. With solid research questions, the research methodologies will be clarified accordingly.

Main Body	Methodology	This is the main part of your research plan. Develop your opinion and give more information. Explain what and how to study. ▪ Detail your research procedure within the given timeframe. ▪ List sources and quality of evidence you will consult with and the analytical technique you will employ, and the timetable you will follow. ▪ Describe the intended methods of data gathering, the controls you will introduce, the statistical methods to be used, the type of literature or documentary analysis to be followed, etc.
Conclusion	Expected Results Significance	Tell the reader the important points to stress and address your future plan. • Expected learning/findings from your research. • Describe your future plan on how to utilize your research outcome to solve the issues mentioned in the first part after returning home. • Describe how your research outcome will contribute to the development of the country and the institutional development of your organization.
	Bibliography	Include all the resources which are used in the writing of the research plan.

(3) 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.

University students including JDS applicants and Fellows are members of the academic and must not commit plagiarism in making a research plan and thesis. Otherwise, you may be disqualified from the selection, or even be discharged from the university, once 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

When you make your research plan, also pay attention to **"Paraphrase".**
Paraphrase is a re-expression of other person's ideas in your own words. There is an accurate and inaccurate way of paraphrasing.

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A Passage Appears in a Source

Critical care nurses function in a hierarchy of roles. In this open heart surgery unit, the nurse manager hires and fires the nursing personnel. The nurse manager does not directly care for patients but follows the progress of unusual or long-term patients. On each shift a nurse assumes the role of resource nurse. This person oversees the hour-by-hour functioning of the unit as a whole, such as considering expected admissions and discharges of patients, ascertaining that beds are available for patients in the operating room, and covering sick

Word-for-Word Plagiarism

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Patchwork Paraphrase

Chase (1999) describes how nurses in a critical care unit function in a hierarchy that places designated experts at the top and the least senior staff nurses at the bottom. The experts — the nurse manager, nurse clinician, and clinical nurse specialist — are not involved directly in patient care. The staff nurses, in contrast, are assigned to patients and provide all their nursing care

Deemed as Plagiarism

- **Citing references**

It is important to cite sources you used in your research plan. Refer to the following useful sites for further details.

About the citing references:
University of Reading, *Library – Citing References*
https://libguides.reading.ac.uk/citing-references

4. FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Program

Q1. What is the Sub-Program (SP) and Component (CP)?
They are the fields of study determined according to the priority development issues of Tajikistan. 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.

Q2. Is JDS a full scholarship?
YES. All the costs to study in Japan will be fully covered by JDS scholarship. For further details, please refer to "Award Benefits" (P6).

Q3. Can I apply for any university/course in Japan?
NO. The component and university are determined according to the priority development issues of each JDS recipient country. You can select the component / university from the framework.

Q4. Can I extend my stay after the completion of a 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 belonging organization and contribute to the socio-economic development of the country with acquired knowledge and skills.

Eligibility

Q5. I am working for a private company, but I have work experience at a government office. Am I eligible?
NO. The requirements are "Currently employed in the Target Organizations as a full-time employee."

Q6. I don't have two years of work experience in the Target Organization. Can I apply for JDS?
NO. Two years of work experience in the Target Organizations, including at least one year at the current organizations as of July 31st, 2027 is necessary.

Q7. I have already received a scholarship from another 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 are scheduled to receive other scholarships.
- Persons who have already obtained master's degree in other countries under any scholarship.
  (*) However, persons who are studying in master's course or obtained master's degree without foreign assistance from local/foreign universities are eligible.

Application

Q8. Where can I get the Application Form?
Please access JDS website: http://jds-scholarship.org/
The prescribed forms, Application Guidelines (AG) and university information can be downloaded from this website.

Q9. Can I apply for two components (universities)?
NO. You cannot apply for more than one component. Please select one component which is relevant to your work responsibility.

Q10. Should I submit all the application documents by the deadline?
YES. But in case you cannot submit some of the documents due to unavoidable reasons, please inform JICE JDS Project Office in Tajikistan in advance and submit the letter of reason with your signature.

Q11. I cannot get a permission letter from my workplace. Can I apply without the letter?
NO. In JDS, it is important to return to the workplace after study completion. Therefore, permission from the workplace is required.

Selection

Q12. Do I need to take the English test?
YES. Basically, every applicant must take the English examination (TOEFL). However, applicants who have valid TOEFL score will be exempted from the English test. If you don't have a valid score, JICE will arrange the English exam.

Q13. Is the Math test required?
NO. The math test is required for the applicants applying for the Ritsumeikan University, International University of Japan.

Q14. Do I need to come to Dushanbe for the interview?
YES. For the applicants from outside Dushanbe, JICE will provide a transportation subsidy.

Inviting Family

Q15. Can I go to Japan with my family?
Technically NO, due to visa application procedures. It is highly recommended that you bring your family to Japan starting from 3 months after your arrival in Japan. However, some accepting universities have stricter rules.
JDS students themselves are responsible for the procedures and costs related to their family inviting.

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CP3-1. Public Policy

The university information is available on JDS website.

https://jds-scholarship.org/





Notes in application

- ✓ In application, check if your workplace is assigned as a Target Organization in a component which you want to apply for.
- ✓ Also, check obtainable degrees of the university you are applying for.

1. Framework of JDS Tajikistan

Sub-Program	Component	Slot	University Graduate School	Degree
1. Maintaining and Strengthening a Free and Open International Order	1-1. International Relations	3	**Hiroshima University** GS of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences	・Master of Philosophy ・Master of International Cooperation Studies
		2	**Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)** GS of Asia Pacific Studies	・Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy
2. Creating a System for Sustainable Economic Development	2-1. Economic Development	3	**Ritsumeikan University** GS of Economics	・Master of Economics
		3	**International University of Japan (IUJ)** GS of International Management (IM)	・Master of Business Administration (MBA)
3. Strengthening of Public Policy for Sustainable Development	3-1. Public Policy	2	**Doshisha University** GS of Global Studies	・Master of Arts in American Studies ・Master of Arts in Global Society Studies ・Master of Arts in Contemporary Asian Studies
		2	**International University of Japan (IUJ)** GS of International Relations (IR)	・Master of Arts in Public Management ・Master of Arts in Public Policy (PMPP)

2. JDS Target Organizations for 2026

№	Name of Organization	№	Name of Organization	№	Name of Organization
1	Office of the National Assembly	22	Ministry of Industry and New Technologies	39	Communications Service
2	Office of the House of Representatives	23	Ministry of Health and Social Protection	40	Customs Service
3	Office of the Constitutional Court	23/1	State Service for Health and Social Protection Supervision	41	Antimonopoly Service
4	Office of the Supreme Court	23/2	State Medical and Social Expertise Service	42	State Service for Industrial Safety and Mining Supervision
5	Office of the Supreme Economic Court	23/3	State Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision Service	43	Export Agency
6	Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman	23/4	State Agency for Social Protection	44	Civil Aviation Agency
7	Chamber of Accounts	24	Ministry of Culture	45	Agency for Land Reclamation and Irrigation
8	Central Commission for Elections and Referenda	25	Ministry of Energy and Water Resources	46	Agency for Social Insurance and Pensions
9	Executive Office of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan	25/1	State Service for Supervision of Hydraulic Structure Safety	47	Agency for State Material Reserves
10	Committee for Local Development	26	State Committee for Land Management and Geodesy	48	Agency for Standardization, Metrology, Certification and Trade Inspection
11	Agency of Civil Service	27	State Committee on Investments and State Property Management	49	Agency for Provision of Special Property
12	Agency on Statistics	27/1	State Service for Supervision of the Use of State Property	50	Agency for Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services
13	State Agency for Supervision in Education	28	Tax Committee	51	Forestry Agency
14	Ministry of Justice	29	Committee for Food Security	52	Main Archival Administration
15	Ministry of Agriculture	30	Committee on Language and Terminology	53	Main Geology Administration
15/1	State Agricultural Machinery Inspection Service	31	Committee for Women and Family Affairs	54	Main Directorate for the Protection of State Secrets
16	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	32	Committee for Architecture and Construction	55	National Bank of Tajikistan
17	Ministry of Education and Science	32/1	Urbanization Services Licensing Authority	56	Executive Authority of Cities and Districts of Khatlon Region
18	Ministry of Labor, Migration and Employment	32/2	State Inspection and Construction Supervision Service	57	Executive Authority of Cities and Districts of Sughd Region
18/1	State Service for Supervision in Labor, Migration and Employment	32/3	Department of State Expertise for Urban Planning and Design Documentation	58	Executive Authority of Cities and Districts of GBAO
18/2	Migration Service	33	Committee on Religion and Regulation of Traditions and Ceremonies	59	Districts of Republican Subordination
18/3	Agency for Labor and Employment	34	Committee on Television and Radio	60	Executive Authority of Dushanbe City
19	Ministry of Finance	34/1	State Inspectorate for Television and Radio Broadcasting Supervision	61	Agency for Innovation and Digital Technologies
19/1	State Assay Supervision Service	35	Committee for Environmental Protection	62	Committee for Primary and Secondary Vocational Education
19/2	State Treasury of Valuables	35/1	Agency for Hydrometeorology	63	Committee for Housing and Communal Services
19/3	Agency for the Development of the Securities Market and Special Registration	35/2	State Environmental Expertise Authority	64	Agency for the Protection of Historical and Cultural Heritage
20	Ministry of Transport	36	Committee on Youth and Sports	65	State Energy Supervision Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan
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21	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade	38	Enforcement Service		

3. Information of Each Sub-Program / Component

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<tr><td>Hiroshima University (3)

Graduate School
Education, Humanities and Social Sciences

Course / Program
Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, International Peace and Co-existence Program</td><td>・Conflict Resolution
・Global Governance
・International Law
・International Relations
・Peacebuilding
・Peace Studies, etc.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (2)

Graduate School
Asia Pacific Studies

Course / Program
International Cooperation Policy

※TOEFL ITP score of 500 or higher is preferable</td><td>・Conflict Resolution
・Foreign Policy Analysis
・Geopolitics
・International Political Economy
・Peace Studies
・Traditional and Non-Traditional Security, etc.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Purpose of Study
(Background of CP)</td><td colspan="2">Tajikistan is located at the junction of East Asia, South Asia, Europe, Russia, and the Middle East. In addition to being close to major powers such as Russia and China, sharing a long border with Afghanistan, having complex historical relationships with the CIS countries of the former Soviet Union makes Tajikistan a geopolitically complex and important region. In particular, there have been rapid changes in international relations surrounding Tajikistan's neighbors, such as the Taliban's seizure of power in Afghanistan and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. For this reason, Tajikistan's basic policy is an all-round diplomacy that emphasizes balance, but in the absence of alliances with reliable neighbors, it has developed a multi-faceted diplomacy that emphasizes the United Nations, which supported the peace process during the civil war, and participated in various multilateral and regional economic agreements.
Meanwhile, in Central Asia, while Tajikistan has built good relations with Uzbekistan through summit diplomacy in recent years, it is facing two border conflicts with Kyrgyzstan in 2022. From the perspective that regional cooperation to resolve common regional issues is indispensable for the stability and development of Central Asia, Japan has been conducting the "Central Asia plus Japan dialogue" Foreign Ministers' Meeting since 2016, with the aim of cooperation to help a free and open Central Asia maintain and strengthen the international order based on the rule of law and implement sustainable development. In Tajikistan, there is a need for an early resolution of the conflict with Kyrgyzstan and the establishment of sustainable peace.
The JDS program is expected to build good relations with the countries concerned so that it contributes to the sustainable economic and social development of Tajikistan, and to develop human resources who will be responsible for formulating and implementing diplomatic policies in line with international affairs, and policies to deal with geopolitical and international issues.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Ritsumeikan University (3)

Graduate School
Economics

Course / Program
Master’s Program in Economic Development (MPED)

※Math proficiency test is conducted</td><td>・Economic Development
・Economic Growth
・Economic Policy
・Economic Statistics
・Financial Systems
・International Economics
・International Finance
・Macroeconomic Theory
・Microeconomic Theory
・Private Sector Development
・Regional Economics, etc.</td></tr>
<tr><td>International University of Japan (3)

Graduate School
International Management (IM)

Course / Program
-MBA Program
-Japan-Global Development Program

※Math proficiency test is conducted</td><td>・Accounting
・Business Administration
・Corporate Finance
・Data Analytics for Business
・Financial Accounting
・Financial Markets
・International Business
・Market Orientation
・Operations Management, etc.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Purpose of Study
(Background of CP)</td><td colspan="2">After the civil war that lasted from 1992 to 1997 following independence, Tajikistan has been experiencing solid economic growth since 2000, but the gap between urban and rural areas is widening. Also, there has been no shift in the economic structure, such as diversification of industries and high value-adding that accompanies growth, the country’s fragile economic structure is still highly susceptible to the external environment, with approximately 30% of GDP dependent on remittances from migrant workers abroad. The unemployment rate has been worsening since 2016, reaching 7.7% in 2021, and the unemployment rate is particularly high among young people, who make up the majority of the population. The majority of households receive remittances from abroad, with Russia being the major destination country for Tajikistani labor migrants. Although the Russian invasion of Ukraine has not had a significant impact on overseas remittances in the short term, the weakening of the Russian economy due to the prolonged war is expected to significantly increase the unemployment rate in the future due to the return of people, and it is anticipated that the scale of social assistance, including employment measures, will need to be greatly expanded.
Tajikistan’s “National Development Strategy 2016-2030” aims to improve people's living standards through sustainable economic development, and promotes overcoming economic fragility, increasing the added value of industries, promoting import substitution and exports, and focuses on creating jobs, especially in rural areas, through support for entrepreneurship and SMEs in the manufacturing sector such as processing domestic agricultural products.
Japan’s country assistance policy to Tajikistan is having the basic policy of “supporting the development of a country capable of sustainable and stable economic and social development,” and JICA has set “development of economic and industrial development infrastructure” as a priority area and is working on “development of business environment to promote employment.” The JDS program is expected to complement these efforts mentioned above by fostering young administrative officials and practitioners who can formulate and implement economic development policies such as macroeconomic, fiscal, and monetary policies, private sector revitalization, and the establishment of related institutions.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Doshisha University (2)

Graduate School
Global Studies

Course / Program
-American Studies Cluster
-Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster
-Global Society Studies Cluster</td><td>・Development and Governance
・Development Studies
・Gender and Peace
・International Development
・International Public Policy
・Politics and Diplomacy
・Sociology, etc.</td></tr>
<tr><td>International University of Japan (2)

Graduate School
International Relations (IR)

Course / Program
Public Management and Policy Analysis Program (PMPP)

※Math proficiency test is conducted</td><td>・Industrial Organization
・Local Government and Public Service
・Policy Analysis
・Policy Administration
・Public Budgeting
・Policy Evaluation
・Public Governance
・Public Management
・Public Management Information System (e-government)
・Theories of the Policy Process, etc.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Purpose of Study
(Background of CP)</td><td colspan="2">Tajikistan's administrative structure formally retains some elements of the former Soviet Union system, and in addition to the State Committee, which is equivalent to ministries, and there are many committees that are lower than ministries and national civil servants are basically recruited and appointed by each ministry/committee.
According to the Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA), Tajikistan's 2021 IDA Resource Allocation Index (IRAI) is below the average of the 82 countries covered, and there are issues with items related to the administration and organization of public sectors, especially in the areas of quality of public administration, transparency and accountability of the public sectors.
Tajikistan's "National Development Strategy 2016-2030" states that it aims to improve the standard of living of the people through sustainable economic development and strengthens administrative organizations and institutions (improving administrative efficiency and regional development) by setting four strategic goals, which are energy self-sufficiency/efficient use, expansion of transportation and logistics/communication networks, food security and improved nutrition, and expanding employment. It also states that it will promote innovative approaches in all aspects of socioeconomic development, including infrastructure development, energy efficiency, and improvement of basic social services, and development policies, investment plans, and organizational and institutional reforms related to these areas are needed.
The JDS project is positioned as part of JICA's "Human Resources Development Program for Government Officials" and is expected to foster young government officials and practitioners who will contribute to innovative development by acquiring advanced knowledge in new information and communication technologies, as well as in improving public sector organizations and institutions such as the civil service system, public investment, and decentralization.</td></tr>
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IV. Special Trainings and Events

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

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 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 Pre-return Program

JDS Pre-return Program is held half a year before returning home, inviting all JDS Fellows from each university.

During this program, 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









Capital is **TOKYO**!

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 Shiretoko, and so much MORE!

Summer



Spring



Seasons – Japan has four seasons!

Winter





Autumn

















Food! – everything from Sushi to Hamburgers



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



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

General Data:
Land area → 378,000km^2
Population → Approx. 123million (2026)
GDP → USD4.38trillion (2026)
GDP per capita → USD35,973 (2025)
People → nice & polite
Currency → YEN (¥)
(10TJS≒172JPY as of Sep 2026)



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