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20 August 2024

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Attn: Officer In-charge of Foreign Trainings

Dear Sir / Madam,

### Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship Programme (JDS) - Call for Applications for the Academic Year 2025/2026

We are pleased to inform you that, the Government of Japan has invited nominations from eligible Government Officials in Sri Lanka for the above long-term Scholarship programme.

Accordingly, the Government of Japan has planned to provide 15 Scholarships for Master's Degree Programme and 02 Scholarships for Doctoral Course to Sri Lankan public sector officials for the academic year 2025/2026 to pursue studies in Japanese universities.

The identified fields of study and universities for the Master's Degree programme are given below.

Component - Field of Study		University/ Graduate School
1.1 Public Policy Studies		Meiji University
		International University of Japan
1.2 Economics	1.2.1. Macro Economics Studies	International Christian University Hiroshima University
	1.2.2. Public Finance and Investment Management	Nagoya University
	1.2.3. Industry Development Policy and Investment Promotion	International University of Japan
1.3 Urban and Regional Development		The University of Tokyo University of Tsukuba

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Please note that only the duly completed applications for the Master's Degree programme received by ERD before 4.00 p.m. on 01<sup>st</sup> November 2024 and PhD programme received by ERD before 4.00 p.m. on 06<sup>th</sup> December 2024, with the line ministry covering letter and other relevant documents as stipulated above, will be processed. The qualifications and requirements for these programme are as follows.

### **Criteria of Eligibility for Master's Degree Programme**

1. To be a Citizen of Sri Lanka with the age of 40 or below as of 01<sup>st</sup> April 2025
2. To be a Bachelor's Degree holder
3. Confirmed officials or completed the probation period and eligible for confirmation.
4. Should be a "Executive/ Senior Executive", those who are mentioned in the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006, Annexure II, Page 2, IV Senior Level, and Page 5, 3.10 & 3.11
5. Officials those who belong to Board of Investment (BOI) can only apply to CP 1-2-3 "Industry Development Policy and Investment Promotion"
6. Officials those who belong to National Building Research Organization (NBRO), Central Environmental Authority (CEA), National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB), Waste Management Authority (WMA) can only apply to CP 1-3 "Urban and Regional Development"
7. Should be in good health both mentally and physically
8. English language ability which is sufficient to study at the graduate level
9. A person falls under any of the following items is not eligible to apply:
  - Military personnel registered on the active list or person on alternative military service
  - Those who are currently awarded or scheduled to receive another scholarship
  - Those who have obtained a master's or higher degree overseas under the support of foreign scholarship

### **Criteria of Eligibility for Doctoral Programme**

1. To be a Citizen of Sri Lanka with the age of 45 or below as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025
2. Be a **JDS Returned Fellow (those completed Master's Degree of JDS), or those who completed Master's course in Japan**
3. **Have returned to and served for the country for a certain years set by his or her organization** after completion of Master's Degree.
4. Belong to the **Target Group of JDS and his/ her research theme is relevant to the Development Issues of Sri Lanka**
5. In principle, **enroll in the same graduate school of the university where he or she obtained a Master's Degree** in Japan. Due to some circumstances, enrollment to other graduate school of the university will also be acceptable.

The application guidelines/documents and Universities information can be downloaded at the following website <https://jds-scholarship.org> and ERD Form can be downloaded from <http://www.erd.gov.lk/>

Accordingly, the **Online Promotional Seminars** have been organized to promote and encourage eligible government officials in all island Services to apply for Master's Degree under the JDS



programme. It is also expected to disseminate detailed information and application procedures on the JDS through these seminars.

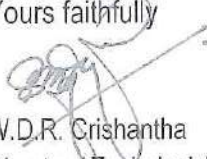
Details of the online promotional seminars are as follows, (Please contact JDS to join the programme [jds.srilanka@jice.org](mailto:jds.srilanka@jice.org))

Date	Time	Language
30 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	14.00 - 15.00	English Medium
6 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	14.00 - 15.00	Sinhala Medium
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	14.00 - 15.00	Tamil Medium
27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	14.00 - 15.00	Sinhala Medium
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	14.00 - 15.00	Sinhala Medium

You are kindly requested to circulate this letter among the all agencies which are coming under the preview of your Ministry and encourage to apply all qualified officials for this scholarship programme. It is also requested to grant official leave once they are selected to the programme.

Your early action in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

  
W.D.R. Crishantha  
Director / Technical Assistance  
for Director General



## About JDS

The objective of JDS is to support human resources development of Sri Lanka. Targeting young government officials, who are expected to be leaders of the country, and to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development policies after their return. JDS Fellows shall contribute to an expanded and enhanced foundation for bilateral relations with Japan as persons having well-rounded knowledge of Japan.

## Eligibility

- (1) To be citizens of Sri Lanka
- (2) Below the age of 40, as of April 1st 2025
- (3) Should have a good command of both written and spoken English
- (4) "Executives/Senior Executives", mentioned in the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006, Annexure II, Page 2, IV Senior Level, and Page 5, 3.10 & 3.11
- (5) Semi-government staffs (BOI, NBRO, CEA, NWSDB, WMA) can also apply under limited components
- (6) Applicants are expected to have special interest in studying in Japan as well as motivation to utilize their experience and human network developed through JDS in their career

## Benefits

- One round trip airfare between Sri Lanka and Japan
- Monthly living allowance
- Full tuition fee at accepting university
- Other designated allowances (ex. buying books, travelling and seminar attendance, overseas travel insurance, etc.)

## Voice from a Returned Fellow



**Ms. K.A. Nirmala Priyadarshani**  
Assistant Secretary  
Public Service Commission

**International University of Japan  
GS of International Relations**

Enrolling as a member of the 13<sup>th</sup> batch of the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) at the International University of Japan (IUJ) to pursue a Master's degree in Public Management has allowed me to experience a life-changing academic adventure that has greatly influenced my goals and perspectives. My learning environment at IUJ is active and supportive of both intellectual and personal development, thanks to its distinguished instructors, diverse student body, and worldwide curriculum.

My intense education at IUJ's Public Management program has given me a thorough understanding of organizational leadership, strategic planning, and policy analysis in the context of public administration. My theoretical understanding has grown, but I've also gained the practical abilities I need to handle challenging situations in public service from courses like Public Budgeting, Public Policy Process, Policy Analysis and Policy Evaluation.

The focus that IUJ places on experiential learning and real-world application has been crucial in bridging the theory-practice divide outside of the classroom. Participating in case studies, group projects, and simulations has sharpened my analytical and decision-making talents, equipping me to successfully traverse public management issues in the real world. In addition, I have had the privilege of taking part in research thesis, teaching assistant role, internships, and extracurricular activities that have enhanced my academic endeavors.

To sum up, my experience at IUJ has been inspiring and developing. It has nourished my passion for advancing the public good and equipped me to take on challenging problems in public administration. With optimism and determination, I look forward to applying my knowledge and skills to contribute positively to the future of public service and development in my country and beyond.

**Doctoral Degree Course is also available!**

## Information

**JICE JDS Project Office in Sri Lanka**



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Designed by JICE in August 2024



# Study in Japan JDS 2024

**The Project for Human Resource  
Development Scholarship (JDS)  
in Sri Lanka**



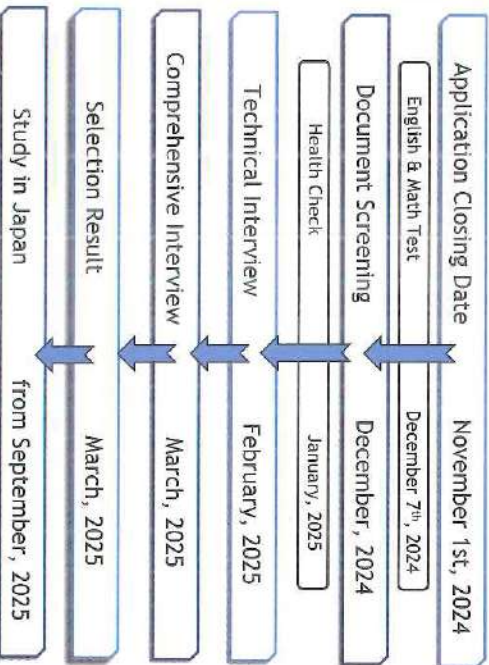
From  
the People of Japan



## Framework

Sub-Program Target Priority Areas	Component Development Issues	Expected Research Areas	Accepting University	Graduate School	Course/Program	Degree to be Chained	Slots	Target
1. Building a Strong Base for Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth	1-1. Public Policy Studies	International relations, Social and Welfare Policy, International Development, Environmental Policy, Administration, Governance, Local Autonomy, etc.	Meiji University  International University of Japan	Graduate School of Governance Studies  Graduate School of International Relations	Major in Governance Studies (1) Public Policy (2) International Development Policy (3) Community Planning and Management	Master of Public Policy  Master of Arts in Public Management or Master of Arts in Public Policy (PMPP)	2  2	
	1-2. Economics	Economic Development, Including Sustainable Growth and Job Creation, Macroeconomics/ Econometrics, Statistical/ Statistical Analysis, Environment, Agricultural Economics, etc.	Nagoya University  Hiroshima University	Graduate School of International Development  (1) Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (2) Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society	International Development and Cooperation Program in Economic Development Policy and Management  (1) Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, International Economic Development Program (2) Research Area Social Innovation Science Special Educational Program on Microeconomic Studies	Master of Arts in International Development  (1) a. Master of Philosophy b. Master of Economics c. Master of Business Administration d. Master of International Cooperation Studies (2) Master of Philosophy	2  2	"Excellent Senior Executives" mentioned in the Public Administration Criterion No.082005, Annexure II, Page 2, IV Senior Level, and Page 5, 3.10 & 3.11.  (* BOI slots can apply for 1-2-3.)  (* 4 Sem-government organization staffs can apply for 1-3.)  National Building Research Organization (NBRO), Central Environmental Authority (CEA), National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB), and Waste Management Authority (WMA)
1-2-1. Macroeconomics Studies	Fiscal Policy, Fiscal Management/ Policy/ Public Investment Management, etc.	International University of Japan	Graduate School of International Management	International Development and Cooperation Program in Economic Development Policy and Management	Master of Arts in International Development	2		
1-2-2. Public Finance and Investment Management	Industrial Policy, Investment and Export Promotion, Small and Medium Enterprise Investment, etc.	International University of Japan	Graduate School of International Management	MBWJapan-Global Development Program	Master of Business Administration	2		
	1-2-3. Industry Development Policy and Investment Promotion	Urban and regional development Planning/ Policy, Agricultural/ Rural Development Policies, Environmental Management/ Policies, Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management/ Disaster Prevention Policy, Community Infrastructure Development Management, Urban Economics, Land Use Planning, Transportation and Traffic Planning, etc.	University of Tsukuba  The University of Tokyo	Graduate School of Science and Technology  School of Engineering	Master's Program in Environmental Sciences (SUSTEP Program)  Department of Civil Engineering	Master of Environmental Sciences  Master of Engineering	2  1	

## Selection Procedure



## Promotion Seminars

Online promotion seminars are scheduled as below,

- August 30th (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - English Medium
- September 6th (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - Sinhala Medium
- September 13th (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - Tamil Medium
- September 27th (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - Sinhala Medium
- October 11th (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - Sinhala Medium

University Promotion Seminar is also available!

Please visit our website for more information!

Contact [ids.srlanka@jice.org](mailto:ids.srlanka@jice.org) to join!

## How to Apply

1. Access the JDS website
2. Download the Application Form (AF) and other designated forms from the website
3. Complete the Application Form and arrange the all the required documents
4. Submit the application documents as instructed in the Application Guide

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



Application Guideline (AG), Application Form (AF) and University Information can be downloaded from the website above.