



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK- JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

In 1988, the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) was established to encourage and strengthen human resource development. It aims to give qualified citizens of ADB’s developing member countries (DMCs) opportunities to pursue postgraduate studies in economics, business and management, science and technology, and other development-related fields at selected educational institutions in Asia and the Pacific. After their studies, the scholars are expected to return to their home countries to apply and share their new knowledge and skills to promote socioeconomic development.

WHAT IS OFFERED

The ADB–JSP provides:

- full tuition fees
- monthly subsistence allowance (including housing)
- books and instructional materials
- medical insurance
- travel expenses

For scholars engaged in research, a special grant may be available for thesis preparation. In special circumstances, computer literacy, preparatory language, and other similar courses may be covered under the scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The candidate should:

- be a national of an ADB borrowing member country and Japanese official development assistance scholarship-eligible country;
- not hold dual citizenship of any developed country;
- have gained admission to an approved master’s course at a Designated Institution;
- hold a bachelor’s degree or its equivalent with superior academic record;
- have at least 2 years of full-time professional working experience (acquired after a university degree) at the time of application. The candidate must have proficiency in oral and written English communication skills to be able to pursue studies;
- not be more than 35 years old at the time of application, unless waived in exceptional cases with the expressed endorsement of the Government of Japan;
- be in good health;
- agree to return and work in their home country for at least 2 years after completion of studies under the program in order to contribute to its development;
- not be an executive director, alternate director, member of management, staff, or consultant of ADB, nor a close relative of any of the aforementioned by blood or adoption with the term “close relative” defined as spouse, mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, sister, stepsister, brother, stepbrother, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew;
- not be staff of ADB–JSP Designated Institution;
- not be living or working in a country other than their home country; and
- not be already enrolled in graduate degree programs.

PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING

Applicants should indicate to the academic institution to which they are applying for admission that they would like to be considered for the ADB–JSP Scholarship. The completed institution application form and required documentation, including the ADB–JSP application form, should be submitted to the academic institution. Applicants must ensure that they submit accurate and complete documentation. Failure to do so may result in an application not being processed or to an award being terminated if documentation or information provided is later determined to be false. Applicants are required to submit their latest Income tax return or certification of their annual salary or monthly salary, whichever is available. They should also submit a certification of family income (parents’ income).

MAJOR FIELDS OF STUDY



Science and Technology

Agriculture, Biological Science, Computer Science, Energy, Engineering, Environment, Forestry, Genetics, and Health



Economics, Business and Management

Accounting, Business Administration/Management, Commerce, E-Business, Entrepreneurship, Economics, Finance, International Cooperation, and Social Sciences



Development Studies

Asia Pacific Studies, Development Management, and Development Studies



Law and Public Policy

International Business Law, International Environmental Law, Policy Studies, Political Science, Public Administration, and Public Policy

About the Asian Development Bank

ADB is a leading multilateral development bank supporting sustainable, inclusive, and resilient growth across Asia and the Pacific. Working with its members and partners to solve complex challenges together, ADB harnesses innovative financial tools and strategic partnerships to transform lives, build quality infrastructure, and safeguard our planet. Founded in 1966, ADB is owned by 69 members—50 from the region.

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