

Voices from JDS Scholars

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My 2-year journey at Kyoto University under JDS program, one of Japan's top universities, was truly remarkable, incredible and I am deeply grateful for this life-changing opportunity. The supervisors in my laboratory were incredibly friendly and generous, offering unwavering support and creating an environment where I could develop my academic career without financial worries. My labmates, coming from diverse cultural backgrounds, also further enriched my experience. JDS program is not just a full scholarship program – it's a holistic program that cares for every aspect of a scholar's well-being.

Each of us had a dedicated coordinator who meet us every 3 months. Those meetings went beyond academic updates; they were opportunities to share life's challenges, receive guidance, and even build personal connections. I feel fortunate to have formed close friendship with my coordinator, who was always there to support me. Reflecting on my two years in Japan, I realise how rewarding this experience has been, both academically and personally. I will always cherish the knowledge, network and memories I gained through JDS program. To anyone considering to apply, I wholeheartedly recommend it – it will bring you life-changing journey that worth trying.

Pham Anh Ton (JDS 2023-2025), Rikkyo University, State Bank of Viet Nam

Studying at Rikkyo University under JDS program has been a pivotal and honorable step in my professional journey. This chance has allowed me to engage in more advanced academic research while expanding my horizons in Japan with quite a rich academia. With support from JDS, I earned opportunities to learn about other disciplines like agriculture, history, financial markets, and political systems. These experiences not only enrich my perspective but also undoubtedly equip me with comprehensive insights for policy advisory



roles in Vietnam in particular financial management and state management in banking industry. Furthermore, I think that the proximity of Vietnam and Japan in both geographical and cultural aspects makes learning from Japan's experiences extremely valuable and will definitely support me in my future career. With the knowledge I have gained, I completed a Vietnamese banking research and had the honor of presenting it at a conference held at the University of Tokyo. This research was subsequently published in an international scientific journal, marking a significant achievement in my academic pursuits. I deeply gratitude the generous and tireless support from JDS coordinators in both Vietnam and Japan, as well as the government of two countries, for granting me this invaluable learning opportunity.

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"Better late than never" – this saying has stayed with me since the moment I arrived in Japan, a breathtaking country with hidden strength and potential that captivates the world. As a fellow specializing in public transportation, I have privilege to attend professional workshops, learn from esteemed professors, and, most inspiringly, witness the remarkable operation of Japan's public transportation system. The precision and convenience of its railways are awe-inspiring. These hands-on experiences have provided me with

invaluable knowledge and, more importantly, instilled in me a new way of thinking and aspiration to contribute to elevating Vietnam's public transportation system. And my journey here is not just about academics. I have eagerly embraced cultural exchange activities, from the profound artistry of Noh theater to the witty charm of Kyogen comedy, and other cultural treasures that reflect the soul of Japan. Each experience has deepened my appreciation for this country's spirit and identity while igniting within me a powerful drive to grow, to give back, and to make a meaningful impact on my homeland.

Information Session Schedule

Please visit JDS website for the schedule of information sessions organized by JDS Project Office in Viet Nam.

Closing Date for Application

17:00 March 19th 2025 (for master course)

17:00 April 11th 2025 (for doctoral course)

Application form, guidelines and university information can be downloaded at:

<https://jds-scholarship.org/country/vietnam/index.html>

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MASTER & PhD SCHOLARSHIP to STUDY in JAPAN



The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship in Viet Nam (JDS)



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Objective

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) is the long-term scholarship project for the Government of Viet Nam through the assistance of the Government of Japan. Its objective is to provide Vietnamese citizens working in the public sector with opportunities for obtaining master's degree (2-year course) and doctoral degree (3-year course) at Japanese universities in order to support the human resource development of the Government of Viet Nam, and eventually to extend and strengthen the bilateral relations between Japan and Viet Nam. 45 young public employees, who are expected to play leadership roles in Viet Nam, will be selected for master course and 5 will be selected for doctoral course.

Allowances for JDS Applicants

All the selection costs will be covered by JDS Project, including:

- (1) Fee for English test and health check-up.
- (2) Transport and accommodation allowances for attending interviews in Hanoi.

Scholarship Benefits

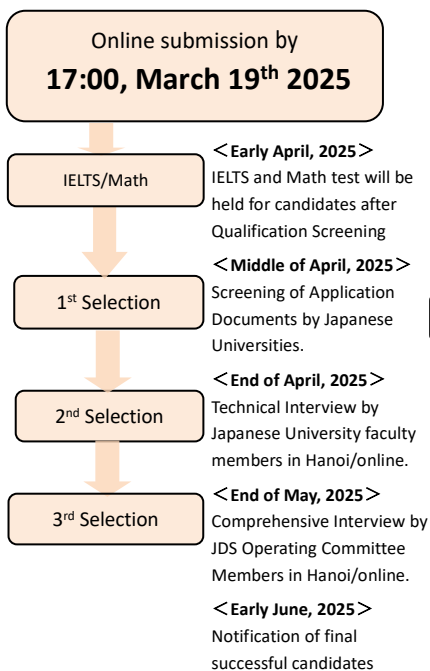
JDS is a FULL scholarship program, including:

- (1) Tuition fee at Japanese higher educational institutions
- (2) Air ticket between Viet Nam and Japan (round trip)
- (3) Monthly scholarship
- (4) Accommodation allowance in Japan
- (5) Arrival allowance
- (6) Subsidiary allowance (Seminars, Books, Medical Insurance, etc.)

Eligibility for Master Course

1. Vietnamese public employees residing in Viet Nam at the time of application.
2. Between age of 24 and 39 as of April 1, 2025.
3. Minimum of 12-month full-time work experience after graduation (at the time of application) in current organization of public sector with social insurance covered by organization.
4. Holding a bachelor's degree (full-time training) from universities authorized by the Government of Viet Nam or other countries.

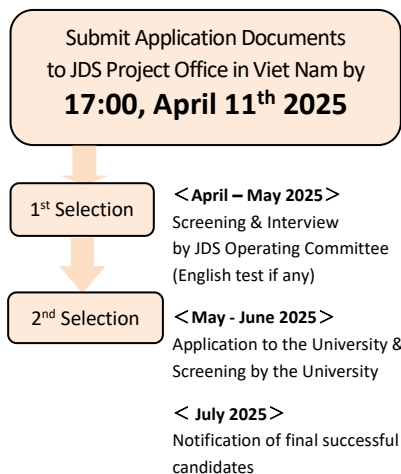
Selection Schedule for Master Course



Eligibility for Doctoral Course

1. Vietnamese public employees residing in Viet Nam at the time of application.
2. Be at the age of 45 or under 45 as of April 1st, 2025.
3. Minimum of 12-month full-time work experience after graduation (at the time of application) in current organization of public sector with social insurance covered by organization.
4. Obtained a Master's Degree from universities in a foreign country (under full-time and formal training).

Selection Schedule for Doctoral Course



Components & Universities for Master Course

Components	University (slot) Graduate School (GS)	Components	University (slot) Graduate School (GS)
1-1 Strengthening of Market Economy System	1. Kobe University (2) GS of International Cooperation Studies	2-1 Health Care/ Social Security	11. Nagasaki University (4) GS of Tropical Medicine and Global Health
	2. International Christian University (2) GS of Arts and Sciences	2-2 Responding to the Threats of Climate Change, Disaster, Environmental Destruction	12. University of Tsukuba (4) GS of Science and Technology
	3. International University of Japan (2) GS of International Management		13. Kyoto University (2) GS of Global Environmental Studies
1-2 Improving of Economic Infrastructure and Traffic Accessibility (Transportation)	4. Saitama University (2) GS of Science and Engineering	3-1 Strengthening of the Legal System	14. Nagoya University (2) GS of Law
1-3 Improving of Economic Infrastructure and Traffic Accessibility (Energy)	5. Hiroshima University (2) GS of Advanced Science and Engineering GS of Humanities and Social Sciences GS of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society		15. Kyushu University (2) GS of Law
			16. Tohoku University (2) GS of Law
1-4 Human Resource Development for Industrial Development	6. Kobe University (2) GS of International Cooperation Studies	3-2 Strengthening of the Administrative Capacity	17. Meiji University (3) GS of Governance Studies
	7. Hiroshima University (2) GS of Humanities and Social Sciences GS of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society		
1-5 Agriculture and Rural Development	8. Kyushu University (2) GS of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences		18. Rikkyo University (2) GS of Business
	9. The University of Tokyo (2) GS of Agricultural and Life Sciences	19. International University of Japan (2) GS of International Relations	
	10. Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (2) GS of Agriculture	20. Ritsumeikan University (2) GS of International Relations	

Components & Universities for Doctoral Course

For doctoral course, universities and slot for each university are not fixed. Applicants can apply for any university in Japan that provides the courses matching with the above components. There are 05 slots for doctoral course.