

Framework of JDS Maldives 2025

Sub-Program (Priority Areas)	Component (Development Issues)	Accepting Universities	Course *Click each course name to visit school's website	Degree	Expected Research Area	Slots
Strengthening Governance	Economic and Industrial Policy	International University of Japan (IUJ) Graduate School of International Relations	International Development Program (IDP) (2 years)	Master of Arts in Economics or Master of Arts in International Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic Policy - Fiscal Policy - Public Economics - Industrial Policy - Investment Promotion Policy - Development Policy - Export Promotion Policy, etc. 	2
	Administrative Capacity Development	Ritsumeikan University Graduate School of International Relations	Global International Relations Program (2 years)	Master of Arts in International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance - International Relations - Public Policy - Decentralization Policy - Peace Building Policy - (National) Safety Study - International law - Human Rights - Public Administration, etc. 	2
		Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies	International Cooperation Policy (ICP) (2 years)	Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy		2



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Alumni Testimonials

JDS 2025

THE PROJECT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP



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Applying for the JDS scholarship was one of my best decisions. My time in Japan has enriched me academically and personally. The professors, experts in their fields, and the university's diverse, critical thinking-focused classes have significantly enhanced my skills.

Kyoto's serene environment supports focused studying, and immersing in Japanese culture has broadened my global perspective.

Although adapting to a new language and lifestyle was challenging, JDS staff provided invaluable support throughout. For those contemplating studying in Japan, I strongly encourage it; the experience is transformative, shaping your perspective and creating lifelong memories.

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Mr. Hassan Nawaaf

(Ministry of Foreign Affairs)



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One of the main reasons why I chose to apply for the JDS scholarship for my master's degree is because I wanted to expand my perspectives beyond the western-centric traditions of higher education. I feel like studying in Japan certainly provides the best of both worlds in that aspect; all of my classes are in English, and all of my Professors are experts in their respective fields – with qualifications and experiences from prestigious institutions all over the world – but they have also been able to provide a more nuanced understanding of concepts and theories which resonates with me personally.

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Ms. Aminath Naufa Rushdi

(Ministry of Foreign Affairs)



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Japan is a very convenient country, and anyone could survive without knowing the language, and if you are interested, many courses are provided by the university as well as JICE to foster Japanese language proficiency among students. The JDS Scholarship has been a great learning opportunity for me at one of the most elite Public Policy schools in the world. There are endless resources to help you understand and learn the material better.

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Mr. Ahmed Azyan Hameed

(Ministry of Finance)



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Being selected as a JDS scholar means being well guided from the start of student life till graduation. JICE made it so easy to adjust in Japan even during the covid-19 situation. You will be provided the necessary Japanese language skills and other guidance to live in Japan by JICE. Furthermore, you will be having quarterly meetings with the JICE coordinator so you can discuss your research progress and issues encountered in daily life. Hence, if you get selected, be rest assured because you are in good hands. This opportunity is certainly a life-changing opportunity personally and professionally.

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Ms. Sumaa Mohammed

(Ministry of Tourism and Environment)



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The resources offered by the university, including the library, online materials, and dedicated study spaces, significantly improved my research skills and academic writing abilities. I am grateful for the support and guidance provided by JICE to help me adapt to life in Japan. This scholarship opened doors for academic advancement and enriched my personal growth. It has inspired me to strive for excellence, embrace new cultural experiences, and make a positive impact in my chosen field.

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Mr. Ahmed Musid

(Family Protection Authority)



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