

## Research Plan and Career Plan<sup>8</sup>

Write a brief research plan of your proposed Master's or Ph.D. thesis more than 700 words (minimum 3 pages).

Below is an example of the structure of the research plan. Usage of this structure is not essential but strongly recommended.

(a) **TITLE** of your Master's or Ph.D. thesis

(b) **INTRODUCTION** (1 paragraph):

To state clearly what your research interests are. Necessary to include the followings:

- Background information regarding the selected topic and your involvement (e.g. what is the main reason that you chose the topic, your relevant working experience, etc.)
- The main objective of your study

(c) **MAIN BODY** (approximately 3 paragraphs):

To provide specific information to support your ideas. To explain what you are going to study and how the research is conducted.

Necessary to include the followings:

- Brief explanation for your analysis of this topic.
- Brief explanation for your research methodology.

(d) **CONCLUSION** (1 paragraph):

To stress the most important point(s) of your research plan, and your future work. Necessary to include the followings:

- The skills which you wish to obtain in Japan.
- How you intend to utilize your research to solve the issue(s) mentioned in the first part of the plan after returning to your home country.

\*For Ph.D. courses, please attach your master thesis in English and related papers (if any).

### !! IMPORTANT !!

- ✓ It is recommended to make prior contact the faculty before submitting the applications in order to know whether or not the university can accept the research plan. You should write the research plan in light of the requirements and characteristics of the Master's or Ph.D. course.
- ✓ It must be demonstrated that your academic background and/or job experience are sufficient enough to engage in and complete the Master's or Ph.D. course in Japan. In this regard, it is essential for you to select a research theme which is associated with your current or future job.
- ✓ If you are currently employed, it is desirable for you to discuss with your organization to get supporting references, such as a policy

## Career Plan after Graduation<sup>8</sup>

In connection with the fields of study, please describe your idea /plan to utilize your knowledge, skills and experiences that you obtained in Japan after returning to your home country in 400-500 words.

Please be reminded of the aim of SDGs Global Leadership Program which expects the participants to be leaders who share values of Japan in order to help establish and maintain mid and long - term good relations between Japan and the participants' countries