

JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long Term Participants

General Information on SDGs Global Leadership Program

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「SDGs グローバルリーダー・コース」

This information pertains to one of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)'s Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long-Term). This handout gives information on the overview of the program. This program will be implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both governments. Each country may have its own schedule and/or qualifications for the program. With regard to the additional information, please contact JICA overseas office in your country.

1. Overview

Until now, JICA has provided training programs as a part of technical cooperation in various fields. In order to strengthen a network among the target countries in respective fields, JICA established a new long-term training program to foster young/middle bureaucrats, academicians and leading human resources in various fields of target countries who will make influence on policy making processes of their countries or will contribute to socioeconomic development in near future.

SDGs Global Leadership Program is newly established in JFY 2019 to promote cooperation for sustainable development in the world, under the framework of JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP).

The program will provide candidates with special program on Japanese developmental experience and internships if necessary, in addition to obtaining Masters or PhD. degree.

2. Objectives

1. To develop high level human resources who would contribute to appropriate policy decision and its implementation for tackling political and developmental issues in respective fields.
2. To establish and maintain mid and long term good relations between the target countries and Japan.

3. Program Outline

The program consists of the acceptance of scholars from 34 countries including 8 ASEAN member states, 14 countries from Pacific region, 5 countries from South Asia, 4 from East and Central Asia, 3 from Latin America, 2 from Africa

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| ASEAN | Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia Myanmar, Philippine, Thailand, and Vietnam |
| Pacific | Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu |
| South Asia | Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Maldives |
| East and Central Asia | Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Georgia |
| Latin America | Bolivia, El Salvador, Jamaica |
| Africa | Kenya, Rwanda |

This Overview Information shows the Information related to long-term courses including Master's degree course, Ph.D. course, and combined Master's and Ph.D. course.

Candidates may select the university, to which he/she wishes to apply, from the universities which have concluded an agreement on accepting JICA participants on the condition that the candidate passes the entrance examination. Detailed information on these partner

universities will be provided separately.

Proposed research topics will be the one that contribute to the Government policy for the sustainable development (Example: Administration/public policy, finance, international politics/diplomacy, regional research, business, international trade/investment, disaster risk reduction, maritime issues etc.)

In addition to the programs in the master's and Ph.D. courses, the activities such as short-term program (e.g. Understanding the Japanese Development Experience¹), and/or internship program will be planned in order to enrich the participants' academic and personal experience of their courses of studies at the universities,.

Especially for Pacific Islands countries, Participants must participate in internship program at public or private entities about 2 weeks during summer break. JICA will prepare the contents and schedule of the internship in close consultation with the Participants and host organizations. Internship programs are carried out in English. In principle, no reward or compensation should be paid to the participants or host organizations.

4. Duration

In principle, 2 years for Master's Program and 3 years for Ph.D. Program (It depends on each program offered by universities)²

5. Number of Participants

70 participants (Breakdown is as below)

ASEAN: Up to 26 participants

Pacific: Up to 25 participants

South Asia: 5-10 participants

East and Central Asia: Up to 4 participants

Latin America: Up to 3 participants

Africa: Up to 2 participants

¹ As part of JICA-DSP, this program is co-organized by GRIPS and JICA for JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long Term Participants. The program offers participants with opportunities to gain a deep understanding of the Japanese development experience, and to draw lessons and gain insights that will support their development work in their home countries and internationally.

² The preparatory period as a research student or credited auditor prior to the regular student up to 6months, or the length of their stay for Practical Training (internship) at a company may be added.

6. Language to be used in this Program

English

7. Eligibility

Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Current Duties: Young or middle Government official, prospective academics, personal from private institutions who are expected to contribute policy formulation or its implementation for tackling sustainable developmental issues in respective fields.
2. Nationality: Citizen of the above countries eligible for Japan's ODA
3. Age: less than forty (40) years old in principle (As of April 1st 2019)
4. Educational Background: have a Bachelor Degree or Master Degree
5. Language: Adequate English skills both in written and oral communication to complete the master's and/or Ph.D. courses such as;

TOEFL iBT: 80

CEFR: B2

If the accepting university assesses that the candidate possesses English proficiency equivalent to the scores above, the candidate may be qualified at the discretion of the accepting university.

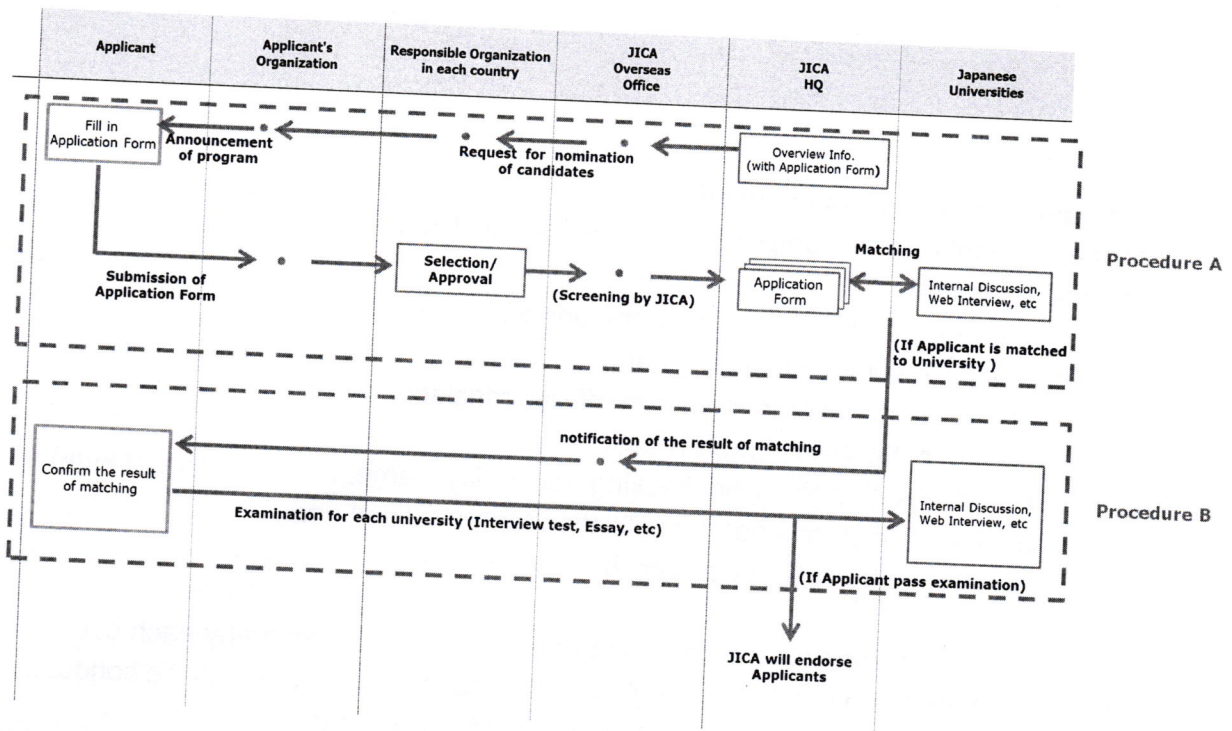
6. Others: Applicants must not be receiving nor planning to receive another scholarship during the program.

8. Admissions

Participants must pass University's usual admission procedures including examinations to enter the program.

9. Application Guidelines

Participants must apply through both Procedure A and B.
The flow of application is as follows.



Procedure A: JICA Application

Participants must apply through the procedure as below.

This is an application process necessary for both participant's Government and the Government of Japan for the Official Development Assistance.

(1) Procedures and Required Documents for Application:

Each participant is required to submit the "Application documents" listed in(2) below to JICA overseas office in your country. Please refer to the Appendix 2&3 for the guideline and format.

(2) Application Documents

1) JICA Application Form for Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Appendix-2)

consists of:

- Personal Information
- Education Background
- Work Experiences
- Consent for joining this program from current employer /organization

2) Application Form for SDGs Global Leadership Program for FY2019 (Appendix-3)

consists of:

- Declaration of desired University placement
- Research Plan
- Career Plan

3) Graduation certificate.

- * Officially certified copies of the original
 - * Written in English or accompanied with official translation
- 4) Academic transcript
- * Must contain all the grades earned in the university
 - * Officially certified copies of the original
 - * Written in English or accompanied with official translation
- 5) Photocopy of certificate of English Test**
- 6) A copy of Passport with photo (for checking nationality, name, sex, and date of birth).
- 7) 2 ID photos (4cm × 3cm) pasted on application form (Original and copy)
- 8) Health certificate (To be submitted later ³)

Based on the above documents, Applicants are nominated and approved by each country's government, and then approved by JICA. After this procedure, screening will be conducted at the proposed universities. The result will be informed to applicants.

Please kindly note that university might reject applicants due to lack of the above required documents, or your research plan may not be accepted by proposed universities.

Procedure B: University Application

Participants must follow each university's application procedure based on the result of Procedure A.

³ If applicants pass the examination, Health certificate with JICA format will be required. Without the certificate, admission might be rejected.

10. Schedule

| Date | Process |
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| By the End of January, 2019 | Nomination of candidate applicants in respective organizations |
| | Selection of candidate participants by responsible organization in each country |
| | "Application Documents" must be submitted to JICA overseas office in respective countries. |
| By the end of February, 2019 | Screening by JICA Consultation with university (including Web Interview) |
| | Notification of the result of matching through JICA overseas office |
| March- April, 2019 | Preparation for University's application by the applicant |
| | University's application procedure *Examination schedule is followed by each university |
| May - August, 2019 | Preparation for study in Japan if applicants pass examination |
| August - October, 2019 | Orientation is conducted by JICA overseas office before departure |
| | Arrival in Japan |
| | Orientation is conducted by JICA |
| | Beginning of Term |

*Schedule for the application and examination depends on each university (some university courses start from April, 2020).

11. Expenses To Be Borne By JICA

Under the JICA Long-term Trainee Allowance standards, JICA will cover expenses and allowance to participants accepted for the program. See the table below for further details. Note that the payments (e.g. for tuition, research support expenses, school support expenses) will not be paid to the training participants themselves, but directly to the university or other relevant institutions.

| Expense category | Payment amount | Payment frequency |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Tuition (official examination fees, entrance fees, course fees) | Actual costs | Every semester |

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| Living Allowance | JPY 143,000–148,000 per month* | Every month via university |
| Airfare | Actual costs | Upon arrival in Japan and upon returning home |
| Outfit Allowance | JPY106,000 | Once (upon arrival in Japan) |
| Moving Allowance | Up to JPY164,000-224,000 | Once (during the training period) |
| Research Support Expenses** | Actual costs(Up to 360,000 per year) | |

*Varies according to living area, type of accommodation, etc.

** Research Support Expenses are allowed to be provided via your university and be disbursed with the approval of your supervisor.

12. Expenses Not To Be Borne By JICA

JICA will not bear costs other than the allowances described above. JICA is not responsible for the following expenses:

- (1) Passport fees (for re-issuance and extensions, etc.)
- (2) Visa fees of a transit country and transportation expenses to obtain Visa
- (3) Transportation expenses to obtain Japanese Visa
- (4) Domestic travel expenses in the home country
- (5) Departure tax
- (6) Airport tax/airport facility charges outside of Japan, including third countries
- (7) Customs duty
- (8) Excess baggage charges
- (9) Compensation for lost and/or damaged baggage
- (10) "no show charge" to the transit airport hotel (non-refundable)
- (11) Lost - ticket fee
- (12) Accommodation fee for day-use hotel in return flight
- (13) Transportation expenses other than official programs
- (14) Telephone bill or mini-bar tab at accommodation

Note: If participant does not follow the regulation of JICA, the participant may have to bear such other cost of necessary expenses.