

WHAT IS "JDS"?

The objective of JDS is to support human resources development of Bhutan, targeting young government officials, who are expected to be leaders of the country, and to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development policies after their return. JDS Fellows shall contribute to an expanded and enhanced foundation for bilateral relations with Japan as persons having well-rounded knowledge of Japan.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Citizens of the Kingdom of Bhutan
- Age of 45 or younger as of April 1, 2026
- Holds Bachelor's degree from universities recognized by the Royal Government of Bhutan or other countries.
- 2 years or more of work experiences in Professional & Management Category at the time of RCSC's application (such experiences shall be related to applying Sub-Program/Component).
- Must be a permanent government employee.
- Belonging to a specific superstructure group listed for each component (and for some components, belonging to the target MOG).

FIELDS OF STUDY

The framework of the JDS project consists of "Sub-Program" and "Component", which correspond to and deal with the selected target priority areas and development issues of Bhutan. JDS Fellows are selected from "Recommended Target Groups" whose mission is closely related to "sub-program" and "component". Accepting Japanese Universities offer educational programs correspond to the needs. The degree to be obtained is master's degree. The medium of instruction is English.

BENEFITS for JDS PARTICIPANTS

- (1) One round trip airfare between Bhutan and Japan
- (2) Monthly living allowance in Japan
- (3) Full tuition fee at Japanese accepting universities
- (4) Other designated allowances (Buying books, Travel and seminar attendance, Overseas travel insurance, etc.)

VOICE FROM JDS FELLOW

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Meiji University

**Bhutan Construction & Transport Authority
(BCTA), MoIT, Thimphu**

I embarked on my journey of educational upgradation at the Graduate School of Governance Studies, Meiji University, as a JDS fellow in the year 2024. This academic journey has been a transformative experience, shaping both my professional abilities and deepening my personal discipline & perspective on life.



This enriching journey has taught me about the power of determination and the value of embracing diverse perspectives.

The opportunity to engage with dedicated professors, supportive staff, and enthusiastic peers has taught me how collaboration and open dialogue augment the learning experience. On a personal level, I have gained invaluable lessons in time management and adaptability- a lifelong lesson that will continue to guide me throughout my life.

Located in the vibrant heart of Tokyo, Meiji University offers more than just academic excellence. It reassures that there is more stepping beyond one's comfort zone, access to exceptional resources—IT infrastructure, an extensive library, insightful museum collections, and the captivating charm of the city itself.

I am extremely grateful to the Japanese government and its people, the JDS program, JICE Officials, and everyone who has supported me to get this far. Japan is a place for growth, connection, and inspiration.

JICE JDS PROJECT OFFICE IN BHUTAN

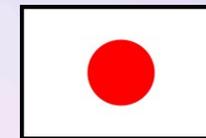
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STUDY IN JAPAN
FOR FUTURE LEADERS



MASTER'S PROGRAMME
DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

JDS

THE PROJECT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

2025



FRAMEWORK OF JDS PROJECT

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

* Please check detail info on Doctoral course through our website or Facebook.

Sub-Program (JDS Priority Areas)	Components (JDS Development Issues)		Upper limit	Accepting University Graduate School (GS)	Degree	Expected research topic	Recommended target Group	Target Agency
							1. Super Structure a. Major Occupational Group (MoG)	
1. Improving Administrative Ability and Institution Building	1-1	Economic Policy Development	2	International University of Japan GS of International Relations	MA in Economics MA of International Development	Economic Policy, Industrial Development Policy, Macroeconomics, Fiscal Management, Investment and Trade Promotion, Tourism Economic Policy, Power Development Policy, etc.	1. Administration Service 2. Finance Service 3. Technical Service (Statistical Services)	*Cross sector
	1-2	Public Policy / Administration and International Relations	3	Meiji University GS of Governance Studies	MA of Public Policy	Public Policy, Governance, Information and Communication Policy, Health Policy, Tourism Policy, public finance (management), Data Analysis, etc.	1. Administration Service 2. Finance Service	*Cross sector
			1	Ritsumeikan University GS of International Relations	MA in International Relations	Public Policy, International Politics, International Economy, Foreign Policy, public diplomacy, area studies, etc.	1. Administration Service 2. Finance Service	*Cross sector
2. Building a Strong Base for Sustained Economic Growth	2-1	Agriculture and Rural Development Policy	1	Hiroshima University GS of Humanities and Social Sciences GS of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society	MA of Economics MA of Business Administration MA of Int'l Cooperation Studies MA of Philosophy	Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Policy, Food Self-Sufficiency, Supply Chain, etc.	1. Technical Service a. Agriculture and Livestock Service Group b. Forestry and Environment Protection Services Group 2. Administration Service 3. Finance Service	*Cross sector
	2-2	Countermeasures for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Policy and Infrastructure Development Policy for Sustainable Economic Growth	2	Nagoya University GS of Environmental Studies GS of Engineering*	MA of Environmental Studies MA of Engineering* *GS of Engineering only offers MA of engineering.	Infrastructure Development Policy, Low Carbon Technology, Disaster Prevention Policy, etc.	1. Technical Service a. Architectural, Engineering and Land Services Group 2. Administration Service 3. Finance Service	*Cross sector
Total Number/ year			8					

Step1: Application to
RCSC routed through
Parent Agency & working
Agency
By Oct 10

Shortlist Announcement
by RCSC
Oct 22

Step2: Online JDS
Application
(MA) Oct 22- Nov 21
(PhD) Oct 22 - Dec 19

✘ **We will be sending 8 masters in 2026.** The sum of the numbers for each university's "Upper Limit" is 9, but the actual number of slots will differ.

✘ The selection process of the **"CP1-2"** will be applicable for both single- and joint-applications. Kindly check Application Guidelines before you apply.

Accepting Universities



Selection Procedure



How to Apply?



<http://jds-scholarship.org/>