Voice from a Returned Fellow

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Being a JDS scholar is one of the best experiences in my life. My two-year study in Japan exposed me to a lot of opportunities holistically. The academic program in IUJ equipped me with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed in analyzing and formulating policies. Since IUJ is a home to students from more than 50 countries, its unique environment exposed me to the best cross-cultural interactions which widened my perspective and my network. This scholarship also provided me an opportunity to become a facilitator for IUJ Executive Development Program where I interacted with Japanese professionals from various Japanese companies. It also allowed me to travel and explore Japan's beautiful sceneries and enjoy its four seasons. Through these precious experiences, I learned more about Japanese culture, values, work ethics, and practices which added value to my personal and professional life.

JDS is the best scholarship for young government professionals offered in Japan. It provides a full range of support from pre-departure up to post-return through its orientation seminars, language trainings, periodical monitoring sessions, and pre-return program. JICE became our "family" who ensured that scholars were well-taken care of. They provided excellent assistance and guidance from our smallest concerns such as filling up of forms to the major ones like apartment-searching and pandemic-related issues during our whole stay in Japan. I will be forever grateful for JDS for making my dreams come true. I encourage you to make your dreams a reality too by grabbing this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Application guidelines/documents and university information can be downloaded at JDS official website:

http://jds-scholarship.org/ https://www.facebook.com/jds.philippines/ or available at JICE JDS project office.

Implementing Organization

National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

Public Investment Staff (PIS)

In cooperation with Civil Service Commission, Department of Foreign Affairs,

&

Embassy of Japan, JICA Philippines Office

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Call for JDS Doctoral Degree's Program

Qualification;

- Citizens of the Philippines
- Under 45 years old as of April 1, 2021
- · Obtained a Master's degree
- Currently employed in the Philippine Government with permanent status for more than two-years after completion of the master degree program.

More details, please contact to JDS Project office in the Philippines.

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The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS) in the Philippines 2020 (For AY 2021-2023)

What is the JDS

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS) was established by the Government of the Philippines with the assistance of the Government of Japan for JFY2002. The objective of JDS is to support human resources development of the Philippines, targeting young officials, who are expected to be leaders of the country, and to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development policies after returned. Participants of the JDS Project shall contribute to an expanded and enhanced foundation for bilateral relations with Japan as persons having well knowledge of Japan.

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 area and development issues of the Philippines. The participants are selected in consideration of relevance to the "sub-program." Accepting Japanese university offers educational programs corresponded to the needs. The degree to be obtained is Master's degree. The medium of Instruction is English.

Eligible Applicants 1) ~3), 5)~7) to be applied generally

- 1) Citizens of the Republic of the Philippines;
- Between 22 and 39 years old as of April 1, 2021;
- Must be an employee of the Philippine Government and not a member of the military;
- Currently employed with permanent status and 2 years of work experience in duties particularly relevant to the selected Component, at the time of application;
- 5) Possess a bachelor degree relevant to the target fields;
- Have a performance rating of at least "Very Satisfactory" from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020:
- Have not been awarded any other foreign scholarships for obtaining a master's degree.

Benefits of JDS Participants

- (1) One round trip airfare between the Philippines and Japan
- (2) Monthly living allowance in Japan
- (3) Full tuition fees of accepting universities
- (4) Other designated allowances (field study, etc.)

Selection Process

- 1) Academic Aptitude Test in December 2020
- 2) Screening Documentation by each Accepting University in January 2021
- 3) Technical Interview with the Japanese professors in February 2021
- 4) Comprehensive Interview with the OC members in March 2021

Framework of JDS (17th-20th Batch of JDS Fellows)

Sub-program	Component	University Graduate School	Course/ Program	Degree to be obtained	Study Period	Slot
1. Public Policy Science and Technology for Sustainable Economic Growth	1-1. Enhancement of Public Administration and Finance	International University of Japan Graduate School of International Relations	Public Management and Policy Analysis Program (PMPP)	Master of Arts in Public Management	2y	1
		Meiji University Graduate School of Governance Studies	(a.) Public Policy Program (b.) International Development Policy Program (c.) Community Planning and Management Program	Master of Public Policy	2у	2
		International Christian University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	Public Policy and Social Research Program	(a.) Master of Arts in Public Administration (b.) Master of Arts in International Relations	2у	2
		Hitotsubashi University School of International and Public Policy	Asian Public Policy Program (APPP)	Master of Public Policy (Public Economics)	2у	1
	1-2. Enhancement of Industrial Promotion	International University of Japan Graduate School of International Relations	International Development Program (IDP)	Master of Arts in International Development or Economics	2y	1
		Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	Special Course for Development Policy	(a.) Master of Economics (b.) Master of International Studies	2y	2
		Rikkyo University Graduate School of Business	Master of Public Management and Administration (MPMA) Course	Master of Public Management and Administration	2у	1
	1-3. Improvement of Transportation Infrastructure Development	Yokohama National University Graduate School of Urban Innovation	Department of Infrastructure and Urban Society, Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI)	(a.) Master of Engineering (b.) Master of Philosophy	2у	2
		Nagoya University Graduate School of Environmental Studies	Nagoya University Global Environmental Leaders Program	(a.) Master of Environmental Studies (b.) Master of Engineering	2у	1
		Hiroshima University (1) Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering (2) Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences	(1) Division of Advanced Science and Engineering, Transdisciplinary Science and Engineering Program (2) Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, International Economic Development Program	(1) (a.) Master of Philosophy (b.) Master of Engineering (c.) Master of International Cooperation Studies (2) (a.) Master of Philosophy (b.) Master of International Cooperation Studies	2у	1
		Hokkaido University Graduate School of Engineering	English Engineering Education Program	Master of Engineering	2y	2
Overcoming Vulnerability and Stabilizing Bases for Human Life and Production Activity	2-1. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management	Yokohama National University Graduate School of Urban Innovation	Department of Infrastructure and Urban Society, Specialization in International Infrastructure (IGSI)	(a.) Master of Engineering (b.) Master of Philosophy	2у	1
		Nagoya University Graduate School of Environmental Studies	Nagoya University Global Environmental Leaders Program	(a.) Master of Environmental Studies (b.) Master of Engineering	2у	1
	2-2. Environmental Management, Infrastructure Development in Regional Cities	The University of Tokyo School of Engineering	Department of Urban Engineering, Graduate Programs for International Students in Urban and Environmental Studies: Urban Environmental Engineering Course	Master of Engineering	2у	2
Total Number of Finalists for Master's Degree						20