



# OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Subject: **AY2024-25 Application to the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA) for Junior Officials**

The purpose of this memorandum is to draw your attention to the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA), which is now accepting applications from countries in your constituency. The notification of the application opening has been sent to APD, MCD, and ICD (including STI and JVI), as well as to resident representatives in target countries to allow them to reach out to potential candidates.

The JISPA is designed for junior government officials from economic policy-making agencies in emerging and developing economies in the Asia-Pacific region from the following countries for the intake in AY2024-25:

*Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, India, Indonesia, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pacific Island Countries, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam.*

## I. Partnership-track (for master's studies)

We plan to award 34 scholarships under the partnership track where the scholars study in specially designed master's programs at one of the four partner universities.<sup>1</sup> The curriculum of each partnership program has been developed to strike the best balance between theory and practice. Skills to be attained by scholars are proposed by each master's program to help target officials and their agencies identify the program most suitable for their career. **The application deadline for AY2024-25 is November 1, 2023.** Accepted scholars are expected to put their knowledge into practice upon returning home as part of the Fund's capacity building efforts.

## II. Open-track (mainly for Ph.D. studies)

In addition to the partnership track scholarships, the JISPA also provides a limited number of scholarships under an open-track program. Applicants should be government officials who would like to pursue graduate studies (preferably at Ph.D. level) in macroeconomics at any reputable institution in Japan. **The application deadline is as below:**

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<sup>1</sup> National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Hitotsubashi University, International University of Japan, and The University of Tokyo.

**Application Deadline:**

AY2023-24: December 1, 2023 for admission in April 2024<sup>4</sup>

AY2024-25: June 1, 2024 for admission in September/October 2024

A detailed description of the program is available on the JISPA website as well as in the JISPA e-brochure:

- JISPA website: <https://www.imf.org/en/Countries/ResRep/OAP-Home/JISPA-Home>
- JISPA e-brochure: <https://www.imf.org/-/media/Files/OAP/JISPA/jispa-e-brochure.ashx>
- JISPA e-flyer (for print): <https://www.imf.org/-/media/Files/OAP/JISPA/jispa-e-flyer.ashx>

If your offices are aware of any suitable candidates, please kindly forward their names to the JISPA Secretariat at [jispa@imf.org](mailto:jispa@imf.org).

cc: Mr. Mizuguchi (Executive Director for Japan)  
Messrs. Azour and Srinivasan

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<sup>4</sup> Another round of applications is called for admission in April 2024 for AY2023-24.