

About JDS

The objective of JDS is to support human resources development of Sri Lanka. 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.

Eligibility

- (1) To be citizens of Sri Lanka
- (2) Below the age of 40, as of April 1st 2025
- (3) Should have a good command of both written and spoken English
- (4) "Executives/Senior Executives", mentioned in the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006, Annexure II, Page 2, IV Senior Level, and Page 5, 3.10 & 3.11
- (5) Semi-government staffs (BOI, NBRO, CEA, NWSDB, WMA) can also apply under limited components
- (6) Applicants are expected to have special interest in studying in Japan as well as motivation to utilize their experience and human network developed through JDS in their career

Benefits

- One round trip airfare between Sri Lanka and Japan
- Monthly living allowance
- Full tuition fee at accepting university
- Other designated allowances (ex. buying books, travelling and seminar attendance, overseas travel insurance, etc.)

Voice from a Returned Fellow



Ms. K.A. Nirmala Priyadarshani
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Enrolling as a member of the 13th batch of the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) at the International University of Japan (IUJ) to pursue a Master's degree in Public Management has allowed me to experience a life-changing academic adventure that has greatly influenced my goals and perspectives. My learning environment at IUJ is active and supportive of both intellectual and personal development, thanks to its distinguished instructors, diverse student body, and worldwide curriculum.

My intense education at IUJ's Public Management program has given me a thorough understanding of organizational leadership, strategic planning, and policy analysis in the context of public administration. My theoretical understanding has grown, but I've also gained the practical abilities I need to handle challenging situations in public service from courses like Public Budgeting, Public Policy Process, Policy Analysis and Policy Evaluation.

The focus that IUJ places on experiential learning and real-world application has been crucial in bridging the theory-practice divide outside of the classroom. Participating in case studies, group projects, and simulations has sharpened my analytical and decision-making talents, equipping me to successfully traverse public management issues in the real world. In addition, I have had the privilege of taking part in research thesis, teaching assistant role, internships, and extracurricular activities that have enhanced my academic endeavors.

To sum up, my experience at IUJ has been inspiring and developing. It has nourished my passion for advancing the public good and equipped me to take on challenging problems in public administration. With optimism and determination, I look forward to applying my knowledge and skills to contribute positively to the future of public service and development in my country and beyond.

Doctoral Degree Course is also available!

Information

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**The Project for Human Resource
Development Scholarship (JDS)
in Sri Lanka**



Framework

Sub Program Target Priority Areas	Component Development Issues	Expected Research Areas	Accepting University	Graduate School	Course/Program	Degree to be Obtained	Slots	Target	
1. Building a Strong Base for Inclusive and Sustained Economic Growth	1-1. Public Policy Studies	International Relations, Social and Welfare Policy, International Development, Environmental Policy, Administration, Governance, Local Autonomy, etc.	Meiji University	Graduate School of Governance Studies	Major in Governance Studies (1) Public Policy (2) International Development Policy (3) Community Planning and Management	Master of Public Policy	2	"Executives/ Senior Executives" mentioned in the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006, Annexure II, Page 2, IV Senior Level, and Page 5, 3.10 & 3.11. (* BOI staffs can apply for 1-2-3.) (** 4 Semi-government organization staffs can apply for 1-3.) National Building Research Organization (NBRO), Central Environmental Authority (CEA), National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB), and Waste Management Authority (WMA)	
			International University of Japan	Graduate School of International Relations	Public Management and Policy Analysis Program (PMPP) (or Japan-Global Development Program (JGDP) (Concentration: Public Management))	Master of Arts in Public Management or Master of Arts in Public Policy (PMPP)	2		
	1-2. Economics	1-2-1. Macroeconomics Studies	Economic Development including Sustainable Growth and Job Creation, Macroeconomics/ Econometrics, Statistics/ Statistical Analysis, Environment, Agricultural Economics, etc.	International Christian University	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	Public Policy and Social Research Program, Public Economics	Master of Arts in Public Economics		2
				Hiroshima University	(1)Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (2)Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society	(1)Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, International Economic Development Program (2)Research Area: Social Innovation Science "Special Educational Program on Macroeconomic Studies"	(1)a. Master of Philosophy b. Master of Economics c. Master of Business Administration d. Master of International Cooperation Studies (2) Master of Philosophy		2
	1-2-2. Public Finance and Investment Management	Fiscal Policy, Fiscal Management/ Policy, Public Investment Management/ Policy, Infrastructure Management, etc.	Nagoya University	Graduate School of International Development	International Development and Cooperation "Program in Economic Development Policy and Management"		Master of Arts in International Development		2
					1-2-3. Industry Development Policy and Investment Promotion	Industrial Policy, Investment and Export Promotion, Small and Medium Enterprise Promotion Policy, Promotion of Private Investment, etc.	International University of Japan		Graduate School of International Management
	1-3. Urban and Regional Development	Urban and regional development Planning/ Policy, Agriculture/ Rural Development Plans/ Policies, Environmental Management/ Policies, Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management/ Disaster Prevention Policy, Community Infrastructure Development Management, Urban Economics, Land Use Planning, Transportation and Traffic Planning, etc.	University of Tsukuba	Graduate School of Science and Technology	Master's Program in Environmental Sciences (SUSTEP Program)		Master of Environmental Sciences		2
			The University of Tokyo	School of Engineering	Department of Civil Engineering		Master of Engineering		1

Selection Procedure



Promotion Seminars

Online promotion seminars are scheduled as below,

- August 30th (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - English Medium
- September 6th (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - Sinhala Medium
- September 13th (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - Tamil Medium
- September 27th (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - Sinhala Medium
- October 11th (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - Sinhala Medium

University Promotion Seminar is also available!

Please visit our website for more information!

Contact jds.srilanka@jice.org to join!

How to Apply

1. Access the JDS website
2. Download the Application Form (AF) and other designated forms from the website
3. Complete the Application Form and arrange the all the required documents
4. Submit the application documents as instructed in the Application Guide

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



Application Guideline (AG), Application Form (AF) and University Information can be downloaded from the website above.