

Information Regarding the Application for the Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)

In the Academic Year 2026, beginning in April 2026, GSID will accept Master's Program students sponsored by the ADB-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP).

1. Eligibility Requirements and Conditions for Application

1-a. Eligibility Requirements

- (1) The applicant must be a national of an ADB borrowing member country. Applicants from countries that are no longer borrowing from ADB are not eligible for the scholarship. Please see the Regional Members on the following website:
<https://www.adb.org/new/work-with-us/careers/japan-scholarship-program/main>
- (2) The applicant must have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited/recognized university.
- (3) At the time of application, the applicant must have at least two years of full-time professional working experience acquired after obtaining their university degree.
- (4) The applicant must be born on or after June 1, 1990.
- (5) To be considered for admission, the following minimum scores are required on one of these tests: an overall TOEFL score of 550 (PBT), 79 (iBT including Home Edition) or 8.5 (Essentials); an IELTS score of 6.0 (should include Academic Reading and Academic Writing and does not include IELTS Indicator or IELTS General Training); or a Duolingo score of 110. The test should have been taken within two years prior to the date of the first day of the application period. Institutional test scores such as TOEFL ITP's are unacceptable for submission. In the event that these tests are not given in the country of the applicant, please consult the ADB Administrative Office (GSID) (ADB Office).
- (6) An applicant living or working in a country other than his/her home country is not eligible for the scholarship.
- (7) Executive Directors, Alternate Directors, officials and staff of ADB, as well as their close relatives, are not eligible for the scholarship.
- (8) The program will not, in principle, support applicants who are (were) enrolled in a graduate degree program. However, those who have earned their Master's degree in their home country are eligible on the condition that they have completed no more than 16 years of formal education.
- (9) The Program will, in principle, not support applicants who have previously studied abroad.
- (10) The family income should not be more than US\$50,000/year and the individual income should not be more than US\$25,000/year.
- (11) Applicants may be requested to submit additional documents, if the ADB Office considers that it is necessary to verify the eligibility of the application.

1-b. Conditions

- (1) In accepting the scholarship, scholars must commit themselves to return to, and work in, their home countries for a period of at least 2 years after completion of their studies or when dismissed from the school.
- (2) In accepting the scholarship, scholars must consent to the employment restriction policy of the ADB-JSP and acknowledge that they will not be able to work at ADB for two years after completion of their academic programs.
- (3) The scholarship may be terminated upon the recommendation of GSID at any time for one or more of the following reasons: failure of a scholar to make satisfactory academic progress; failure to comply with the laws of Japan and regulations of Nagoya University; misconduct; and/or breaches of the conditions of the ADB-JSP or Student Visa.

2. Admission Openings

Department of International Development and Cooperation: Several students can be accepted.

3. Filing Period

Applications will be accepted during the period **from June 1 to June 16, 2025** by e-mail (Applications MUST arrive at the ADB Office **by June 16, 2025**). Any applications arriving after this date will not be considered for processing.

4. Important Dates

Application Period	June 1 to June 16, 2025
Eligibility Screening	By June 16, 2025
<u>Oral Examination(online)</u>	September 11, 2025
Announcement of Results	Early December 2025
Start Date of the Program	April 1, 2026

5. Required Documents

- (1) ADB-JSP Information Sheet (must be typewritten/computerized; no handwritten)
Form 1 [\[MSWord\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
Please use the following exchange rate to calculate income information into US dollars. [\[PDF\]](#)
- (2) Application Form with a face photograph—the photo should be taken within the last three months.
Form 2 [\[MSWord\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- (3) Copy of Passport (clear copy, colored, with signature if available)
- (4) Official transcripts from your previous school: Official academic transcripts from each school, university, or professional school attended after graduating from high school. Only the original is accepted. Photocopies will not be accepted. If the original is not written in English, also submit its English translation.
- (5) Certificate of graduation (diploma): a certificate of graduation (diploma) must be issued by each school you have attended. Only the original is accepted. Photocopies will not be accepted. If the original is not written in English, also submit its English translation.
- (6) Applicant's Certificate of Employment and Compensation/Income

The certificate must:

- (i) be issued by the company—with its letterhead and contact details (stamped logo is not acceptable);*
- (ii) be signed by an authorized signatory (with printed name) with detail of position or official designation;*
- (iii) have complete details such as start and end date of employment (or “to present” should be mentioned), position, and monthly/annual income in USD; and*
- (iv) not be computer-generated income*

Note: If the current employment is less than 2-years, a copy of a certificate from the previous employment/s must be submitted to verify if the applicant meets the minimum 2-years full-time work requirement.

- (7) Certificate/Proof of Family Income or No Income

Spouse *(if the applicant is married)* or Father and Mother *(if the applicant is single)*

If employed: *The certificate of income must:*

- (i) be issued by the company with its letterhead and contact details (stamped logo is not acceptable);*
- (ii) be signed by an authorized signatory (with printed name) with details of the position or official designation; and*
- (iii) not be computer-generated income*

If unemployed: *The certificate/proof of no income must:*

- (i) be government-issued with its letterhead and contact details (stamped logo is not acceptable); and*

(ii) be signed by an authorized signatory with details of the position or official designation.

If deceased: Submit death certificate (issued by a government civil registration office)

If retired: Submit retirement certificate (issued by a government civil registration office)

(8) Curriculum Vitae. Form 3 [\[MSWord\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)

(9) A photocopy of the official score sheet for English proficiency tests is in the following table.

Those with a score less than the minimum required, are not eligible to apply.

<Types of English proficiency tests to be accepted and the minimum required score>

Test	Subtypes	Minimum score	Note
TOEFL	TOEFL iBT	79	
	TOEFL iBT Home edition	79	TOEFL iBT Special Home edition is also accepted
	TOEFL Essentials	8.5	
	The revised TOEFL Paper-delivered Test	550	
	TOEFL ITP	Not accepted	
IELTS	IELTS	6	
	IELTS Indicator	Not accepted	
Duolingo	Duolingo	110	
TOEIC	TOEIC L&R, S&W	Not accepted	

- Scores of any tests other than those noted above shall not be accepted.
- TOEIC scores will not be accepted.
- Scores will only be accepted from tests taken within two years from the date of the first day of the application period.
 - A copy of the official score of any of the acceptable English proficiency tests MUST be submitted to be qualified for the entrance examination. NO exceptions shall be allowed under any circumstances, including for the following reasons: “it was too difficult to rearrange to take the test,” “English is my mother tongue,” or “English was the language of instruction where I received my latest degree.”

(10) Two Confidential Letters of Recommendation

Recommendations should be written by people who have supervised applicants in either an academic or work capacity, and who are well acquainted with the intellectual ability and personality of applicants. Preferably, one of the letters should be from a university professor and the other from a senior staff member of the applicant’s current working office (if there is some reason why the applicant’s letters of recommendation are not from such people, please include a letter of explanation). Form 4 [\[MSWord\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)

(11) Research and/or Work Experience

(12) Research Proposal: Write a research proposal in English (1,600 words or less) using the designated form (Form 5 [\[MSWord\]](#)) and send it in both an MS Word file and a PDF copy by e-mail attachment.

- * The research proposal must include usual items, such as a title, background, a research question and objective, academic significance in relation to previous literature, methodology, etc.
- * Any research proposal that exceeds the set word limit shall be negatively evaluated.
- * Submitted documents shall undergo a plagiarism check. A bibliographical reference list is not counted as part of the word limit.
- * Applicants should not use generative AI tools to generate text or any other content in their application documents.

The electronic files of the required documents except for (10) should be submitted by applicants to the ADB Office by e-mail. Documents (10) should directly be submitted by those who wrote the recommendations by e-mail to the ADB Office. The original documents of (4) to (7) should also be submitted to the ADB Office by registered postal mail after having received an instruction from the ADB Office. The designated GSID/ADB forms of (1), (2), (8), (10) and (12) can be downloaded by clicking the [\[MSWord\]](#) or [\[PDF\]](#) marks.

Please utilize the Application Checklist. [\[MSWord\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)

Applications, including those that arrive at GSID after the deadline, will not be returned. If the applicant has questions regarding any of the information above, please contact the ADB Office. Please find the e-mail address of the ADB Office in the Contact Information below.

6. Selection Procedures

Screening of applicants will be conducted based on the submitted documents and an oral examination. The oral examination (online) will be conducted on September 11, 2025.

Please note that The Asian Development Bank will select scholars from the candidates who have passed the screening by GSID. The scholars will be notified of the result through the ADB Office by early December 2025.

Note: Scholars must state in writing that they will return to their home countries after the completion of their program of study or when dismissed from the school.

7. Scholarship Coverage and Period

The following expenditures will be covered by the scholarship: full tuition, National Health Insurance, a

monthly stipend including subsistence and housing allowance for one person (for the Year 2024 the monthly stipend was 147,000 yen; this may be changed for the Years 2026 and 2027), a book allowance, other miscellaneous expenses and economy class airfare for one person covering the trip from the scholar's place of residence to Nagoya University and the return journey at the end of the study program. The initial scholarship period is one year from April 2026 - March 2027. The extension of the scholarship for the second year of the program shall be conditional on the scholar maintaining a satisfactory level of academic performance.

8. Privacy Policy

The applicant's name, mailing address, and other personal information included in the application documents will be used only for the eligibility screening process, announcement of results, entrance registration procedures, and educational affairs after admission. Personal information will be used appropriately and will not be used for purposes unrelated to the application process.

Contact Information

Please first send the required documents to the e-mail address below; only send original documents after you receive notification:

ADB Administrative Office

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Nagoya University

Furo-cho, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya

464-8601 Japan

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<https://www4.gsid.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/>

Additional information concerning accommodation and Japanese language proficiency:

GSID will help the scholars with housing arrangements. However, we strongly recommend that the scholars do not bring their families on their initial stay in Nagoya, as family housing is generally very costly and difficult to find. Although applicants are not required to have Japanese language proficiency for selection, the ability to communicate in Japanese in daily life situations will be helpful.