

**MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and
Technology, Japan, *Monbukagakusho*) Scholarship
for the Doctoral Program to Enhance Human Resources for
Sustainable Development in Asia through a Diverse Network of Legal
and Development Studies**

**Graduate School of International Development (GSID)
Nagoya University, Japan**

I. OUTLINE

1. Aim and Mission of the Program

(1) Aim

The program aims to develop government officials and academics who will formulate industrial policy to promote sustainable economic growth and propel the development of the private sector in their countries, thereby contributing to the building of a new and more resilient society in the Asian region. Through this program, GSID will train administrative officers and academic scholars who are endowed with the expertise to assist the industrial growth of their countries and take the initiative to achieve economic development, contributing to the further expansion of networks of development professionals.

(2) Mission

The program has a mission to offer opportunities to deepen and systematize the knowledge of persons who hold a master's degree in international development or related fields to develop high-level skills and the ability to negotiate with international institutions and foreign governments from a global viewpoint and make a contribution to policy-making for the sustainable economic development of their countries in Asia. This program is designed to provide international students from countries in Asia with skills and knowledge that modern Japan obtained from developed nations and adapted for its economic growth.

2. Benefits

(1) MEXT (*Monbukagakusho*) Scholarship

Students selected through an examination will be recommended for a scholarship of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan. The MEXT scholarship will be awarded to successful applicants for three years.

(2) Disqualification

The scholarship may be terminated upon the recommendation of the 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; or any breach of the conditions of the MEXT scholarship or Student Visa.

3. Number of scholarship recipients

One.

4. Fields of Study

International Development and Cooperation

(Economic Development Policy and Management, Peace and Governance, Education and Human Resource Development, Inclusive Society and State, Poverty and Social Policy)

5. Eligible Participants and Nationalities

An applicant must have obtained or expect to receive a Master's degree from an accredited university. The applicant must be a national of a Southeast Asian country, Mongolia, or Uzbekistan.

6. Program Scheme

(1) Program Duration / Degree

In principle, the duration of the program is three years. Those who obtain the necessary credits prescribed below and pass the dissertation examination will be granted a Ph.D. in International Development.

(2) Language

Lectures, practice, and other guidance will be conducted in English.

(3) Credit Requirements

To be a Ph.D. candidate in the **Doctoral Program to Enhance Human Resources for Sustainable Development in Asia through a Diverse Network of Legal and Development Studies**, students must earn: 6 credits of Dissertation Research I, II, and III (Compulsory).

(4) Grade Point Average (GPA)

Students must get 2.3 or over GPA calculated on the MEXT standard every year.

$$\text{GPA} = \{3 \times \text{credits of grade A} + 2 \times \text{credits of grade B} + 1 \times \text{credits of grade C}\} / \text{total credits of registered courses}$$

Grade	100-80	79-70	69-60	59-0
Grade	A	B	C	F
Points	3	2	1	0

7. Time table

Eligibility Screening Application (if necessary)	by December 3, 2025
Results of Eligibility Screening (if necessary)	by December 5, 2025
Application Period	November 27, 2025 (Thursday) – December 12, 2025 (Friday)
Interview	30-40 min. by the middle of January 2026
Announcement of Examination Results	by the middle of March 2026
Start Date of Program	October 1, 2026

Please note that application documents **MUST** arrive at the GSID Administrative Office, Student Affairs Division for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagoya University by 16:00 on December 12, 2025. ANY applications received after this date and time will not be considered for processing. The original documents will be required to send by post later.

II. APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Eligibility for Application

(1) Nationality

The applicant must be a national of a Southeast Asian country, Mongolia, or Uzbekistan.

(2) Application Requirement

An applicant must meet one of the following qualifications:

- (i) Obtained or expect to obtain a Master's degree or its equivalent degree from an accredited/recognized university by submitting a Master's thesis written either in English or Japanese. If the Master's thesis is not written in English or Japanese or if the applicant has been awarded a taught Master's degree without submission of a Master's thesis, the applicant must undergo the individual eligibility screening procedures prescribed below.
- (ii) Recognized by GSID in the individual eligibility screening procedures for the examination as having academic abilities equal to those who have a Master's degree based on their research or work experience in a governmental organ or an academic institute, and is not less than 24 years of age by the end of March 2026.

(3) Minimum Score of English Proficiency

An applicant must have English proficiency test score as follows:

- TOEFL (overall): 577 (PBT), or 90 (IBT)
- IELTS (must include Academic Reading and Academic Writing test): 6.5
- Duolingo: 120.

*The test should have been taken within TWO years prior to the application. Institutional test scores such as TOEFL ITP's are unacceptable for submission.

(4) GPA Requirement

GPA must be 2.3 or over 2.3 in MA program based on the MEXT standard. To calculate the MEXT standard GPA, refer to 6 (4) on page 3 regarding GPA.

(5) Age

An applicant must be born on or after April 2, 1991. For further information on the age requirement, see 2026 Application Prospectus for the Japanese Government Scholarship Program.

(6) Other

An applicant may be requested to submit additional documents if the GSID Administration Office considers that it is necessary to verify the application's eligibility.

2. Application Procedures

(1) Prior consent of a GSID Faculty member

Before applying for this program, an applicant must obtain the consent of a faculty member of GSID willing to become the applicant's academic adviser for the program.

(2) Application Documents

The applicant must complete and submit the items (a) through (k) listed below:

* Items (a) through (g), and e-copies of items (h) through (j) must be sent to the e-mail address below in PDF format (subject: "MEXT special scholarship program"):

gsidexam@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp

** Original copies of items (h) through (j) must also be sent to the postal address below by traceable mail (EMS, DHL, FedEx, etc.):

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GSID Administrative Office, Student Affairs
Division for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences
Nagoya University
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*** Item (k) must be sent to the e-mail address below by the recommender (subject: "MEXT special scholarship program"):

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(a) Application Form (**Form 1**).

(b) A Statement of Field of Study and Research Plan (**Form 2**) written in Japanese (5,000 characters or less) or in English (2,000 words or less), on A4 size format.

(c) The applicant's Master's thesis accompanied by a summary of the same in English or Japanese (1,200 words in English or 3,000 characters in Japanese). Three copies of a supplementary thesis or academic paper can be attached.

(d) A photocopy of a certificate of an English language proficiency test.

Only scores from tests taken within TWO years prior to the application are valid.

Photocopies of official test scores must include an ID photo.

Institutional test scores are unacceptable for submission.

Those who have earned a Master's degree from GSID do not need to submit this.

(e) A photocopy of the applicant's valid passport showing the passport number and photograph.

(f) Publication list: A list of books, articles, or theses the applicant has published, if any, giving the

title, date of publication, name of publisher, and a summary in English or Japanese.

- (g) A report on work experience pertaining to policy-making or international development and/or cooperation, if any.

The report must be approximately 1,200 words in English or 3,000 characteristics in Japanese and on A4 size paper.

- (h) Certificate of health (**Form 3**) based on a medical examination within the past six months.

- (i) Certificate of Master's degree or professional degree in English or Japanese.

Photocopies will not be accepted.

If the certificate of the degree is sent directly from the previous graduate school to Nagoya University, the applicant must ensure that it will reach the postal address above within the application period.

- (j) Official transcripts in English or Japanese from the graduate school at which the applicant was enrolled.

Photocopies will not be accepted.

If the transcript is sent directly from the previous graduate school to Nagoya University, the applicant must ensure that it will reach the postal address above within the application period.

- (k) Recommendation letter of the dean of the university the applicant attended (**Form 4**) in English or Japanese.

The recommendation letter must be sent to the e-mail address below from the recommender:

gsidexam@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp

4. Selection Process

Selection will be carried out on the basis of submitted documents and an interview.

Interviews will be conducted online by the middle of January 2026.

Details about the interview will be provided in due course.

5. Announcement of Examination Results

An official letter of results will be sent out by postal mail by the middle of March 2026.

6. Entrance Registration Procedures

Details will be provided in due course. However, as part of the procedures, the selected candidate will have to pay Accident and Liability Insurance Premiums for 3 years (28,100 yen in total). Please note that if the fee changes before your entrance to the university or during your stay at Nagoya University, you will need to pay the revised fee.

7. Other Information

- (1) After an application has been submitted, no changes in submitted documents are allowed. Submitted documents will not be returned.
- (2) Please refer to [<https://www4.gsid.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/>] for more details on GSID.
- (3) Applicants should not use generative AI tools to generate text or any other content in their application documents.
- (4) The selected candidate will not be allowed to receive other scholarships (excluding those specified as being for research expenditures).
- (5) If any fraudulent acts are discovered, including the falsification, fabrication, misrepresentation, alteration, or submission of false information on application documents, the applicant may be disqualified or his/her admission may be revoked even after the decision to enroll has been made.
- (6) Please be aware that all application and admission procedures are carried out using the University's official systems and methods. Take sufficient care not to engage with any malicious agents.
- (7) Those who have already enrolled in other universities are, in principle, not permitted to enroll in GSID. However, this does not apply to students taking a leave of absence from the university. In special cases, permission may be granted depending on the circumstances. Please contact the GSID Administrative Office immediately after acceptance and prior to the enrollment procedures.
- (8) Nagoya University (Tokai National Higher Education and Research System) has established the Tokai National Higher Education and Research System Security Export Control Rules (hereinafter referred to as the "Rules") in accordance with the security export control system under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA). We conduct rigorous screening for exports of goods and transfers of technology (including the admission of individuals). Please note that if an applicant is found to be in violation of the Rules, admission may not be granted even if the individual passes the entrance examination, or research activities after enrollment may be restricted. For more information, please visit the website below. Additionally, individuals subject to these restrictions will be notified separately. Please be aware that in such cases, if an examination fee has already been paid, it will not be refunded.

<https://www.aip.nagoya-u.ac.jp/securityexport-extramural>

8. Privacy Policy

The applicant's name, mailing address and other personal information included in the application documents will be used only for the purpose of grading and registering during the entrance

examination selection process, announcement of examination 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.

For further inquiry, please contact (subject: “MEXT special scholarship program”):
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