

**Additional Requirements for
the Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)
MASTER’S COURSE
Enrollment for the academic year
beginning in October 2021**

In the 2021 academic year, which begins in October, the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS) at Kobe University will accept Master's Program students sponsored by the ADB-Japan Scholarship Program (referred to as “ADB-JSP” hereafter). Doctoral students are ineligible for this program.

In addition to the requirements outlined in the application guideline, “**SPECIAL COURSE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY (MASTER’S COURSE)**” (referred to as the “Guideline” hereafter), ADB-JSP applicants should comply with the following requirements:

Eligibility for General Admission

In addition to the ‘Eligibility for General Admission’ (see **Page 1 of the Guideline**), ADB-JSP applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

- Applicants must be nationals of an ADB borrowing member country. (Applicants from countries that are no longer borrowing from ADB are ineligible for the ADB-JSP, Hong Kong, China, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, and Taipei, China).
- Applicants must possess a Bachelor’s degree or equivalent with a superior academic record. Those with a Bachelor's degree but less than 16 years of formal education must verify their eligibility with the Academic Affairs Office (GSICS) by 4 December 2020.
- **Applicants must have at least two years of full-time professional work experience acquired between earning a Bachelor’s degree and when applying to the ADB-JSP.**
- Applicants must be less than 35 years of age at the time of application.
- ADB staff, ADB consultants, and their siblings and relatives are ineligible.

- Applicants living or working in a country other than their home country are ineligible.
- The ADB-JSP will, in principle, not support applicants pursuing a second master's degree.
- The ADB-JSP will, in principle, not support applicants who have previously studied abroad.

Other Requirements

In addition to the requirements (see 5 on Page 2 of the Guideline), ADB-JSP applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Recipients accepting the ADB-JSP must return to and work in their home country for at least two years upon completing their studies or dismissal from the school. The only exception is when the recipient is admitted to the doctoral program offered by GSICS.
- Recipients accepting the ADB-JSP must consent to the employment restriction policy of the ADB-JSP and acknowledge that they cannot work at ADB for two years after completing their academic programs.
- The scholarship offered by ADB-JSP may be terminated upon the recommendation of GSICS at any time for unsatisfactory academic progress, personal misconduct, non-compliance with Japanese laws, or breaches in the conditions of ADB-JSP or a student visa.
- Recipients of the ADB-JSP must agree in writing that they will return to their home country immediately upon the completion of their study program or when dismissed from the school. The only exception is when the recipient is admitted to the doctoral program offered by GSICS.

Application Documents

In addition to the documents to be submitted (see 6 on Page 2 of the Guideline), ADB-JSP applicants must also submit the following documents:

- ADB-JSP Information Sheet (form attached)

- Certificates verifying your own income and that of your parents or family (the amounts should be in US dollars). Attach a statement or certificate if you have no income. If incomes are not clearly certified, the applicant may not be considered for the scholarship. Please submit authorized certificates issued by public agencies.
If status is unemployed, retired or deceased, an authenticated supporting document must be submitted
- Application fee. ADB-JSP applicants do not need to pay it at the time of application (January 2021). However, successful candidates will be notified by the Academic Affairs Office of GSICS in early April 2021 and must pay this fee by 14 April 2021. Nonpayment will be considered as withdrawal from the ADB-JSP and the Special Course for Development Policy.

IMPORTANT

If you have questions regarding any of the above, please contact the GSICS Academic Affairs Office by 4 December 2020.

When initiating the application process, ADB-JSP applicants must inform the Academic Affairs Office of their prospective academic advisor's name (i.e., the faculty member who authorized them to apply for the ADB-JSP).

Application Deadline

- The application period for ADB-JSP is from 8 January (Fri.) to 15 January (Fri.) 2021, which is earlier than that for the Special Course for Development Policy. ADB-JSP applicants must submit all required documents during this period to the GSICS Academic Affairs Office by registered mail. (Write in red on the front of the envelope "Application for ADB-JSP".)

Additional Information

In addition to the information (**see 10 on Page 4 of the Guideline**), the following information applies to ADB-JSP applicants:

- Scholarship Coverage
The scholarship offered by the ADB-JSP includes full tuition, medical and accident

insurance, a monthly stipend with a subsistence and housing allowance (for the 2020 academic year, the monthly stipend for one person is 147,000 yen, but is subject to change for the 2021 academic year), a book allowance, other miscellaneous expenses, and economy-class airfare via the most direct route to and from the Kansai International Airport (KIX) / the Osaka International Airport (Itami / ITM) / the Kobe Airport (UKB) and the scholar's home country.

- **Scholarship Period**

The initial scholarship period is one year (October 2021 – September 2022). Renewal for the second year is conditional upon maintaining a satisfactory academic performance. Note that **two years is the maximum** scholarship length.

- **Japanese Language Proficiency**

Although applicants are not required to be proficient in Japanese to be admitted, the ability to communicate in Japanese is helpful in daily lives.

ADB website

For more details,

<https://www.adb.org/work-with-us/careers/japan-scholarship-program>

Contact Information

Please send all documents or correspondence regarding the ADB-JSP to:

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