

Additional Requirements for
the Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)
MASTER'S COURSE
Enrollment for the academic year
beginning in October 2026

In the 2026 academic year, which begins in October, the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies at Kobe University will accept Master's Program students sponsored by the ADB-Japan Scholarship Program. Doctoral students are ineligible for this program.

In addition to the requirements outlined in the applicant guidelines, "SPECIAL COURSE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY (MASTER'S COURSE)", ADB-JSP applicants should comply with the following requirements:

Eligibility: Scholarships in Asia and the Pacific | Asian Development Bank (adb.org)

- Be a national of an ADB borrowing member country and Japanese Official Development Assistance scholarship eligible country
- Not hold dual citizenship of any developed country
- Have gained admission to an approved master's course at a Designated Institution
- Hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent with 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 5 December 2025](#)
- Have at least two years of full-time professional working experience after obtaining a bachelor's degree at the time of application. The candidate must have proficiency in oral and written English communication skills to be able to pursue studies
- Not more than 35 years old at the time of application
- Should agree to return and work in his/her home country for at least two years after completion of studies under the program in order to contribute to its development
- Not be an executive director, alternate director, management staff and consultant of ADB, or the close relatives of the aforementioned by blood or adoption with the term "close relative" defined as: spouse, mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, sister, stepsister, brother, stepbrother, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew
- Not be staff of ADB-JSP Designated Institutions
- Not be living or working in a country other than his/her home country
- Not be already enrolled in graduate degree programs

Application (in addition to Master's Course):

- ADB-JSP Information Sheet (form attached)
- Certificates verifying your own income and that of your parents or family. Please submit authorized certificates issued by public agencies.
If incomes are not clearly certified, the applicant may not be considered for the scholarship.
If you have no income, attach an official statement or certificate.
If status is unemployed, retired or deceased, an authenticated supporting document must be submitted.
If certificates are shown in local currency, convert in UDS and submit the form, "Income Conversion to USD Form".
- Certificate of Employment The start and end date of your employment should be mentioned.
- Application fee JPY 30,000 Successful applicants are required to pay the fee.

Successful applicants will be notified by the GSICS Academic Affairs in early April 2026 and must register your application online at [GSICS Web Application Site](#) and pay application fee by 8 April 2026. No payment will be considered as withdrawal from the ADB-JSP and the Special Course for Development Policy.

If you have questions regarding any of the above, please contact the GSICS Academic Affairs Office by 5 December 2025.

When initiating the application process, ADB-JSP applicants must inform the Academic Affairs Office of their prospective academic advisor's name.

Deadline:

All required documents must reach the following address between 5 January and 13 January 2026. We accept those documents only by registered mail.

Procedure:

Please refer to the ADB-JSP website for detail.

[Scholarships in Asia and the Pacific | Asian Development Bank \(adb.org\)](#)

The final scholarship award results are decided by ADB-JSP.

Coverage:

- Full Tuition Fees
- Monthly Subsistence Allowance (including housing)

- Books and Instructional Materials
- Medical Insurance
- Travel Expenses

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.

Contact Information and Mailing Address:

Academic Affairs Office

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