

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. What is the policy of JDS scholarship?

Ans. The JDS Program targets young government officials with the potential to play leadership roles in their specialties after their return to Mongolia. They are expected to use knowledge and skills acquired in Japan to take active role in solving problems of the social and economic development issues in Mongolia. Under this program, **JDS participants** will be selected to study in English at Japanese universities for **Master's degree**.

Q2. How many fields of study in JDS scholarship?

Ans. Please refer to the Sub-Program and Components settled in JDS program in Mongolia.

Q3. Applicant who got scholarship from other country, is it possible to apply for JDS?

Ans. Applicant who is currently receiving (or is scheduled to receive) another scholarship such as the Government of the Mongolia scholarship, a scholarship from other country, a scholarship from a private-sector organization, etc. shall NOT be eligible to apply. The person who studied abroad for more than 1 year under other scholarship and returned to Mongolia during past 2 years (at least stay in Mongolia from September 2008 till current), JDS program would NOT consider them as eligible applicants.

If applicants have got master's degree in other country with scholarship, they can't apply for JDS.

Q4. I graduated from 2 universities, but which Diploma of university should I submit?

Ans. If you fill in both 2 universities on the Application Form, you should submit Diploma of 2 universities. Please remember that the copies of Diplomas / Transcripts including its English translations should be certified.

Q5. How do we prepare Transcript of Records and Diploma of university or higher educational institution?

Ans. You are required to submit the photocopy of **each year's** Transcript of Records and Diploma of university or higher educational institution. You are required to submit the certified copy of Transcript of Records and Degree or Diploma to us.

Q6. Translated documents (ex. Certificate & others) should be certified?

Ans. It is NOT necessary. But in case your referee chooses to write in Mongolian language, please remind him/her to use English form for translation.

Q7. How to make a research plan?

Ans. It is strongly recommended to contain at least the following elements on your research plan;

- ✓ Instruction (e.g. background, motivation)
- ✓ Statement of the problem, purpose of the study
- ✓ Outline and methodology of research (e.g. how to research, analyse, and carry out)
- ✓ Expected outcome and how to utilize after returned

It is also recommended that the research plan should be in connection with;

- ✓ Sub-Program/Component
- ✓ Your work, duties, future plans
- ✓ Applying University, etc.

Please look at "9. a Guideline for writing a research plan" on Application Guideline..

Q8. Is it possible to download the application form and other information from Internet?

Ans. You can download and get other information from JDS website:

<http://jice.org/e/jds/application/index.htm>

Q9. How can we get to know if we are passed the screening or not? Can we call and ask?

Ans. Any inquiries for the result of selection by applicants shall NOT be permitted. Only successful candidates will be notified the result by JICE and proceed to the next stage.

Q10. Is it possible to get the Application Form back to applicants who could not pass the selection?

Ans. Application form and attached documents will not be returned

Q11. How to count the period of schooling, in case I attended two schools at the same time?

Ans. Please DO NOT count double, you shall count based on years your studies.

(Ex.) 9/1999 ~ 6/2003 = 4 years at Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, 9/2000 ~ 6/2003 = 3 years at Faculty of Education). Total school year is **NOT 7 years** but 4 years.

Q12. How to fill in the "age", because of the different way of counting from Japanese way?

Ans. Your age should be counted in Japanese way. We count one year when you are exactly reached 12 months not only 11 months or lower.

(Ex.) If you were born on 1st February, 1980, we count your age as 31 years as of 1st April, 2011.

Q13. I belong to one of the target organizations for JDS program. Can I directly apply for the program to JICE JDS project office?

Ans. No, you can't. Even though you are an official in the target organizations, you are not eligible for applications without the official nomination from your organization. Please apply through a department in charge of scholarship in your organization.

Q14. Can I stay in Japan after the completion of Master's program in order to continue my education or be employed in Japan?

Ans. No, you may not. All JDS participants MUST return to their mother country by the designated flight because they have obligation to begin practical contribution for the development of their mother country with acquired knowledge through JDS program.

Q15. Does Everyone need to take English and Math examination?

These score affects the document screening s?

Ans. Everyone must take an English examination, but regarding Math examination, it depends on each university policy. Please refer to the page 8 in this application guideline.

Q16. Can we apply doctoral course after graduation of master program?

Ans. No, you are expected to return to your ministry and contribute to the development of the country right after the completion of the program.