

What is the JDS?

The objective of the **Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS)** is to support human resources development of Ukraine, **targeting young government officials**, who are expected to be leaders of the country, and play an important role in bilateral relationship, also to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development policies after return. Up to March 2024, over 6,000 scholars (fellows) have been sent to Japan for their studies in Japan from 22 countries since 2000.

Degree to be Obtained

Master's Degree (1-year-courses or 2 years course (1st year in Japan and 2nd year in Ukraine))

Medium of Instruction: English

Benefits of JDS Fellows

- (1) One round trip airfare between Ukraine and Japan
- (2) Monthly living allowance in Japan
- (3) Tuition at Japanese accepting universities
- (4) Other designated allowances

Fields of Study (Tentative)

Each applicant is required to research in line with "Sub-Program" and "Component", which will be determined in accordance with the development issues in Ukraine. The scholars under the same Component will be accepted in the same university every four year (FY2024-2027).

Sub Program	Development Issues (Components)
Improvement of Administrative Functions	Improvement of Public Administrative Capacity
	Capacity Building for Economic Planning / Policy

Target Organization

Organizations which are eligible for the JDS project shall be determined in each priority fields of study. Several target organizations may be determined in each priority field of study.

Selection process(for Master's course)

English & Math tests (around November)	This is not a selection, the test results will be used as a reference in 1 st ~ 2 nd selection
1st Selection (around November-December)	Document screening by Japanese universities
2nd Selection (around December-February)	Interview by Japanese universities (Technical Interview)
3rd Selection (around February-March)	Interview by JDS Operating Committee (Comprehensive Interview)

Eligible Applicants

- (1) Citizen of Ukraine;
- (2) Between **the age of 22 and 39**
- (3) Must be a **Government employee and their equivalents in the target organizations**;
- (4) Has 2 years or more of work experience at his/ her belonging organizations. The work experiences shall be related to 'Sub-Program' / 'Component', at the time of application;
- (5) Holder of a bachelor's degree from universities authorized by the Government of Ukraine;
- (6) Has a good command of both written and spoken English (TOEFL 500, IELTS score of 5.0 or higher);
- (7) Has not been awarded or scheduled to receive another scholarship;
- (8) Has not been awarded any scholarship for Master's degree in foreign countries;
- (9) Military personnel registered on the active list or person on alternative military service cannot apply for JDS.

※Conditions are subject to change.

Enrich Programs during Study in Japan

In addition to set programs of the universities, JDS offers field studies, special lectures, and seminars through your universities. JDS also offers a variety of programs and activities that add value to your study in Japan.

	Contents of Programs and Activities of JDS
Pre-Arrival Orientation	Explanation of JDS rules, overview of ODA in Japan, Japanese-English debate, English mock test, life in Japan
Post-Arrival Orientation	Lecture: Japan's development experience, Japanese politics and administration, Japanese culture and society, harassment prevention
	Exchange of opinions with JICA's regional department officers, leadership training (basic), cross-cultural understanding and communication, safety management briefing, Japanese language training, courtesy call to the embassy
Mid-term Program	Lecture/ Online program: JICA Development Studies Program Overview_JICA DSP
	Discussion with JICA's regional department officers, leadership training (advanced level), networking with JDS fellows and Japanese government officers, introduction of follow-up activities
Pre-departure Orientation	Pre-return evaluation meeting, courtesy call to the embassy

Implementing Agency

The implementing agency of Ukraine will be set soon.

*All the guidelines and decisions regarding the JDS Project are made by the Operating Committee which consists of the authorities of Ukraine, Embassy of Japan and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

JDS Preparatory Survey Team

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