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Applications open for JDS in Nepal 2016 JDS applications open for Young Nepal government officials

The Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of General Administration, the Embassy of Japan, and JICA in Nepal announce the opening call for applications for “The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS) 2016 (AY2017-2018)” on August 1.

JDS applications are now open for young, highly capable, Nepali gazetted officials.

The JDS project aims to support human resource development in countries that are partners of Japan Grant Aid by providing an opportunity to young, highly capable government officials to obtain a masters degree. These fellows are expected to formulate and implement social and economic development plans and become leaders in their countries.

As persons having well-rounded knowledge of Japan, JDS fellows shall contribute to progressive bilateral relations between the home country and Japan.

The JDS project launched last year and the first batch of JDS fellows are to be posted to universities this August. This year, a maximum of 20 successful candidates will be chosen by early March and will depart for Japan in August 2017. After this year, the project aims to expand the target organizations to all governmental organizations to attract more JDS candidates.

A JDS explanatory meeting/seminar will be held in the middle of August.

✧ Information about the explanatory meeting/seminar will be distributed to each target organization and will be available on the JDS website.

The Embassy of Japan and JICA in Nepal welcome applications from young, passionate Nepali gazetted officials.

- The application deadline is September 23, 2016
- Applications should be submitted to the department in charge of the JDS project in each target organization
- For further information, please visit <http://jds-scholarship.org/>

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Framework of the JDS Project in Nepal

Sub-Program (JDS Priority Areas)	Component (JDS Development Issues)	Expected Theme of the Research/ Possible Fields of Study	Target Organizations	University	Graduate School	Course/Program	Degree to be Obtained	Slots
1. Infrastructure and institutional development for sustainable economic growth	1-1. Economic Policy	Possible Fields of Study: National Development Policy/ Plan, Macro Economics, Financial Policy, Monetary Policy, Tax Policy	All governmental organizations a) All Ministries and Agencies under them b) All Constitutional bodies c) All other Institutions, Authorities d) All Courts (Gazetted officials)	International University of Japan	GS of International Relations (GSIR)	International Development Program (IDP)	(i) Master of Arts in Economics (ii) Master of Arts in International Development	3
				Hiroshima University	GS for International Development and Cooperation (IDEC)	Division of Development Science Development Policy Course	(i) Master of Arts (ii) Master of Science (iii) Master of International Cooperation Studies	2
	1-2. Industrial Development Policy	Possible Fields of Study: Foreign Investment Policy, Industrial Development Policy, Promotion of Business Environment		International University of Japan	GS of International Management (GSIM)	MBA Program	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	2
				Rikkyo University	GS of Business	Master of International Business Program (MIB)	Master of International Business	2
2. Consolidation of peace and a steady transition to a democratic state	2-1. Development of Human Resource and Administrative Capacity of Civil Servants	Possible Fields of Study: Decentralization, Local Governance, Public Administration, Personnel Administration Policy, Public Financial Management, Local Development, Labor Policy, Public Policy	Meiji University	GS of Governance Studies	Major in Governance Studies (1) Public Policy Program (2) International Development Policy Program (3) Community Planning and Management Program	Master of Public Policy	2	
			International Christian University	GS of Arts and Sciences	Public Policy and Social Research Program	(i) Master of Arts in Public Administration (ii) Master of Arts in International Relations (iii) Master of Arts in Peace Studies	2	
			Yamaguchi University	GS of Economics	Public Administration Course	Masters of Economics (with Certificate of Completion of Public Administration Course)	2	
	2-2. Building of International Relations	Possible Fields of Study: International Politics, International Economics, Diplomatic Policy, Regional Integration of South Asia Countries	Ritsumeikan University	GS of International Relations	Global Cooperation Program (GCP)	Master of Arts in International Relations	3	
	2-3. Improvement of Legal and Judicial System	Possible Fields of Study: Civil Law, Criminal Law, Company Law, Commercial Law, Legal and Judicial Development for Economic Development and Investment	Kyushu University	Graduate School of Law	LL.M. Program in International Economic and Business Law	Master of Laws	2	
Total								20

❖ The university program will be instructed in **English**

Qualification of Applicants

Nationality	Citizens of Nepal
Age	Between 25 and 40 as of April 1st, 2017 (Born on/after April 2nd, 1976 and born on/before April 1st, 1992)
Academic Background	Posses a Bachelor Degree from universities authorized by the Government of the Nepal or other countries. * Bachelor of Law is required for Kyushu University
Work Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently employed in the Target Organization as Gazetted official. • Have at least 3 (three) years of work experience <u>in civil service</u> at the time of application.
English Proficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a good command of both written and spoken English. • IELTS 5.5 (with no sub-band under 5.0) / TOEFL score of 500 or higher is preferable (not requirement). • Those who have a qualified English score can be exempt from IELTS arranged by JDS Project Office
Health Condition	Mentally and physically in good health.
Ineligibility	<p>A person falls under the following items is not eligible to apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who are currently awarded or scheduled to receive another scholarship. • Those who have obtained a master's or higher degrees overseas under the support of foreign government scholarship • Military personnel registered on the active list or person on alternative military service.
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful Candidates are required to submit a pledge on the conditions deemed necessary as scholarship participants under the JDS Project. • JDS Fellows are obliged to return and serve the Government of Nepal at least five (5) years in order to make a contribution to the development of the Nepal. (Following "THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT" in Nepal) • Competent women, Dalit, Janajatis, Madhesi, and other minority groups and persons with disability are encouraged to apply.