



### Activities for JISPA Scholars

In addition to the provision of scholarships, the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (OAP) arranges various activities exclusively for JISPA scholars, including a series of policy dialogues with Japanese policy makers and IMF economists, a summer workshop, welcome and farewell receptions, and a thesis presentation. JISPA scholars are also invited to seminars and high-level regional conferences organized by OAP. The partnership universities also arrange an annual field trip.

### Follow-up Activities for JISPA Alumni

OAP arranges alumni gatherings in various countries for JISPA alumni and maintains the alumni networking site. The Continuing Education Program for the JISPA alumni (JISPA-CE) has been offered since 2018 to provide career-long support.



# JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA 2024-25



PLEASE VISIT THE JISPA WEBSITE for detailed information: [IMF.org/en/Countries/ResRep/OAP-Home/JISPA-Home](https://www.imf.org/en/Countries/ResRep/OAP-Home/JISPA-Home)

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## TO FOSTER FUTURE MACROECONOMIC POLICYMAKERS

A scholarship for junior government officials in Asia who wish to pursue graduate-level economics at Japanese universities.

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## Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia

The Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA) aims to contribute to institutional capacity building of key macroeconomic management agencies in emerging and developing countries in Asia by providing training opportunities for junior government officials.

**The JISPA targets highly motivated government officials who may serve as future macroeconomic policy makers with the capacity and vision to contribute effectively to the economic development of their countries.**

**The JISPA comprises two tracks: (1) partnership-track; and (2) open-track.**

### Partnership Track

The JISPA partnership track allows scholars to study specially designed graduate level courses concentrating on macroeconomics at an IMF partnership university. The partnership universities are:

- **National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)**  
Macroeconomic Policy Program (Master of Public Policy or Master of Public Economics—one-year program)  
Macroeconomic Policy Program (Master of Arts in Public Economics—two-year program)
- **Hitotsubashi University (HIT)**  
Asian Public Policy Program (Master of Public Policy (Public Economics)—two-year program)
- **International University of Japan (IUJ)**  
Macroeconomic Policy Program (Master of Arts in Economics—two-year program)
- **The University of Tokyo (UTokyo)**  
International Program/Master of Public Policy (Master of Public Policy—two-year program)

**Orientation Program:** To ensure that new entrants are well prepared to commence their master's programs and to adjust to life in Japan, the JISPA offers the Orientation Program (OP) to newly accepted scholars under the partnership track. It comprises intensive courses in (1) academic English, (2) mathematics for economics/introductory econometrics, (3) introductory economics, and (4) Japanese. The OP is conducted at the International University of Japan in Niigata prefecture, Japan, and held from early-July to mid-September prior to commencing studies at the partnership universities.

### Open Track

The open track of the JISPA provides support to scholars who wish to study graduate-level macroeconomics or a related field at either the master's or Ph.D. level at any leading university in Japan.

**Priority is, however, given to Ph.D. candidates.**

### Benefits

The JISPA covers all reasonable expenses for scholars' studies in Japan.

- Full university admission and tuition fees
- Research related allowance and monthly living allowance
- Medical insurance
- A round-trip airfare and travel allowance
- Orientation Program tuition fees (*partnership track only*)
- Annual field trip fees (*partnership track only*)
- Computer/software allowance (*partnership track only*)
- Research related fees, including field research and conference attendance fees (*open-track Ph.D. program only*)

*The scholarship covers expenses incurred by the scholar only.*

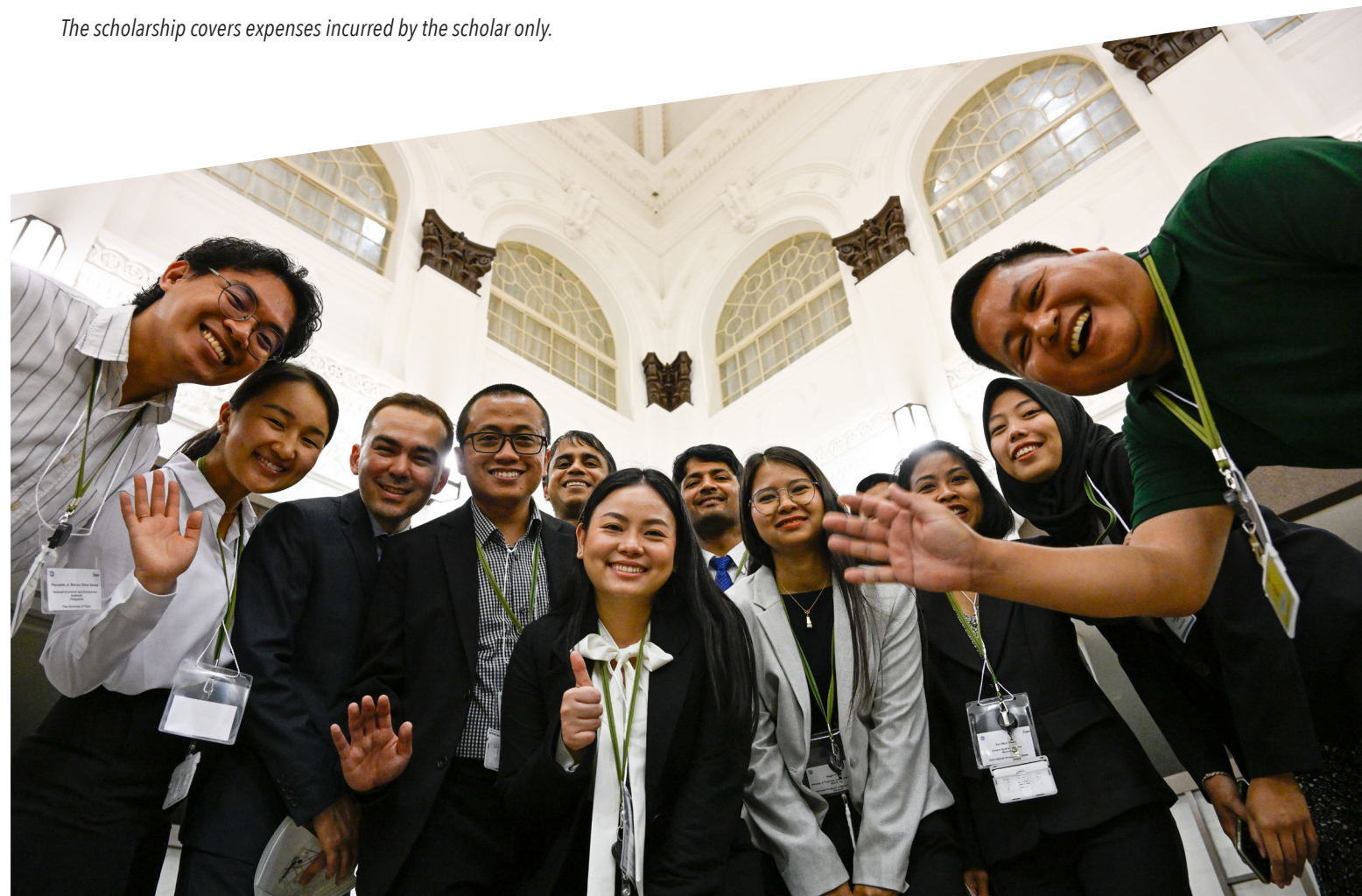
### Eligibility

To be eligible, an applicant must meet the following criteria<sup>1</sup>:

- A national of one of the following countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pacific Island Countries, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam
- Working for a key economic agency such as a central bank, ministry of economy, ministry of finance, or financial regulatory agency<sup>2</sup>
- A Bachelor's degree
- Fluent in English
- **For the open-track only:** Applicants are expected to be studying at, have been admitted into, or be applying to a graduate program in economics in Japan.

<sup>1</sup> Priority is given to applicants: (1) whose age is below 40; (2) who have not yet obtained a master's degree from a university outside of their own country; and (3) who have the minimum of two-three years' work experience in the public sector.

<sup>2</sup> The program will also consider officials working in other areas of government that have a significant impact on the formulation or implementation of macroeconomic policy.



### How To Apply

**Partnership Track:** Apply online at [IMF.org/external/oap/schol.htm](https://www.imf.org/external/oap/schol.htm)

**Application Deadline:** November 1, 2023

**Open Track:** Apply online at [IMF.org/external/oap/schol.htm](https://www.imf.org/external/oap/schol.htm)

**Application Deadline:** June 1, 2024 for admission in September/October 2024 and April 2025<sup>3 4</sup>

The application must be completed in English and include the following:

- Research proposal
- Sponsor's nomination form
- Two reference letters
- University transcripts and diplomas
- Recognized English test reports (such as TOEFL or IELTS)<sup>5</sup>
- Open-track only: A letter of acceptance from a university or a copy of one application to a university, and thesis/equivalent paper from master's degree

<sup>3</sup> Open-track applications will be accepted from April 15 until June 1, 2024.

<sup>4</sup> If positions for the open-track scholarships are still available as a result of the above-mentioned selection, another application will open with the deadline of December 1, 2024 for admission in April 2025.

<sup>5</sup> India, the Philippines, and select Pacific Island Countries are exempt from submitting proof of language ability.