

Government of Pakistan
FINANCE DIVISION
(Quality Assurance-I Section)

C I R C U L A R

Subject:- **ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECRUITMENT FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP BY JAPANESE GRANT AID (JDS) IN PAKISTAN**

Economic Affairs Division (EAD) has requested, vide its O.M.No.3(2)Japan-II/2023 dated 19-09-2023 that the Government of Japan has announced Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Program for young capable Federal Government officers to obtain seventeen Master's Degree (Two Years) and Doctorate Degree (Three Years) in Japan. The aim of scholarship program is to strengthen the administrative capacities of Civil Servants/Ex-Cadre Officers and enable them to contribute to the socio-economic development of the country.

2. Japan International Cooperation Centre (JICE) will provide the services to execute this Program. JICE has now circulated this facility for Master's and Doctoral Degrees the Academic year starting in 2024 to pursue studies and researches at designated Japanese universities. Fields of study and allocation of the slots are as under:-

S.#	Field of study / slots allocation	Master	Ph.D
1.	Enhancement of Public Administration and Finance	9	1
2.	Enhancement of Energy Policy and Implementation	3	
3.	Enhancement of Industrial Promotion, Investment Climate and Trade	4	
4.	Enhancement of Agribusiness and Food Security	1	
	Total:-	17	1

Basic Eligibility:-

- i) Be a Federal Government CSS/Ex-Cadre officer of BS-17 & above (Except Corporate body & Autonomous Body).
- ii) Have at least 3 years of work experience including period of probation after entering public service at the time of application deadline.
- iii) Have a good command of both written and spoken English.
- iv) Be in good health, both physically and mentally, to participate in the program in Japan.
- v) Not be currently availing another scholarship from Japan.
- vi) Not be military personnel.
- vii) Not have obtained Master's or higher degrees overseas under support of foreign scholarship (for Master candidates).
- viii) Not have obtained Doctoral degree overseas under support of foreign scholarship (for PhD candidates).

Eligibility for Master's Program:

- (i) Be between 25 and 40 years as of April 1st, 2024.
- (ii) Possess bachelor degree authorized by the Government of Pakistan.
- (iii) Have 16 years of formal education in-principle, however, relevant academic/research career or working experience can be considered as the alternative to meet the requirement.

Eligibility for PhD Program:

- (i) Be between 25 and 45 years as of April 1st, 2024.
- (ii) Have Master's Degree issued from Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Countries University.
- (iii) Have published at least one peer-reviewed article (published in internationally recognized academic journals).
- (iv) Have a recommendation from the supervisor of his / her current duty office.
- (v) Have a recommendation from the expected academic adviser(s) of the applying university in Japan.

3. The officers of Finance Division, who fulfill the eligibility criteria are requested to furnish their nominations duly approved by the heads of their respective wings along with FTC Proforma to **QA-I Section by 16-10-2023** along with two (2) copies of the prescribed JDS Application forms, one copy of each surety bond, undertaking, CNIC, Passport. For both the programs, the JDS Application form, Application Guideline and other information is available for download from JDS Website: <https://jds-scholarship.org/country/pakistan/index.html>. Both programs (Master/PhD) are available to apply on JDS website <http://jds-scholarship.org>. The JICE focal person's contact information is as follow:

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Designation	:	Senior Assistant country Officer Pakistan (JICE).
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Note:- "In addition to the eligibility criteria specified for a training, all officers who are working on contract basis/fixed pay package or having less than two years continuous government service or less than three months of service in Finance Division or against whom disciplinary proceedings/inquiry is in progress, may need not to apply".


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