ACADEMIC YEARS 2027–2029

JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

A two-year scholarship for Japanese students to pursue a Ph.D. abroad in Macroeconomics, and, its related fields, including Public Economics, Monetary Economics, International Economics (International Finance & Trade), or Econometrics.

The Japan-IMF Scholarship Program is financed by the government of Japan and administered by the IMF's Institute for Capacity Development with assistance from the Institute of International Education (IIE).

The goal of the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program is to train Japanese nationals as macroeconomists, developing the skills that are essential for economists working at the IMF.

The Japan-IMF scholarship Program funding covers two years of doctoral studies in relevant fields at universities located outside of Japan.

WHO CAN APPLY

Japanese citizens who:

- Are either studying at or applying to a doctoral program in macroeconomics or other relevant fields to the IMF at a university outside of Japan.
- Are normally entering the 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of the Ph.D. program.
- Will complete their Ph.D. program well before age 34, to be eligible to apply for the IMF's Economist Program (EP).

WHY APPLY

JISP covers all reasonable expenses for two years of graduate study including university tuition, medical insurance, selected travel expenses, and a monthly stipend.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Attend an orientation program at the IMF in Washington D.C. (expenses paid), where participants will meet other Japan-IMF Scholarship Program and engage with IMF staff members and program alumni.
- Participate in a 10–13 week fully-paid summer internship at the IMF.
- Apply to the IMF's Economist Program (EP).

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online at www.iie.org/JISP

Application deadline: November 30, 2026

The application must be completed online in English and must include these supporting documents:

- A personal statement focusing on the applicant's background, career goals, and interest in working as an IMF economist.
- University transcripts, and GRE and TOEFL or IELTS scores.
- Two reference letters.
- A scanned digital copy of an application to a doctoral program (for those not yet accepted to or already attending a doctoral program).
- Macroeconomic essays.

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SAKAI ANDO
IMF Economist, former Japan-IMF Scholar

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