

Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program

Application Deadline: 23 Feb 2017 directly apply to JJ/WBGSP----

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/scholarships#3>

AIT's School of Environment, Resources and Development is listed in the Preferred Programs for the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JJ/WBGSP) and following Master's degree programs for August 2017 Intake:

1. Agricultural Systems and Engineering (ASE)
2. Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources Management (AARM)
3. Environmental Engineering and Management (EEM)
4. Food Engineering and Bioprocess Technology (FEBT)
5. Gender and Development Studies (GDS)
6. Natural Resources Management (NRM)
7. Regional and Rural Development Planning (RRDP)
8. Urban Environmental Management (UEM)

Applicants can use [AIT](#) offer letter to seek JJ/WBGSP scholarship. Hence, do apply to AIT in the School of Environment, Resources and Development for getting admission. Admission Requirements and details available at <http://www.ait.asia/admissions/application.html>.

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The Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JJ/WBGSP) is open to women and men from developing countries with relevant professional experience and a history of supporting their countries' development efforts who are applying to a master degree program in a development-related topic.

JJWBGSP offers scholarships for over 200 [Preferred Programs](#) (.xlsx 49 KB) spanning a wide array of development topics and for 14 [Partner Programs](#) (.xlsx 15 KB) at universities in U.S., Africa and Japan in key areas of development, including economic policy management, tax policy, and infrastructure management. JJWBGSP scholarships for developing country nationals are not available for any other master degree program.

A JJWBGSP scholarship provides tuition, a monthly living stipend, round-trip airfare, health insurance, and travel allowance.

View a detailed list of benefits. After earning their degree, developing country scholars commit to return to home to use their new skills to contribute to their countries' social and economic development.

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Who is Eligible to Apply?

Details on eligibility criteria for each call for [application](#) are provided in that call's [application guidelines](#), and these detailed eligibility criteria are strictly adhered to. no exception is made.

Broadly speaking, developing country nationals must:

- Be a national of a World Bank member developing country;
- Not hold dual citizenship of a developed country;
- Be in good health;

- Hold a Bachelor (or equivalent) degree earned at least 3 years prior to the Application Deadline date;
- Have 3 years or more of recent development-related experience after earning a Bachelor (or equivalent) degree;
- Be accepted unconditionally to enroll in the upcoming academic year in at least one of the JJWBGSP Preferred or Partner masters degree Programs;
- Not be an Executive Director, his/her alternate, and/or staff of all types of appointments of the World Bank Group or a close relative of the aforementioned by blood or adoption with the term "close relative" defined as: Mother, Father, Sister, Half-sister, Brother, Half-brother, Son, Daughter, Aunt, Uncle, Niece, or Nephew;

*Please note: All eligibility criteria are strictly adhered to. No exceptions are made. Eligibility criteria WILL NOT change during an open call for applications. However, this information is subject to change between the close of one application process and the opening of the next.

How to Apply

Applicants can apply for scholarships to both Preferred and Partner Programs. The process to apply to a Preferred Program and to a Partner Program differs:

APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP TO A PREFERRED PROGRAM

Those seeking a JJ/WBGSP [Preferred Program scholarship](#) (.xlsx 49 KB) must, in parallel, apply for admissions to one or more of the Preferred Program(s) and apply for a JJWBGSP scholarship.

ATTENTION: The call for applications for a JJWBGSP Scholarship to one of our Preferred Programs is now open from January 25 to February 23, 2017. Guidance for this call for applications, including details on how to apply, and greater details on the eligibility criteria, selection process and benefits are provided in the [Application Guidelines](#), [FAQs](#), and [the complete list of JJ/WBGSP Preferred](#) (.xlsx 49 KB) Master Degrees currently offered. **Please read these documents before starting your application.**

Once you are familiar with the application requirements and processes, [click HERE](#) to apply, and refer to the "[Accessing your online application](#)" and "[Navigating your online application](#)" to navigate step-by-step the online application.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP TO A PARTNER PROGRAM

Those seeking a JJ/WBGSP [Partner Program scholarship](#) (.xlsx 15 KB) must first apply for admission to one or more of the Partner Masters Degree Program(s). Inquiries on how to submit an admissions application to a partner program should be submitted to the respective university.

After reviewing submitted applications, each Partner Master Degree Program will identify a short list of eligible candidates who will then be invited by the JJWBGSP Secretariat to apply for a JJ/WBGSP scholarship. View [the complete list of JJ/WBGSP Partner](#) (.xlsx 15 KB) master degrees offered.

Selection Process

The JJ/WBGSP uses the following process to review eligible scholarship applications from developing country nationals, with the aim of identifying the candidates with the highest potential, after completion of their graduate studies, to impact the development of their countries.

Two qualified assessors independently review each eligible application and score the application on a scale of 1 to 10, taking into account four main factors and the degree of cohesion among them:

1. Quality of Professional Experience (30% weight)
2. Quality of Professional Recommendations (30% weight)
3. Quality of Commitment to your Home Country (30% weight)
4. Quality of Education Background (10% weight)

For a scholarship to a JJWBGSP Preferred master degree, the JJ/WBGSP Secretariat uses the average score of the two assessors to identify the list of semi-finalists. The semi-finalists will be required to provide supplemental documentation outlined in the ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF FINALIST FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP section of the Application Guidelines, including a letter of acceptance from a JJWBGSP Preferred Masters Degree Program noted in the submitted application that is either unconditional, or conditional only upon the securing of financing.

The JJ/WBGSP Secretariat uses the average score of the two assessors and the following criteria to select the finalists:

- Maintaining a reasonably wide geographical distribution of awards, that takes into account the geographic distribution of eligible applications;
- Maintaining a reasonable distribution of awards across gender that takes into account the distribution of eligible applications across gender;
- Giving scholarships to those applicants who, other things being equal, appear to have limited financial resources
- Unusual circumstances / hardships, when assessing the employment experience and other aspects of an application.

Once all documentation is received, the JJWBGSP Secretariat presents the finalists for the preferred program scholarship to the JJ/WBG Steering Committee (composed of members of the World Bank Board of Directors and WB management) for final review and selection for a scholarship. The Secretariat informs the scholarship winners in July.

The JJWBGSP Secretariat presents the finalists for partnership scholarship to the World Bank's Executive Director for Japan for approval on a rolling basis, matching the JJWBGSP Partner university's admission cycle. The Secretariat informs the scholarship winners to a partner master degree program soon after approval, and will require further documentation, including medical certificate of good health, before scholarship benefits can be disbursed.

Scholarship Benefits

The JJ/WBGSP scholarship provides the recipient with the following benefits:

- Economy class air travel between your home country and the host university at the start of your study program and immediately following the end of the scholarship period. In addition to the two-way air travel, scholars will receive a US \$500 travel allowance for each trip;
- Tuition for your graduate program and the cost of basic medical insurance usually obtained through the university.
- A monthly subsistence allowance to cover living expenses, including books. The amount of the allowance varies depending on the host country.

Please note all JJ/WBGSP scholarships cover the duration of the graduate program or two years, whichever is less.

The JJ/WBGSP scholarship does not cover:

- VISA application(s) costs
- Expenses to bring and/or support a scholar's family members;
- Extra-curricular courses or training;
- Language training not provided by the graduate program;
- Additional travel during the course of the study program;
- Expenses related to research, supplementary educational materials, field trips, participation in workshops/seminars, or internships; or
- Educational equipment such as computers.

Note: The JJ/WBGSP scholarship may only supplement, and does not duplicate, any other source of financial support/fellowship you might have. If selected as a finalist or if you are awarded a scholarship, you must inform the JJ/WBGSP if you have other sources of scholarship funds. The JJ/WBGSP stipend may be withdrawn completely or partially if during the scholarship period the Program has evidence of additional sources of support.