



REGIONAL OFFICE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

APPLICATION TO THE JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA AND THE JAPAN-IMF MACROECONOMIC SEMINAR FOR ASIA

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To whom it may concern:

The IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (OAP) is pleased to inform you that the application for the above-mentioned programs is now open. We would be grateful if your institution could identify interested officials and nominate them for application. A detailed description of the programs is available on OAP's website at <http://www.imf.org/external/oap/index.htm>.

I. Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA) for Junior Officials

Partnership-track (for master's studies): The JISPA is designed for junior government officials from economic policy-making agencies in emerging and developing economies in the Asia-Pacific region. We plan to award 33 scholarships under the partnership track where the scholars study on specially designed master's programs at one of the four partner universities¹. The curriculum of each partnership program has been developed to further strike the best balance between theory and practice. Skills to be attained by scholars are proposed by each master's program to help target officials and their agencies identify the program best suitable to their career. **The application deadline for AY2019-20 is December 1, 2018.** Accepted scholars are expected to put their knowledge into practice upon returning home as part of the Fund's capacity building efforts.

Open-track (mainly for Ph.D. studies): In addition to the partnership track scholarships, the JISPA also provides a small number of scholarships under an open-track program. Applicants should be government officials who would like to pursue graduate studies (preferably at the Ph.D. level) in macroeconomics at any reputable institution in Japan. **The application deadline for AY 2019-20 is June 1, 2019.** Furthermore, we are calling for additional applications for admission in April 2019 under AY2018-19, with an application deadline of December 1, 2018.

JISPA website: <https://www.imf.org/external/oap/schol.htm>

***Continuing-Education Program for JISPA Alumni (JISPA-CE):** In collaboration with IMF Institute for Capacity Development (ICD) and regional training centers of the Asian Pacific Department (APD), OAP will continue to offer the JISPA-CE to support the alumni's career-long education and training following the inaugural session held in March 2018. The JISPA alumni who have gained more than seven years of work experience after the completion of their JISPA education will be targeted. The second*

¹ National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Hitotsubashi University, International University of Japan, and The University of Tokyo

JISPA-CE is expected to be held in spring 2019 in Japan. OAP will announce this training program through our website and the JISPA alumni networking site once details descriptions have been confirmed.

II. Japan-IMF Macroeconomic Seminar for Asia (JIMS) for Senior Officials

The JIMS is a one-week seminar targeting senior officials from the Asia-Pacific Region and serves as a forum for policy discussions. It provides opportunities to deepen discussions by facilitating interaction between officials from Japan and other countries. A half-day field trip will also be arranged. The JIMS will be held on February 25-March 1, 2019, with **an application deadline on November 8, 2018.**

JIMS Website: <http://www.grips.ac.jp/jims/>

If you or interested officials have questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact Ms. Saika Kin (e-mail: sakin@imf.org; phone: (81-3) 3597-6708; fax: (81-3) 3597-6705) or Ms. Kazuyo Katafuchi (e-mail: kkatafuchi@imf.org; phone: (81-3) 3597-6709), both in OAP.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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