The Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program aims to provide opportunities to qualified citizens of ADB developing member countries (DMCs) undertake postgraduate studies in economics, business and management, science and technology, and other development-related fields at selected educational institutions in the Asia and Pacific region. After completing their studies, the scholars are expected to return to their home countries to apply enhanced knowledge and skills toward accelerated economic and social development.

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1988 An agreement between ADB and the Government of Japan was signed on 8 April 1988, establishing the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program. Eight universities were designated partners: Asian Institute of Management, International Rice Research Institute/University of the Philippines at Los Baños, Asian Institute of Technology, University of Sydney, East–West Center/University of Hawaii, Lahore University of Management Sciences, International University of Japan, and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.

1989 Three new institutions were included in the program: National University of Singapore, the University of Tokyo, and University of Hong Kong.

1990 The National Centre for Development Studies of the Australian National University joined the ADB–JSP as its 12th designated institution.

1994 An official from the Ministry of Finance, Government of Japan, was seconded to ADB to help monitor the use of grant funds for the program. The presence of the official enhanced the coordination of ADB–JSP between ADB and the Government of Japan.

1995 Two new designated institutions—the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering of the Saitama University and the University of Auckland—were added to the program.

1996 Thammasat University and the University of Melbourne were added to the ADB–JSP making a total of 16 participating institutions in 10 member countries. The administration of the program, supervised by the Japan Special Fund coordinator, was transferred from the Education, Health and Population Division of the Agriculture and Social Sectors Department (West) to the Office of Cofinancing Operations.

1999 The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (formerly Policy Science of Saitama University) was established as an independent postgraduate university and became the 17th participating institution of the ADB–JSP.

2000 ADB designated the Graduate School of International Development of the Nagoya University to participate in the program, bringing the total number of participating institutions to 18.

2001 ADB reactivated the Japan–ADB Scholarship Alumni Association (JASAA). Gatherings of scholars were organized in Hawaii and Tokyo.

2002 Scholars and alumni gathered in Canberra, at the ADB headquarters in Manila, and in Bangkok.
2003. New implementing guidelines were approved to make them more relevant to the current direction of the ADB–JSP: (i) maximum duration of scholarship award is 2 years, (ii) applicants should not be more than 35 years old at the time of application, and (iii) designated institutions were encouraged to provide tuition fee discounts to outstanding scholars. A gathering of students was held at the ADB Institute in Tokyo.

2004. ADB designated under the JSP the International Graduate Programs on Advanced Science and Technology of the Keio University and the School of Economics of the Ritsumeikan University, bringing the number of designated institutions to 20. The first gathering of alumni in Indonesia, an ADB DMC with no designated institution, was organized in August. The ADB–JSP website was linked to the 20 designated institutions.

2005. The ADB–JSP continued to intensify its outreach to scholars and alumni by hosting two gatherings—at the ADB headquarters and in Ha Noi.

2006. The ADB–JSP continued to strengthen JASAA through increased networking by hosting alumni gatherings in Cambodia and Mongolia. The Operations Evaluation Department started the special evaluation study on the ADB–JSP.

2007. ADB–JSP consultation missions are important in effectively administering the program. ADB–JSP missions were fielded to three Japanese designated institutions in May (with the Executive Director for Japan) and to designated institutions in Hong Kong, China; Australia; and New Zealand. The special evaluation study was completed; it concluded that the performance of the program has been successful and worth continuing.

2008. ADB–JSP intensified its outreach to scholars and Filipino alumni by hosting a gathering of scholars from the Asian Institute of Management and the International Rice Research Institute at the ADB headquarters.

2009. ADB designated seven new institutions [six in Japan—Tokyo Institute of Technology (Department of International Development Engineering), Kyushu University (Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences and Graduate School of Law), University of Tsukuba (Program in Economic and Public Policy Management), Kobe University (Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies), Hitotsubashi University (Asian Public Policy Program), and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies)—and 1 in Singapore—Nanyang Technological University (Nanyang Graduate School of Business—NTU-Waseda Double MBA Program)]. The first ADB–JSP Scholars’ Research Forum was held at the ADB Institute in September.

2010. The second ADB–JSP Scholars’ Research Forum was held at the ADB Institute in April with 53 participants. An alumni tracer study was conducted in September, receiving 14% respondents of the total alumni. Overall, the study showed that ADB–JSP has been successful in meeting its objective of developing human resources in ADB DMCs.

2011. Two ADB–JSP Scholars’ Research Forum were held during the year—the fourth conducted at the Nagoya University (75 participants) in June, and the fifth held at the ADB headquarters in December for the Asian Institute of Management and the International Rice Research Institute scholars (80 participants, including 20 Filipino alumni).

2012. The fifth ADB–JSP Scholars’ Research Forum was held at the ADB Institute in June with 114 participants. An alumni tracer study was successfully conducted with the participation of 34% of the 2,499 graduates. The program significantly benefited the scholars in terms of gaining new technical knowledge and skills, career advancement, employment in key institutions and enterprises, and expansion of network of professionals. The ADB–JSP contributed greatly in increasing human capital in home countries of the scholars who fill key and strategic positions in government, the academe, and the business sector. Over 25 years, the ADB–JSP has implicitly established a network of influential people in the DMCs through the scholars and the institutions they work with. The social capital built by the scholarship program will help ADB and the Government of Japan in their development projects in the DMCs.
Asian Development Bank Japan Scholarship Program
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Qualified citizens of developing member countries of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), who intend to pursue postgraduate studies in economics, management, science and technology, and other development-related fields, are invited to apply for scholarships under the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP). Upon successful completion of the graduate program, the scholars are expected to return to their country and contribute to its socioeconomic development. Scholarships are awarded for graduate studies at designated institutions in courses of study approved by ADB. The program especially welcomes qualified women applicants who have limited financial means to obtain university education.

The Scholarships
Level of Education: postgraduate (masters)
Duration: 1 to 2 years
Coverage: tuition fees, subsistence allowance (including housing), books, medical insurance, economy airfare, and research subsidy

Academic Institutions
- Australia—Australian National University (Crawford School of Economics and Government), University of Melbourne, University of Sydney
- China, People’s Republic of—University of Hong Kong
- India—Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- Japan—Hitotsubashi University; International University of Japan; Keio University (Graduate School of Economics, Graduate School of System Design and Management, and International Graduate Programs on Advanced Science and Technology); Kobe University; Kyushu University; Nagoya University (Graduate School of International Development); National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies; Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University; Ritsumeikan University (Graduate School of Economics); Saitama University (Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering); Tokyo Institute of Technology; University of Tokyo (Department of Civil Engineering, Department of Urban Engineering, Graduate School of Public Policy, Institute of Environmental Studies, and School of International Health); University of Tsukuba
- New Zealand—University of Auckland
- Pakistan—Lahore University of Management Sciences
- Philippines—Asian Institute of Management; International Rice Research Institute/University of the Philippines, Los Baños
- Singapore—Nanyang Technological University (Nanyang Business School), National University of Singapore
- Thailand—Asian Institute of Technology, Thammasat University
- USA—East–West Center/University of Hawaii

Eligibility Requirements
Prospective applicants must:
- be a citizen of an ADB developing member country
- have at least 2 years of work experience
- have gained admission to an approved course in a designated institution
- be proficient in oral and written English communication skills
- be in good health
- be not more than 35 years old at the time of application (Staff of ADB and the designated institutions and their close relatives are not eligible to apply.)

Application Requirements
Applicants should obtain an application form from the designated institution of their choice and submit the completed form and required documentation to the institution. Applicants should indicate on the application form that they wish to be considered for an ADB–JSP scholarship. (ADB will select the scholars from among those admitted by the institutions. A separate application to ADB is not necessary.) For further information, visit the ADB–JSP website.