



*Ministry of Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science,
Technology and Vocational Training*

PRESS RELEASE

JICA SDGs GLOBAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 2024

The Department of Education, Innovation, and Vocational Training informs of the SDGs Global Leader Scholarship offered through the Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA). JICA is inviting applications from middle-management government officials or academics who wish to work in and are passionate about policy formation, political and development issues, Public Policy Administration and Economics.

The SDGs Global Leader Scholarship Programme was established in 2019 to foster cooperation for sustainable development in the world under the JICA Development Studies framework (JICA-DSP). The course intends to provide participants with a special programme on Japanese developmental experience and internships if necessary, in addition to obtaining Master's or PhD Degree.

The programme aims to develop high level human resources who would contribute to appropriate policy decision and its implementation for tackling political and developmental issues in respective fields. It also aims to establish and maintain mid and long term good relations between the target countries and Japan.

Proposed research topics will be those that contribute to the government policy for sustainable development (Example: administration/public policy, finance, international politics/diplomacy, regional research, business, international trade/investment, disaster risk reduction, maritime issues, etc.)

Applicants may select the university to which he/she wishes to apply, from the universities which have concluded an agreement on accepting JICA participants on the condition that the candidate passes the entrance examination. Detailed information on these partner universities can be accessed [here](#).

It is recommended that scholars participate in internship programme at public or private entities during the stay in Japan. JICA will prepare the contents and schedule of the internship in close consultation with the participants and host organizations. In principle, no reward or compensation should be paid to the participants or host organizations.

Duration and Modality

In principle, 2 years for Master's Programme and 3 years for Ph.D. Programme (It depends on each programme offered by universities), to be taught in English.

Eligibility

Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Young or middle government official, prospective academics, personnel from private institutions who are expected to contribute policy formulation or its implementation for tackling sustainable development issues in respective fields.
2. Citizen of Saint Lucia
3. Less than forty (40) years old in principle
4. Hold a Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree
5. Applicants must not be receiving nor planning to receive another scholarship during the programme
6. Participants must pass the selected university's usual admission procedures including examinations to enter the participants' desired master's degree or PhD degree programme.

Expenses to be borne by JICA

Under the JICA Long-term Trainee Allowance standards, JICA will cover expenses and allowance to participants accepted for the programme. Please note that the payments (e.g. for tuition, research support expenses, school support expenses) will not be paid to the training participants themselves, but directly to the university or other relevant institutions. See the table below for further details.

Expense category	Payment amount	Payment frequency
Tuition (official examination fees, entrance fees, course fees)	Actual costs	According to the request from universities
Living Allowance	JPY 143,000–148,000 per month*	Every month via university
Airfare	Actual costs	Upon arrival in Japan and upon returning home
Clothing Allowance	JPY106,000	Once (upon arrival in Japan)
Moving Allowance	Up to JPY164,000-224,000	Once (during the training period)**
Research Support Expenses***	Actual costs (Up to JPY 360,000 per year)	

*Varies according to living area, type of accommodation, etc.

**Only if you move to an accommodation facility that requires extra payment other than monthly rent

*** Research Support Expenses are allowed to be provided via your university and be disbursed with the approval of your supervisor.

Expenses not to be borne by JICA

JICA will not bear cost other than the allowances described above. JICA is not responsible for the following expenses:

- (1) Passport fees (for re-issuance and extensions, etc.)
- (2) Visa fees of a transit country and transportation expenses to obtain Visa
- (3) Transportation expenses to obtain Japanese Visa
- (4) Domestic travel expenses in the home country
- (5) Departure tax
- (6) Airport tax/airport facility charges outside of Japan, including third countries
- (7) Customs duty
- (8) Excess baggage charges
- (9) Compensation for lost and/or damaged baggage
- (10) "no show charge" to the transit airport hotel (non-refundable)
- (11) Lost – ticket fee
- (12) Accommodation fee for day-use hotel in return flight
- (13) Transportation expenses other than official programmes
- (14) Telephone bill or mini-bar tab at accommodation

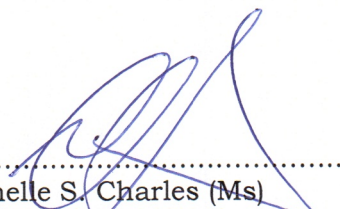
Note: If participant does not follow JICA's regulations, the participant may have to bear such other cost of necessary expenses.

Interested persons are advised to read through the press release thoroughly and submit via email, their name and the degree programme(s) they wish to pursue, to hrdeducation.slu@gmail.com.

The deadline for receipt of names of interested persons is no later than May 29, 2023.

Should you require additional information, please contact the HRD Unit at telephone number 468-5431/468-5229.

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