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**“The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) by Japanese Grant Aid for PhD”**

The Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) is pleased to announce the availability of one scholarship for PhD under the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) funding for 2023 intake as follows:

**1. Scholarship Areas:**

- Economics
- Engineering
- Seismology
- Flood Disaster
- Data Analytics/Mining
- Artificial Intelligence

**2. Eligibility:**

- Should be a Bhutanese;
- Have obtained a master’s degree in relevant field from any country (as per JDS framework);
  - *The specialization will depend on the field of study chosen by the applicant and approved by the respective agency, according to the critical needs of the agency and the country.*
- Those who have a MA Degree in Economics in Japan or ex-participants of JICA training are preferable;
- 45 years of age and below as of 1st April, 2023;
- Be a regular civil servant;
- Have a recommendation from the supervisor of his/her current duty office. (Reference Letter should contain evaluation of applicant’s performance at work and relevance of his/her research theme to his/her career.);



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- Have a recommendation from the expected academic advisor(s) of the applying university;
- Have published peer reviewed article/paper or
  - \*Have submitted the article/paper to a journal and is being under reviewed.
  - \*Have a concrete plan to publish article/paper in academic journal in collaboration with prospective supervisor in applying university.
- Not have already obtained a doctoral degree;
- Not be currently awarded or to be awarded a scholarship from other foreign donors, and
- Have proficiency in English, sufficiently fluent for studying in Japan.

**3. Other Criteria:**

- Present a research proposal relevant to the development issues of the country;
- Be in good health both physically and mentally, and
- Complete the course within, and not exceeding three (3) years.

**4. Documents Required:**

**I. While submitting the documents to the RCSC**

- LTT nomination Application form;
- Performance Rating/Moderation Score for last two year;
- Copy of system generated CV;
- Class XII Certificate and Mark sheet;
- Degree Certificate and Mark sheet (Both Bachelors and Masters);
- Merit certificates (Leadership, Volunteerism, Publication, and Professional Recognition), and
- LTT Review Checklist.



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ii. While completing the online application process after getting shortlisted by RCSC:

Required documents	File type	Notes
1. Short Essays	PDF (ONE file only)	*Prescribed form
2. Research Plan	PDF (ONE file only)	*Prescribed form
3. University Certificate of Degree <i>* Master's degree course (Attested)</i>	PDF (ONE file only)	Must contain all the grades earned from the university. Written in English or accompanied with official translation.
4. University Transcript of Academic Records <i>* Master's degree course (Attested)</i>	PDF (ONE file only)	
5. Professional Reference Letter	PDF (ONE file only)	*Prescribed form
6. Academic Reference Letter	PDF (ONE file only)	*Prescribed form <i>Must be attached: a copy of a peer-reviewed Article / Paper or a concrete plan</i>
7. Passport (or CID) <i>*No need to attest</i>	PDF (ONE file only)	If you don't have Passport, please submit color soft copy of CID.



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8. Photo	JPG, JPEG, PNG, GIF	✓ A Color photo, taken within the last 3 months ✓ 4:3 (height: width) aspect ratio ✓ Must be taken against a plain background
9. [If any] IELTS Certificate	PDF (One file only)	The Test taken on/after 1 Nov 2021.

\*[Prescribed form](#) can be downloaded from JDS Bhutan HP.

\*Before proceeding with the Apply online system, please prepare the required documents above in PDF format.

For further details please access to: <https://jds-scholarship.org/country/bhutan/index.html>

#### 5. Information to candidate

- Eligible candidates must fulfil the in-service training criteria of the BCSR 2018 (unless specified otherwise in the scholarship criteria);
- Applicants should consult respective Agency/Authority before applying for the course;
- Agency should ensure relevance of the course and forward application of the eligible and relevant candidates only; and
- In addition, the interested civil servants are asked to strictly adhere to the PhD notification issued by the RCSC.



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**6. Application Procedure and deadline**

SI #	Event	Dates	Remarks
1	Application opening date	12-Sep-2022	Application submission must be routed through the Working Agency and Parent Agency
1	Application closing date	14-Oct-2022	Applications must be submitted to the RCSC on or before this date
2	Shortlisting Result Announcement on website	4-Nov-2022	The RCSC to screen and shortlist the candidates and submit the namelist to the JICE JDS Office. *JICE will provide the candidates with necessary information on JDS application.

**7. General Information:**

- For program details and application procedures, please visit <http://jds-scholarship.org/country/bhutan/index.html> (the website will be opened on 10th August 2021) or attend online seminar provided by JICE Office, Changzamtok, Thimphu.  
\* Online seminar (register in advance): <https://zoom.us/j/9123456789>
- For clarification/queries, contact Jamyang Norbu, HRDD at 02-322491 (Ext. 223) or email at [jamayangn@rcsc.gov.bt](mailto:jamayangn@rcsc.gov.bt)