



# JDS Application Guidelines



The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship in Senegal 2023



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# I. Application Guidelines

## 1. About JDS Scholarship

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (**JDS**) was launched by the Government of Senegal with the assistance of the Government of Japan in 2022.



From the People of Japan

**JDS** is funded by the Government of Japan through its ODA (Official Development Assistance) budget.



**JDS** targets young government officials and others who are expected to play a leadership role in the development of their countries.



**JDS** provides scholarships to Senegal government officers to study in two-year Master Degree courses (instructed in English) of Japanese universities.\* *Some courses are completed in one year.*

### Objectives of JDS

- To support for Human Resource Development**  
 JDS's objective is to strengthen the government's administrative capacities in Senegal through providing the opportunity to obtain a Master's degree to the young capable government administrators who are expected to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development plans and to play a leadership role in the development of the country.
- To Enhance Bilateral Relationships**  
 JDS fellows are expected to solidify foundations to further bilateral relations with Japan by utilizing their human network developed through academic and social activities while in Japan.

### Beneficiaries of JDS

- For the participants (JDS Fellows)**  
 JDS Fellows will acquire expertise to use for policy making and institutional building for the development of their country, and also build human network in and out of Japan through the two- or one year study in Japan
- For the organizations (The Fellows' workplace)**  
 The Fellows' workplace will attain highly-capable and motivated returnees (JDS Fellows) who can effectively contribute to the organizational missions
- For the Country (The Fellows' country)**  
 The Fellows' country will improve institutional capability of the target organizations which leads to foster country's development

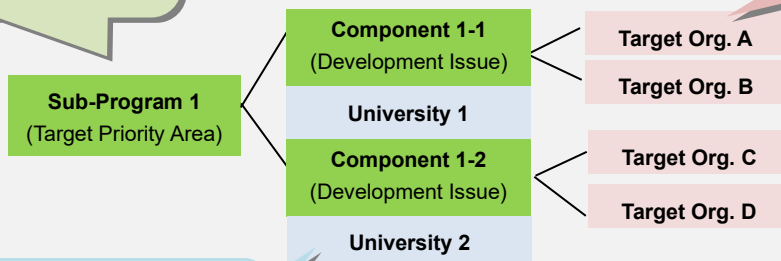


## 2. System of JDS Senegal

The JDS Project was introduced to Senegal in 2022. It gives its importance on "selection and concentration" on the target priority issues to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of the program. A single program (One phase) is designed to accept four batches of Fellows (Fellows in each fiscal year constitute one batch).

The new JDS Project consists of the sectors called "**Sub-Program**" and "**Component**", which correspond to and deal with the selected target priority areas and the relevant development issues, which were confirmed as indispensable to the economic and social development of the country.

The Fellows of the JDS Project are selected from the "**Target Organizations**" whose mission is closely related to the target priority areas (Sub-Program) and the relevant development issues (Component).



Accepting universities are also determined under each Component, which offers educational programs relevant to the needs of Senegal. The degree to be pursued is **master's degree (1 or 2 year course)**, and the language of instruction is **English**.

**For further details** → **P10** Framework of JDS Senegal List of Target Organizations

### 3. Applicant Eligibility

◆ Nationality	Citizens of the Republic of Senegal
◆ Age	Between the age of 22 and 45 as of April 1st, 2024 (Born on/after April 2nd, 1978 and born on/before April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2002)
◆ Academic Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possess a <b>Bachelor's degree</b> from universities authorized by the Government of Senegal or other countries.</li> <li>• 16 years of formal education is required (in principle), however, relevant academic/research career or working experience can be considered as the alternative to meet the requirement.</li> </ul>
◆ Working Experience	<p>Applicants MUST;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a <b>Government (permanent) employee in the target organizations.</b>(Refer to P.13)</li> <li>• Have 4 years or more of work experience at his/her belonging organizations. The work experiences shall be related to applying 'Sub-Program' / 'Component', at the time of application. (Part time jobs and volunteer activities are not counted as work experience).</li> <li>• <b>[Applicants to Tropical course for Nagasaki Univ.]</b> Have at least 2 years of clinical experience as a medical doctor</li> </ul>
◆ English Proficiency	<p>Have a good command of both written and spoken English. TOEFL iBT score of 61 or IELTS score of 5.0 or higher is <b>preferable (not required)</b> JDS Project Office will arrange TOEFL test for those who do not have valid score.</p>
◆ Health Condition	<p>Mentally and physically in good health. Note: Applicants need to take and pass all medical check-up prior to the technical interview. This medical check-up is arranged by JDS Project Office. Applicant who cannot take or pass all medical check-up will be disqualified from JDS scholarship.</p>
◆ Ineligibility	<p><b>A person corresponds to the following is not eligible to apply.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has been awarded or scheduled to receive other scholarship (including other scholarships of Japan).</li> <li>• Has been awarded any scholarship for Master's degree in foreign countries.</li> <li>• Military personnel registered on the active list or a person on alternative military service.</li> </ul>
◆ Others*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful Candidates are required to submit a pledge on the conditions deemed necessary as scholarship participants under the JDS Project.</li> <li>• JDS Fellows are obliged to return to Senegal upon completing the degree program and work for <b>at least four (4) years</b> in their organization in order to make a contribution to the development of Senegal and to the friendly relations between Senegal and Japan</li> <li>• Female officers are encouraged to apply.</li> </ul>

### 4. JDS Operating Committee (OC)

JDS Operating Committee (OC) is the decision-making committee of JDS Project. It consists of both members of Senegal and Japanese governments. The OC not only sets the framework and selection policies but also evaluates candidates in final selection.

#### JDS Operating Committee (OC) Senegal

 **Government of Senegal**

Direction of Technical Cooperation, Secretary General of the Presidency  
Ministry of Finance and Budget  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Senegalese Diaspora  
Ministry of Economic Planning and Cooperation  
Ministry of Public Service and Public Service Renewal  
Ministry of Health and Social Action  
Operational Monitoring Office of the PSE

 **Government of Japan**

Embassy of Japan in Senegal  
JICA Senegal Office

 **JICE (Japan International Cooperation Center)**

JICE supports a smooth implementation of JDS project, which covers a wide range of services such as arrangements of recruitment and selection, and assistances for JDS Fellows studying in Japan

## 5. Selection Process (Tentative)

Steps	Nagasaki University	Universities <u>other than</u> Nagasaki University
Application	Closing Date: <b>4:30 p.m. on March 15(Fri), 2023</b>	Closing Date: <b>4:30 p.m. on April 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2023</b>
▼	Further details → P6“Application Documents”	Further details → P6“Application Documents”
Academic aptitude test	<b>【Mid - End of March 2024】</b> English Test and Math tests <sup>1</sup> . The test results will be reviewed by the universities in later selection stages	<b>【Early - Mid of April 2024】</b> English Test and Math tests. The test results will be reviewed by the universities in later selection stages
▼		
1 <sup>st</sup> Selection	<b>【End of March – Early April 2024】</b> Document Screening: Application Documents and research plan will be examined by the Japanese universities.	<b>【Mid of April – Early May 2024】</b> Document Screening: Application Documents and research plan will be examined by the Japanese universities.
▼		
Health Checkup	<b>【Early- Mid of May 2024】</b> The health checkup will be arranged at a hospital in Dakar.	
▼		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Selection	<b>【Early- Mid of April 2024】</b> Technical Interview: Faculty members of the Japanese Universities will visit Dakar to conduct their interview exams.	<b>【Mid – End of May 2024】</b> Technical Interview: Faculty members of the Japanese Universities will visit Dakar to conduct their interview exams.
▼		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Selection	<b>【End of May 2024】</b> Comprehensive Interview: The Operating Committee members will conduct the interview exams.	
▼		
Approval by the OC	<b>【End of May – Early June 2024】</b> Successful candidates will be approved and notified	
Admission Procedure	【June 2024】 JICE will support admission procedures for each university	
Japanese Language Training	【June – July 2024】 Provided to successful candidates in Dakar.	
Orientations	【July 2024】 Provided by JICA, DCT and JICE	
Departure for Japan	【August 2024】 JICE will arrange air-ticket, visa, and also support after the arrival in Japan	

### <Important Notes>

- ✓ All the selection costs will be covered by JDS project.
- ✓ Limited transportation and accommodation allowance will be provided to candidates coming from provincial areas for the selections.
- ✓ Application Documents will not be returned (Please keep a copy of your documents for yourself)
- ✓ Application Documents with false statements or plagiarism will be immediately disqualified.
- ✓ A result of each selection will be announced to all candidates by email or phone call.
- ✓ In principle, reasons of the selection-results will not be disclosed.



TOEFL & Math test



1<sup>st</sup> Selection  
Document Screening



2<sup>nd</sup> Selection  
Technical Interview



3<sup>rd</sup> Selection  
Comprehensive Interview

## 6. Selection Criteria

Selection process	Criteria	Intent and Purpose
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Selection</b> Document Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic records and background</li> <li>Possibility of future contribution by utilizing acquired knowledge</li> <li>Contents of Research Plan</li> <li>Relevance between Research Plan and Sub-Program / Component (Development issues set by JDS)</li> <li>Reference Letter (Annex in the Application Document)</li> </ul>	The Japanese universities evaluate applicants' basic knowledge, ability and academic background. Compatibility to the university course will be also examined.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Selection</b> Technical Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic background and learning ability</li> <li>Capacity for completing the study in Japan</li> <li>Possibility of contributing to the development of the country</li> <li>Compatibility to the university course</li> </ul>	The universities mainly evaluate <u>academic knowledge, candidates' ideas about research plan, etc.</u> Communication and logical thinking skills are also checked through the interview.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Selection</b> Comprehensive Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possibility of contributing to the development of the country and strengthening bilateral relations with Japan</li> <li>Capacity to utilize outcomes of the study over the long term</li> <li>Capacity for completing the study in Japan</li> </ul>	After the universities check the candidates' academic abilities, the Operating Committee evaluates <u>the candidates' capacity of future contribution to the development of the country and strengthening bilateral relations with Japan</u> such as purpose of study in Japan, career plan after the study, etc.

\* The English and math test results will be reviewed by the universities in the selection stages

## 7. Award Benefits

The awards are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by JDS project. The following benefits generally apply:

- Full tuition fees
- Air fare
- Arrival allowance
- Accommodation allowance
- Monthly Scholarship
- Book allowance
- Shipping allowance
- Travel and seminar attendance allowance
- Overseas travel insurance
- Supports from the agent
  - Finding accommodation
  - Initial settlement of your life in Japan
  - Emergency situation etc.



## 8. Important JDS Rules

JDS has specific rules in order to realize its project goals and to ensure favorable study environment for the Fellows.

### Before departure

- JDS Fellows must submit a JDS pledge to the Operating Committee to commit themselves to follow JDS Rules.

### During the stay in Japan

- The Fellows are NOT allowed to bring their family members to Japan for 3 months after the date of your arrival.
- The Fellows are prohibited from
  - Working
  - Driving motor vehicles, and
  - Applying for further studies such as a doctoral course in Japan
- The Fellows must complete the study within the predetermined period of study, and return to his/her country immediately after the study completion.

### After returning to home country

- The Fellows must attend a report back meeting held by the Operating Committee.
- The Fellows are obliged to **return and work within Senegal at least 4 (four) years in the Target Organizations** in compliance with the Act of Pledge required by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.

Further details will be explained in an orientation conducted after the selection.

## II. How to Succeed in Application

### 1. Application Documents

All applicants are required to submit a set of necessary documents. Please follow the instructions below.

#### 1) Application Documents

- Application Form (AF) and other designated forms can be downloaded from website

#### 2) Precautions

- Original must be submitted to your organization but PDF of original should be submitted by email to JDS Project Office.
- Final Candidates will be required to submit original or attested original University diploma and University transcript.
- All documents written in other language than English need official English translation. (Self-translation is not acceptable.)
- Use only A4 size paper for all copy sets.
- Do not staple the documents. Put a paperclip on them instead.
- Submit “Reason Letter” in case where wrong information (e.g. wrong spelling of name, birthday, etc.) is contained in the ID and official documents due to administrative errors.
- Make your own extra copy of the Application Documents before submission.

#### 3) List of Application Documents

Doc No	Application Documents	Remarks	Original/ Certified Copy TO Your Organization	PDF of Original TO JICE
1	Checklist of Application Document	This list is enclosed in the set of Application Form (AF)	1	1
2	Application Form (AF) (Designated form)	Undersign all the pages of AF	1	1
3	Photograph (4cm x 3cm)	-Taken within the past 3 months	1	1
4	University Diploma / Certificate of degree (Bachelor’s degree)	- Must contain all the grades earned from the university. - Must be <b>Officially Certified</b> . A copy of “Officially certified copies of the original” is acceptable	1	1
5	University Transcript (Bachelor’s degree)	- Must be Written in English or be accompanied <b>with official translation in English</b> .	1	1
6	Reference Letter “Annex” (Designated form)	- Filled out by the current supervisor. - Written in <b>English or accompanied with official translation</b> .	1	1
7	Employment Certificate (Designated form)	Signed by the designated official (e.g. Director General of Personnel Department).	1	1
8	Personal ID Document	Submit <b>ONE</b> of the following documents		
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Passport</b> (First and second pages) *preferable	1	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>National ID card</b> (attach official English translation)	1	1
9	Questionnaire on Health Condition	About “Health Condition” The form is enclosed in AF	1	1
10	[If Any] Valid Official Certificate of TOEFL or IELTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scores obtained within 2 years as of May 31st, 2024 are valid</li> <li>TOEFL Prediction will not be accepted</li> <li>Only original certificate is acceptable (copy cannot be accepted)</li> <li>Those who submit the valid score do not have to take the English exam arranged by JDS Project Office</li> </ul>	1	1

**\*Final candidates must submit an attested original of their diploma and academic transcripts.**

### [Applicants to CP 1-3 Nagasaki University]

- International Health Development Course and Health Innovation Course are 2-year courses but Tropical Medicine Course is a 1-year course.
- Applicants for Tropical Medicine Course must have at least 2 years of clinical experience as a medical doctor.

### 4) Arrangement of Application Documents

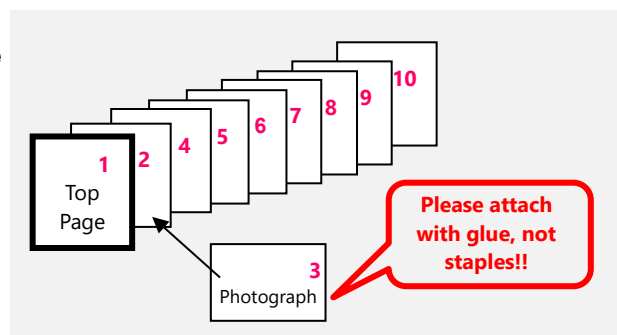
Arrange a set of application documents following a manner of arrangement below.

The document No. below corresponds to the ones in the table “3) List of Application Documents” on P6.

#### 1 Original Set

1. Check List of Application Documents ← Top Page
2. Application Form (AF)
3. Photograph (4 cm×3 cm)
4. University Diploma/Certificate
5. University Transcripts
6. Reference Letter (Annex)
7. Employment Certificate
8. Copy of Passport or ID
9. Questionnaire on Health Condition

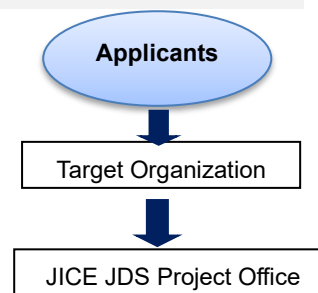
[If any] Valid Official Certificate of TOEFL or IELTS



### 5) Submission of Application Documents

#### ■ Important Notice

- Application lacking necessary documents will not be accepted.
- Application after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Application will be disqualified in case false statements or plagiarism is found.
- Application Documents will not be returned for any reasons.



### Deadline for Application Submission

#### 1) If you wish to take the complementary English course (no charge),

Submit Page 1~3 in Application Form, Certificate of Employment and ID by the following date.

**Nagasaki University:** 4:30 p.m. on March 1<sup>st</sup> (Fri), 2024

**Universities other than Nagasaki University:** 4:30 p.m. on March 15<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2024

The rest of the Application documents must be submitted by:

**Nagasaki University:** 4:30 p.m. on March 15<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2024

**Universities other than Nagasaki University:** 4:30 p.m. on April 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2024

#### 2) If you will NOT take the complementary English course,

Submit all application documents by the following date.

**Nagasaki University:** 4:30 p.m. on March 15<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2024

**Universities other than Nagasaki University:** 4:30 p.m. on April 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2024

#### 3) How to submit

Original→To General Secretary of the Government

PDF of Original by Email→To JICE JDS Project Office in Senegal

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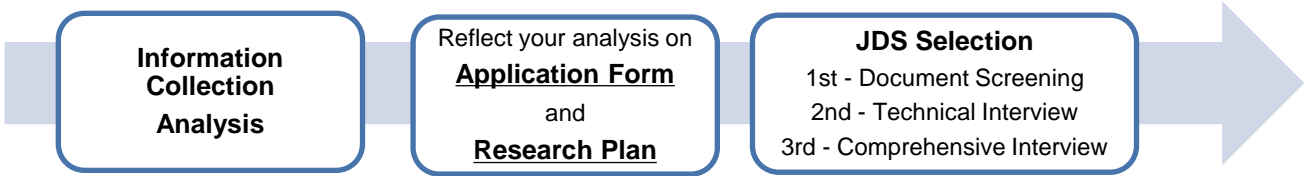
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## 2. Tips on Application and Selection (Reference)

The better you prepare for the Application Documents, the more chances to pass the selection you have.


Here are some tips on the preparation of Application Form (AF) and Research Plan (RP).



Before making the application documents, you are advised to...

### Collect information, Analyze the information, and Analyze yourself!





- Q6.** Responsibilities of your work
- Q7.** Research Plan
- Q8.** Reason for applying the Graduate School
- Q9.** Future contribution

In answering the questions, it is very important to keep in mind that **those questions are NOT separate questions** - they are very coherent in the sense that each question asks [who you are / what you are doing now], [what you want to do in Japan] and [what you can / want to do after your study]. Therefore, those questions ask how you relate your career and the study in the context of the development of Senegal.

For further details, the video is available on the website.

- [Tips for the selection](#)

## 3. Guidelines for Writing a Research Plan

The tips on how to prepare a research plan are available in this video. It is recommended you watch it for your preparation.

- [How to write a research plan](#)
  - ✧ *What is research?*
  - ✧ *How important is the research plan in the JDS selection?*
  - ✧ *How and what theme should be addressed?*
  - ✧ *How to review the previous studies? What is "hypothesis"? etc.*

### Warnings about "Plagiarism"

**"Plagiarism" is a serious offense in the academic field.** Plagiarism means using other person's ideas and words without explicitly acknowledging the source of that information.

You may be disqualified from the selection, or even be discharged from the university, if the plagiarism is found in your research plan, or academic work at the university.

#### Such cases are deemed as plagiarism:

- Copying from books or articles written by other authors without permission
- Copying from an internet source without referring to the attribution text or information
- Misrepresentation of someone's work as one's original

#### To avoid plagiarism, you must cite sources and give credit whenever you use:

- Other person's idea, opinion, or theory
- Any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings – any pieces of information – that are not common knowledge
- Quotation of other person's spoken or written words
- **Paraphrase\*** of other person's spoken or written words

\* Paraphrase is a re-expression of other person's ideas in your own word



## 4. FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

### Program

**Q1. Is JDS a full scholarship?**

**YES.** All the costs to study in Japan will be fully covered by JDS. For further details, please refer to “Award Benefits” in this booklet.

**Q2. Do you have a Ph.D course?**

**NO.** All components are Master’s Degree Course in Senegal.

**Q3. Is this an online course?**

**NO.** The JDS fellows will study in Japan. It’s a good opportunity to meet and learn with different people from around the world.

**Q4. Can I apply for any university/course in Japan?**

**NO.** The component and university are determined according to the priority development issues of each JDS recipient country. You can select the component/university from the framework.

**Q5. Can I extend my stay after the completion of a program?**

**NO.** Every JDS Fellow MUST return to their country by the designated date after graduation in compliance with the pledges required by the JDS Operating Committee. JDS Fellows have an obligation to return to the belonging organization and contribute to the socio-economic development of the country with acquired knowledge and skills.

### Eligibility

**Q6. I am working for a private company but I have work experience at a government office. Am I eligible?**

**NO.** The requirements are “Currently employed in the Target Organizations as a full-time employee”

**Q7. I don’t have two years of work experience at the current workplace. Can I count my previous work experience?**

**YES.** You can summate all the experience periods among different Target Organizations. But please kindly note that it should be the experiences in the target organizations.

**Q8. I have already received a scholarship from another country. Am I eligible to apply for JDS?**

The following persons are NOT eligible to apply for JDS.

- Persons who are currently receiving or is scheduled to receive other scholarship
- Persons who had already obtained master’s degree in other countries under any scholarship.

(\*) However, persons who are studying in master’s course or obtained master’s degree without foreign assistance in local/foreign universities are eligible..

### Application

**Q9. Where can I get the Application Form?**

Please access JDS web-site.

<http://jds-scholarship.org/>

Application Form (AF), Application Guidelines (AG) and university information can be downloaded from this website.

**Q10. Can I apply for two components (universities)?**

**NO.** You cannot apply for more than one component. Please select one component which is relevant to your work responsibility.

**Q11. Should I submit all the application documents by the deadline?**

**YES.** But in case you cannot submit some of the documents due to unavoidable reasons, please inform JICE in advance and submit the letter of reason with your signature.

**Q12. I cannot get a permission letter from my workplace. Can I apply without the letter?**

**NO.** In JDS, it is important to return to the workplace after study completion. Therefore, the permission from the workplace is required.

### Selection

**Q13. Do I need to take the English test?**

**YES.** Basically, every applicant must take the English examination. However, applicants who have valid IELTS or TOEFL score will be exempted from the English test. If you don’t have a valid score, JICE will arrange the English exam.

**Q14. I want to apply for Nagasaki University. Is the Math test required?**

**NO.** The math test is required for the applicants applying for IUJ, Kyushu University, and Nagoya University..

**Q15. Do I need to come to Dakar’ for the interview?**

**YES.** But it is subject to change according to the infection status of COVID-19. For the applicants from the region, JICE will provide a transportation subsidy.

**Q16. How can I know the selection result?**

After each selection, JICE JDS Project Office will notify the result to candidates who passed by email.

### III. Sub-Program (SP) / Component (CP)

#### 1. Framework of JDS Senegal

Fields of study, so called “Sub-Programs” and “Components”, correspond to and deal with the target Priority Areas for the social and economic development of Senegal.

The participants of JDS shall be selected from the “Target Organizations” whose mission is closely related to the respective “Sub-Program” and “Component”.

This approach gives its biggest importance on “Selection and Concentration” on the development issues of the country, securing further effectiveness and efficiencies of the JDS Project.

#### 2. Sub-Program/Components



Sub-Program (Target Priority Area)	Component (Development Issues)	Accepting University Graduate School	Target Organization	Quotas
1. Strengthen Policy Formulation and Implementation Functions	1-1. Improvement of Public Administrative Capacity	<a href="#">International University of Japan Graduate School of International Relations(GSIR),</a> <a href="#">(Public Management and Policy Analysis Program (PMPP) or Japan-Global Development Program (JGDP))</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Secretariat of the President's Office (SGPR)</li> <li>• General Secretariat of the Government (SGG)</li> <li>• Organization and Method Office (BOM)</li> <li>• Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Senegalese Diaspora</li> <li>• Ministry of Interior</li> <li>• Ministry of Finance and Budget</li> <li>• Ministry of Economy, Planning and Cooperation</li> <li>• Ministry of Public Service and Public Service Renewal</li> <li>• Ministry of Community Development and Social and Regional Fairness (PUDC)</li> <li>• Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Infrastructure</li> <li>• Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Animal Production</li> <li>• Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy</li> <li>• Ministry of Digital Economy and Telecommunications</li> <li>• Ministry of Economy, Planning and Cooperation</li> <li>• Ministry of Finance and Budget</li> <li>• Ministry of Industrial Development and Small and Medium-Sized Industries</li> <li>• Ministry for Health and Social Action</li> <li>• Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Public Hygiene</li> <li>• Ministry for Community Development and Social and Regional Fairness (PUDC)</li> <li>• Ministry of Economy, Planning and Cooperation</li> <li>• Ministry of Industrial Development and Small and Medium-Sized Industries</li> <li>• Ministry of Community Development, National Solidarity and Social and Territorial Equity</li> <li>• National Agency for Universal Health Coverage (ANACMU)</li> <li>• Senegalese Agency for Pharmaceutical Regulation (ARP)</li> <li>• National supply pharmacy</li> </ul>	2
		<a href="#">Kyushu University Graduate School of Biological Resources and Bioenvironmental Sciences</a>		2
	1-2 Capacity Building for Economic Planning / Policy, Public Finance Management and Improvement of the Business Environment and Competitiveness	<a href="#">International University of Japan Graduate School of International Management (GSIM)</a> <a href="#">(MBA or Japan-Global Development Program)</a> <a href="#">Nagoya University Graduate School of International Development</a> <a href="#">(Program in Economic Development Policy and Management)</a>		2
	1-3. Improvement of Health Care and Social Protection	<a href="#">Nagasaki University School of Medicine and Global Health</a> <a href="#">(Tropical Medicine Course, International Health Development Course, Health Innovation Course)</a>		2

## IV. Special Trainings and Events

JDS Program provides the following opportunities for JDS Fellows only in addition to research at university.

### Government Leaders Networking Event

This special event aims to establish long-term cooperative relationships between JDS Fellows and Japanese government officials by providing opportunities of interaction and mutual learning. JDS Fellows participate in the event and expand their personal networks with Japanese government officials, who would become their counterparts in the future.



### Japanese Language Training

All JDS Fellows participate in Japanese language training after their arrival in Japan. This training provides Fellows with the lessons on Japanese characters (*hiragana*, *katakana*, and *kanji*), greetings, and how to introduce themselves. In addition, they deepen their understandings of Japanese culture, lifestyle and manners, and learn the procedures necessary for staying in Japan such as government office, post office, and bank.



### JDS Pre-return Program

JDS Pre-return Program is held half a year before returning home, inviting all JDS fellows from each university.

During this program, the Fellows have opportunities to attend a series of programs, including leadership program and a special lecture given by a prominent scholar. It also helps them build a network with JDS fellows from various countries.

## V. Voice of Graduates

Voice of graduate from Master's course of Japanese Universities!



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### **-What you experienced and learnt in Japan**

I developed insights on many subjects related to comparative education, educational planning and educational project monitoring and evaluation among others. Most importantly, I developed skills in educational research and statistics. Moreover, I had the opportunity to learn other subjects relevant to an international career and could get certificates. Not and least, I took the opportunity to learn Japanese and Japanese culture and way of doing business. I experienced Japanese food and hospitality as well.

### **-How you apply what you learnt to current job**

Following my graduation and a month of internship in a Japanese company, I return to my home country and was offered the position of head of division at the Ministry of education. The position is an opportunity to make the best of the competences I developed during my stay in Japan. Although I still have to apply some of the competences and experiences, some skills I developed during my training have been useful to the division I manage and the as well as the direction. Thanks to my skills in educational planning and research, I have redesigned the framework of the management of statistics of the direction for middle and high school

### **-Advantage of studying in Japan**

Studying in Japan has been both very exciting and challenging, it represented a milestone in my career as an education specialist. Not only did I learn intensively and extensively but had the opportunity to develop myself in a multicultural context and most importantly improve my social emotional intelligence. A two-year training and an internship make it possible to be operational and has the also the potential to develop diverse skills and network.

### **-Messages for applicants**

Studying in Japan has many advantages in terms of career development or start-up development. It is an opportunity to learn from the best Universities in Japan, develop a sustainable network and immerse in the extraordinary Japanese culture at the same time.



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