

## JAPAN: SDGs Global Leader Programme (MSc & PhD) - 2022

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) focus area(s)



### APPLICATION DEADLINE

**31 October 2021**

### BACKGROUND

The [Japanese International Cooperation Agency \(JICA\)](#) is inviting suitable candidates to apply for the **SDGs Global Leadership Programme scholarships for 2022 academic year**. The SDGs Global Leader Programme aims to **improve the capacities of mid-career public officials, academic researchers**, and other people who are expected to contribute to the **socioeconomic development** of their respective countries. The programme will provide participants with the opportunity to learn about **Japanese development experiences** as well as **obtaining a Master's degree/PhD in a Japanese university**. This opportunity is exclusively for young to middle level public sector officials and academics. Priority will be given to candidates studying in Engineering, Science, Technology, Agriculture, Environment, Energy, Marine Science, **Health**, Mining, Rural Development, Public Policy, and Education.

The SDGs Global Leader Programme starts in **September 2022** and includes **2-year Master's** programme or a **3-year PhD** programme.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Young or middle level government officials and academics who have an interest in contributing to policy formulation or implementation in public administration and economics in dealing with political and developmental issues;
- **Citizens of South Africa;**
- Must be **between 22 and 39 years old** (as of April 1st, 2022);
- Must have achieved **a minimum average of 65% in academic transcripts**;
- Must be **proficient in English** (university may require proof of proficiency);
- Must have **prior work experience** (6 months or more);
- Master's in SDGs Global Leader programme applicants must have a Bachelor's degree (B-Tech included) **with honours** or equivalent to NQF8 or above;
- PhD in SDGs Global Leader programme applicants must have a Master's degree or equivalent to NQF9 or above;
- Must be in good health condition, both physically and mentally, to complete the programme;
- **Must not receive or plan to receive a scholarship offered by other organizations**, and
- Must attend **additional activities on the weekends** once or twice per year in unavoidable circumstances.

### IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS:

What the scholarship offers:

- **Full tuition fee;**
- **Monthly allowance** between JYP 143 000 – JYP 148 000 (**approximately R19 000 – R20 000**);
- **Air fare** for single return from Johannesburg to Tokyo, Japan;
- Orientation: basic Japanese language course and introductory course for Japanese life;

- **Outfit allowance** of JYP 106 000 (**approximately R14 200**);
- **Moving/preparation allowance** up to JYP 224 000 (**approximately R30 200**);
- **Research support fees** up to JYP 224 000 (**approximately R48 500**) on approval from JICA/accepted university.

- Applicants are **required to undertake their own research into programmes and institutions** and are responsible for ensuring that the qualifications will be recognised in South Africa.

- **Applicants from the private sector are NOT eligible.**

- Applicants are completely responsible for obtaining all necessary approvals from their employers.

- **Participants will need to make financial provision for excluded expenses including Passport fees and Visa fees.**

Please refer to the General Information document (attached) and [link](#) for further information.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please go to the [link](#) for application documents and University List for SDGs Global Leader Programme (Log-in details - Guest ID : SDGS Password : t2GbUu\_5)

Applicants need to submit the following documents:

- **Application form**;
- Certified copy/copies of **undergraduate/postgraduate degree certificate(s)**;
- **Certified Academic transcript(s)**;
- A **certified copy of valid passport with photo, valid National ID and birth certificate are acceptable if you do not have a passport**;
- **2 ID photos** (4 cm×3 cm) pasted on application form;
- Health certificate to be submitted after the 4th Selection.

**Applicants must specify desired universities, graduate schools, courses, (and supervisors) from the University list.**

**Please email marked PDF files of application documents (Less than 10MB) to the contact below by 31st October 2021 and the original typewritten applications must be submitted to JICA office as per the address below by 10th November 2021.**

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Please send a complete copy with all supporting documents, that you have submitted online to the Faculty Research Office – [natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za](mailto:natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za)

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## CONTACTS FOR CALL QUERIES

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