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LTT Scholarship Opportunity from the JICA on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Leaders Capacity Development for the Sendai Framework Implementation for 2027 Intake

The Royal Civil Service Commission is pleased to announce the availability of a Master's Degree Scholarship opportunity funded by the Government of Japan via the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Scholarship for the 2027 intake, as detailed below:

Particulars	Master's Degree Course
Host University	Tohoku University – Graduate School of Science, Graduate School of Engineering and Graduate School of Environmental Studies
Programme Duration	2 Years (October 2027 – September 2029)
Age Limit	35 years or under as of 1 April 2027
Recommended Agencies	Department of Local Governance and Disaster Management (MoHA), Department of Surface Transport (MoIT), Department of Human Settlement, Department of Infrastructure Development (MoIT), and Department of Geology and Mines (MoENR).
Application Deadline	10 October 2026

Number of Slots: The five (5) seats are available under open competition with 19 other partner countries. The JICA encourages at least 50% of nominations to be female, in line with its commitment to gender equality.

Documents Required at Course Entry Stage:

1. Entry and application forms – must be typed, not handwritten; the applicant's name must match exactly as it appears in the passport ([Click here for entry Form, Application Form and Application Information](#))
2. Graduation Certificate (in English, or accompanied by an official translation)
3. Certificate of English Test Score
4. A copy of a passport

Please submit both the Excel and PDF versions of the completed application form. The research theme described in the entry format is critical for the university's matching process and should be

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explained clearly within 200 words.

Notes:

- **Scholarship Coverage:** JICA covers tuition and examination fees (actual cost), a living allowance of JPY143,000–148,000/month, round-trip airfare (actual cost), an outfit allowance of JPY100,000 (once), a moving allowance of up to JPY164,000–224,000, and research support expenses of up to JPY360,000/year, all paid directly to the university/relevant institution and not to the participant.
- **Not Covered by JICA:** Passport fees, visa-related costs, domestic travel in Bhutan, departure/airport taxes, excess baggage, lost-ticket fees, medical costs for pre-existing conditions, and National Health Insurance fees, among others.
- **Other Scholarships:** Applicants must not be receiving nor plan to receive other Japanese Government scholarships
- Civil servants applying must fulfil eligibility criteria prescribed in BCSR 2023.
- Only eligible candidates as per the criteria in this announcement and the attached General Information booklet are encouraged to apply.
- The course of study should be in alignment with the Competency and Professional Development (CPD) of the applicant's agency.
- Candidates must inform the HRD of their respective agencies if they decide to apply.
- Please note that there are no definite slots reserved for Bhutan; applications will be compared against those of other participating countries for selection.
- Use of Generative AI (e.g., ChatGPT) to prepare Application Forms, Research Plans, or research papers is not acceptable and will result in rejection or termination, depending on university policy.

Applicants are requested to submit the complete set of scanned copies of the documents routed through their working agency to HRDD, RCSC, via email hrdd@rcsc.gov.bt latest by 10 October 2026.



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Annexures:

[General Information on the Course](#)

For further clarification, please contact Focal Officer, Guru Prasad Khadal, **HRDD, RCSC**, at gpkhadal@rcsc.gov.bt or hrdd@rcsc.gov.bt.



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