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Scholarship under the Project for Human Resource Development (JDS) Program for 2027 intake

The Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) is pleased to announce the availability of Seven (7) scholarship slots for master's degree courses under the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) for the 2027 intake as follows:

Sl. no	Field of study	Slots	Target group	University
1	MA in Economics/MA in International Development	2	Administration Service/Finance Service	International University of Japan
2	MA in International Relations	2		Ritsumeikan University
3	Master of Science	2	Agriculture and Livestock Service Group, Forestry and Environment Protection Services Group	Kyushu University
4	Masters in Environmental Studies/Masters in Engineering	1	Architectural Engineering and Land Services Group, Forestry and Environment Protection Services Group	Nagoya University

1. Eligibility:

- Civil servants applying for this scholarship must fulfil all the Long Term Training eligibility criteria prescribed in BCSR 2023.
- Should be below the age of 45 years or younger as of 1 April 2026.
- Should have a bachelor's degree from a university recognised by the Royal Government of Bhutan and other countries;

**Some accepting universities have other requirements or desirable academic backgrounds. Check “Accepting University” in “Information of Each Sub-Program / Component” and “University Information” on Application Guidelines.*



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2. Documents required while applying:

- Duly filled in LTT review checklist (reviewed and signed by HRO);
- Copy of system-generated CV;
- Degree Certificate and Mark Sheet;
- Research proposal (should be aligned to the agency's needs and current job responsibilities)*
- Career plan*

*The prescribed form can be downloaded from the JICE JDS website. Before proceeding with the application, please prepare the required documents above in PDF format. For further details, please access:

<https://jds-scholarship.org/country/bhutan/index.html>

[Click here](#) for the application guidelines.

3. Important Notes:

- Applicants are required to visit the respective university's website to check the availability of the research areas.
- Every qualified applicant will be required to take an English proficiency test (IELTS) as well as a math test in Thimphu after shortlisting. The date and venue will be communicated to each applicant.
- Confirmation of scholarship and date of commencement of course shall depend on the candidate fulfilling the admission criteria laid down by the University for securing admission.
- The scholarship is provided under the funding of JDS, and all the scholarship entitlements are confined to those offered by them. No additional benefits from the RCSC/RGoB shall be admissible under this scholarship.
- To understand the programme details and learn the application procedures, please visit <http://jds-scholarship.org/country/bhutan/index.html>

[Click here](#) for FAQs related to JDS for your reference.

4. Expected research topics as per the serial no. above are as follows:

For SI No 1. *Economic Policies for Sound National Fiscal Management, Industrial Development Policies Contributing to Economic Growth, Macroeconomics, Investment and Trade Promotion, Tourism Economic Policies, Power Development Policies, IT Policies, etc.*



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- For SI No 2. *Public Policy (Governance Policy, Information and Communication Policy, Tourism Policy, Finance Management, Data Analysis, IT Policy etc), Legal System Development for Industrial Promotion, International Politics, International Economics, Foreign Policy, Public Diplomacy, Regional Studies, etc.*
- For SI No 3. *Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Policy, Agricultural Innovation, Agricultural Marketing, Value Chain Construction Policy, Raising Food Self-Sufficiency Rate, Food Safety, Wildlife Damage Control Policy, etc.*
- For SI No 4. *Policies Promoting Low-Carbon Technologies Contributing to Climate Change, Countermeasures, Disaster Reduction Policies, Meteorological Policies, Environmentally Responsive and Considerate Infrastructure Policies.*

5. Application procedure and deadline

Sl no.	Event	Dates	Remarks
1	Application opening date	7 September 2026	Should be routed through the parent agency with the complete set of documents.
2	Application closing date	9 October 2026	-
3	Shortlist announcement	26 October 2026	RCSC to screen and shortlist the candidates and submit to JICE *JICE will provide the candidate with necessary information for the JDS application.

Applicants are requested to email a clear scanned copy of documents **routed through your parent agency in a single PDF file** at hrdd@rcsc.gov.bt within the given deadline.

For clarification/queries, contact the Focal Officer at gpkhadal@rcsc.gov.bt with a copy to hrdd@rcsc.gov.bt



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