

**MEXT (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship  
for the Doctoral Program to Enhance a Network of Collaborative  
Human Resources for Sustainable Socio-Economic Development  
in Post-COVID-19 Asia**

**Graduate School of International Development (GSID)  
Nagoya University, Japan**

**I. OUTLINE**

**1. Aim and Mission of the Program**

**(1) Aim**

The aim of the program is to develop government officials and academics who will formulate industrial policy to promote sustainable economic growth and propel development of the private sector in their countries, and thereby contribute to the building of a new and more resilient society after the COVID-19 crisis. Through this program, GSID will train administrative officers and academic scholars who are endowed with the expertise to assist the industrial growth of their countries and take the initiative to achieve economic development, contributing to the further expansion of networks of development professionals.

**(2) Mission**

The program has a mission to offer opportunities to deepen and systematize the knowledge of persons who hold a master's degree in international development or related fields, in order to develop high-level skills and the ability to negotiate with international institutions and foreign governments from a global viewpoint and make a contribution to policy-making for the sustainable economic development and post COVID-19 society of their countries in Asia. This program is designed to provide international students from countries in Asia with skills and knowledge which modern Japan obtained from developed nations and adapted for its economic growth.

**2. Benefits**

**(1) MEXT (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship**

Students selected through the examination will be recommended for the scholarship of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan.

The MEXT scholarship will be awarded to successful applicants for three years.

## **(2) Disqualification**

The scholarship may be terminated upon the recommendation of the GSID at any time for one or more of the following reasons: failure of a scholar to make satisfactory academic progress; failure to comply with the laws of Japan and regulations of Nagoya University; misconduct; and/or breaches of the conditions of the MEXT scholarship or Student Visa.

## **3. Openings Available**

One.

## **4. Fields of Study**

International Development and Cooperation

(Economic Development Policy and Management, Peace and Governance, Education and Human Resource Development, Inclusive Society and State, Poverty and Social Policy)

## **5. Eligible Participants and Countries**

Eligible persons are those who have obtained or expect to obtain a Master's degree from an accredited university. The applicant must be a national of ASEAN countries, Mongolia, and Uzbekistan.

## **6. Program Scheme**

### **(1) Program Duration / Degree**

In principle, the duration of the program is three years. Those who obtain the necessary credits prescribed below and pass the dissertation examination will be granted a Ph.D. in International Development.

### **(2) Language**

Lectures, practice and other guidance will be conducted in English.

### **(3) Credit Requirements**

To become a Ph.D candidate in the Doctoral Program **to Enhance a Network of Collaborative Human Resources for Sustainable Socio-Economic Development in Post COVID-19 Asia** , students are required to earn:6 credits of Dissertation Research I, II,

and III (Compulsory).

#### **(4) Grade Point Average (GPA)**

Students are required to get 2.3 or over GPA calculated on the MEXT standard.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{3 \times \text{credits of grade S and A} + 2 \times \text{credits of grade B} + 1 \times \text{credits of grade C}}{\text{total credits of registered courses}}$$

Grade	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	59-0
Grade	S	A	B	C	D
Points	3	3	2	1	0

#### **7. Application Period**

January 12, 2021 (Tuesday) – January 29, 2021 (Friday).

Applications MUST arrive at the GSID Administrative Office, Student Affairs Division for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagoya University no later than 16:00 on January 29, 2021. ANY applications received after this date and time will not be considered for processing.

#### **8. Commencement of the Program**

October 2021

## **II. APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

### **1. Eligibility for Application**

#### **(1) Nationality**

The applicant must be a national of ASEAN countries, Mongolia and Uzbekistan.

#### **(2) Application Requirement**

Those who meet one of the following qualifications are eligible to apply:

- (i) The applicant who has obtained or expects to obtain a Master's degree or its equivalent degree from an accredited/recognized university by submitting a Master's thesis written either in English or Japanese. In case the Master's thesis is not written in English or Japanese or if the

applicant is awarded a taught Master's degree without submission of a Master's thesis, the applicant must undergo the individual eligibility screening procedures prescribed below.

- (ii) The applicant who has been recognized by GSID in the individual eligibility screening procedures for the examination as having academic abilities equal to those who have a Master's degree on the basis of their research or work experience in a governmental organ or an academic institute, and be not less than 24 years of age by the end of March, 2021.

### **(3) Minimum Score of English Proficiency**

To be considered for admission, the following minimum scores are required on one of these tests: an overall TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 577 (paper-based), or 90 (internet-based); an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 6.5 (which should include Academic Reading and Academic Writing), or a Duolingo score of 111. The test should have been taken within five years prior to the application. Institutional test scores such as TOEFL ITP's are unacceptable for submission.

### **(4) GPA Requirement**

GPA must be 2.3 or over 2.3 in MA program based on the MEXT standard. Refer to 6 (4) on page 3 regarding GPA.

### **(5) Age Restriction**

Applications will be accepted from individuals who were born in principle on or after April 2, 1986. For more information, see 2021 Application Prospectus for the Japanese Government Scholarship Program.

## **2. Individual Eligibility Screening**

For those who would like to confirm their eligibility for application, the following documents MUST reach the GSID Administrative Office, Student Affairs Division for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagoya University by January 8, 2021 (Friday). Results of the eligibility screening for the examination will be sent by email to applicants by January 15, 2021 (Friday).

- (1) Application for eligibility screening for the examination (**Form 5** provided **[MS-**

Word])

(2) Application Form (**Form 1** provided [MS-Excel])

(3) On a separate piece of paper (A4), please state your previous work and/or research experience, if any, relevant to the field of international development. The length should be either 2,000 characters in Japanese or 800 words in English. 3 copies are required.

(4) Official transcripts from the graduate school at which the applicant was enrolled. Photocopies will not be accepted. If the transcript is sent directly from the previous graduate school to Nagoya University, the applicant must ensure that it will reach GSID Administrative Office, Student Affairs Division for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagoya University within the application period for the eligibility screening. Those who have earned a Master's degree from GSID do not need to submit this.

(5) A Master's degree or equivalent degree certificate. Photocopies will not be accepted. If the certificate of the degree is sent directly from the previous graduate school to Nagoya University, the applicant must ensure that it will reach GSID Administrative Office, Student Affairs Division for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagoya University within the application period for the eligibility screening. Those who have earned a Master's degree from GSID do not need to submit this.

(6) A copy of research paper equivalent to a Master's thesis, if the applicant is awarded or expected to be awarded a taught Master's degree without submission of a Master's thesis.

A copy of the applicant's Master's thesis and its translation into English or Japanese, or an equivalent research paper in English or Japanese, if the applicant's Master's thesis is written in any other language than English or Japanese. A Master's thesis must be accompanied by a summary of the same in English or Japanese (1,200 words in English or 3,000 characters in Japanese).

In addition to the printed version, send an electronic file (PDF or MS-Word) of the Master's thesis/research paper to <gsidexam@adm.nagoya-u.ac.jp>. In the email, please write your name in the subject line.

### **3. Application Procedures**

#### **(1) A prior consent of a GSID Faculty member**

Before applying for this program, an applicant must obtain a consent of a faculty member of GSID to become the applicant's academic adviser if he/she is admitted to GSID.

## (2) Submission of application

Items (1) to (9) listed in the following section must be completed and submitted to the GSID Administrative Office, Student Affairs Division for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagoya University during the specified application period.

### 4. Application Documents

The applicant must complete and submit the items listed below. Please type or write in English clearly using black ink.

- (1) Application Form (**Form 1** provided [MS-Excel]).
- (2) A Statement of the Field of Study and Research Plan (**Form 2** provided [MS-Word]) written in Japanese (5,000 characters or less) or in English (2,000 words or less), on A4 sized paper: 3 copies. In addition to the printed version, send an electronic file (PDF or MS-Word) of the research proposal to <gsidexam@adm.nagoya-u.ac.jp>. In the email, please write your name in the subject line.
- (3) Certificate of health (**Form 3** provided [PDF]) based on a medical examination within the past six months.
- (4) A letter of recommendation on the prescribed form (**Form 4** provided [MS-Word]) in English or Japanese. It should be written by the dean or the faculty members of the university you have attended who know you well, or by persons with whom you have worked or are currently working in a professional capacity.
- (5) Official transcripts in English or Japanese from the graduate school at which the applicant was enrolled. Photocopies will not be accepted. If the transcript is sent directly from the previous graduate school to Nagoya University, the applicant must ensure that it will reach GSID Administrative Office, Student Affairs Division for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagoya University within the application period. Those who have earned a Master's degree from GSID do not need to submit this.
- (6) Master's degree or professional degree certificate in English or Japanese. Photocopies will not be accepted. If the certificate of the degree is sent directly from the previous graduate school to Nagoya University, the applicant must ensure that it will reach the GSID Administrative Office, Student Affairs Division for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagoya University within the application period. Those who have earned a Master's degree from GSID do not need to submit this.
- (7) Three copies of the applicant's Master's thesis accompanied by a summary of the same in English or Japanese (1,200 words in English or 3,000 characters in Japanese). Three copies of a supplementary thesis or paper can be attached. In addition to the

printed version, send an electronic file (PDF or MS-Word) of the Master's thesis/research paper to <gsidexam@adm.nagoya-u.ac.jp>. In the email, please write your name in the subject line.

- (8) A photocopy of certificate of an English language proficiency: An Official Score Report of TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Testing System), or TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication). Only scores from tests taken within two years prior to the application are valid. A photocopy of the official test score must include an ID photo. Institutional test scores are unacceptable for submission. Those who have earned a Master's degree from GSID do not need to submit this.
- (9) A photocopy of the applicant's valid passport showing the passport number and their photograph.
- (10) Publications: A list of books, articles, or theses the applicant has published, if any, giving the title, date of publication, name of publisher and a summary in English or Japanese.
- (11) A report on work experience pertaining to policy-making or international development and/or cooperation, if any. The report must be approximately 1,200 words in English or 3,000 characters in Japanese in length on A4 size paper.

If the applicant has questions regarding any of the information above, please contact GSID Administrative Office, Student Affairs Division for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagoya University.

## **5. Selection Process**

Selection will be carried out on the basis of submitted documents and an interview. The applicants will be interviewed in their country of residence either via videoconference or face-to-face conversation on February 18 (Thursday) -19 (Friday), 2021. Details about the interview will be provided in due course.

## **6. Announcement of Examination Results**

An official letter of results will be sent out by postal mail by March 19, 2021.

## **7. Entrance Registration Procedures**

Details will be provided in due course.

## **8. Other Information**

(1) After applications have been submitted, changes in submitted documents are not permitted. Also, submitted documents will not be returned.

(2) Please refer to the GSID website (<http://www.gsid.nagoya-u.ac.jp/global/index-en.html>) for more details.

## 9. Privacy Policy

The applicant's name, mailing address and other personal information included in the application documents will be used only for the purpose of grading and registering during the entrance examination selection process, announcement of examination results, entrance registration procedures and educational affairs after admission. Personal information will be used appropriately and will not be used for purposes unrelated to the application process.

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