

Note on Application

Admission Requirements:

- (1) Applicants must be public officials working for the government or public institutions in developing countries. It would be preferable that applicants are engaged in the field of promotion of trade and investment.
- (2) Applicants who have more than three years of work experience would be preferable. Excellent applicants with less than three years of work experience would be also eligible for training participation on a case-by-case basis.
- (3) The expected age is 35 years old or younger.
- (4) Applicants have high learning motivation for the field of training and are willing to actively participate in the program
- (5) Applicants, who hold master's degree would be preferable. Excellent applicants who only have bachelor's degree would be also eligible for training participation on a case-by-case basis.
- (6) Applicants should have sufficient English ability to participate in university-level work. A TOEFL iBT score of more than 88 or equivalent score of TOEIC / IELTS would be highly recommended.
- (7) Applicants should be persons who can be recommended by their current governmental organizations.
- (8) Successful applicants or their organizations will be required to prepare PCs, tablets and other devices, and to bear expenses for joining the program.
- (9) During the training period, ministry / institution is strongly required to cooperate in time management and work coordination so that the fellow can easily participate in the training.
- (10) When participating in the Japan Invitation Program, it is necessary to comply with Japanese regulations such as border measures. In addition, the invitation may be canceled due to unforeseen circumstances such as epidemics of infectious diseases. In that case, all training programs will be conducted online.

Training Period and Contents:

The program starts from 1st September, 2023 and continues until 20th January, 2024. Applicants should choose one of the following two options. If the number of applicants for the Courses exceeds the capacity, a selection will be made based on their research proposals (O-A), and online interviews by IDEAS.

All of the fellows, both Course O-A and O-B, will be invited to Japan in the middle of the course to join the in-person lectures, study tours inside Japan and so on.

Course O-A:

Fellows will be required to take approximately 50 (90minutes/class) lectures in total;

including watching video lectures, attending live lectures, submitting Research paper (4,000-6,000 words), other assignments (1 or more) and so on.

Course O-B:

Fellows will be required to take approximately 50 lectures in total;

including watching video lectures, attending live lectures, other assignments (3 or more) and so on.

<Course Method>

(1) Video class - About 1-2 lectures a week at your convenient time

(2) Live stream class- Attend live lectures about two times a week.

From 6:00pm to 7:30pm (JST) on Monday, or Tuesday, or Thursday (mainly Monday and Thursday)

Seminar classes may be held on other days of the week.

Grade Evaluation:

(1) Attendance rate -85% or more of all lectures

(2) Each Scores are 60 points or more out of 100 points according to the following distribution.

-Research paper

-Assignments for each course

Successful Fellows who complete above conditions will be awarded Certificate in International Studies.

Application documents to be submitted:

(1) Filled application form

(2) A letter of reference written by a supervisor of the applicant.

*Please fill in the course you would like to take at the time of application after consulting with your supervisor.

*Please carefully consider the balance between doing IDEAS program and your daily work, and travel to Japan as well.

*IDEAS will have interviews with all of the applicants by online. It aims to understand applicants' motivation for the learning, and to check their English proficiency to join the course as well.

Submission:

Please submit the application documents to JETRO's overseas office in your country.