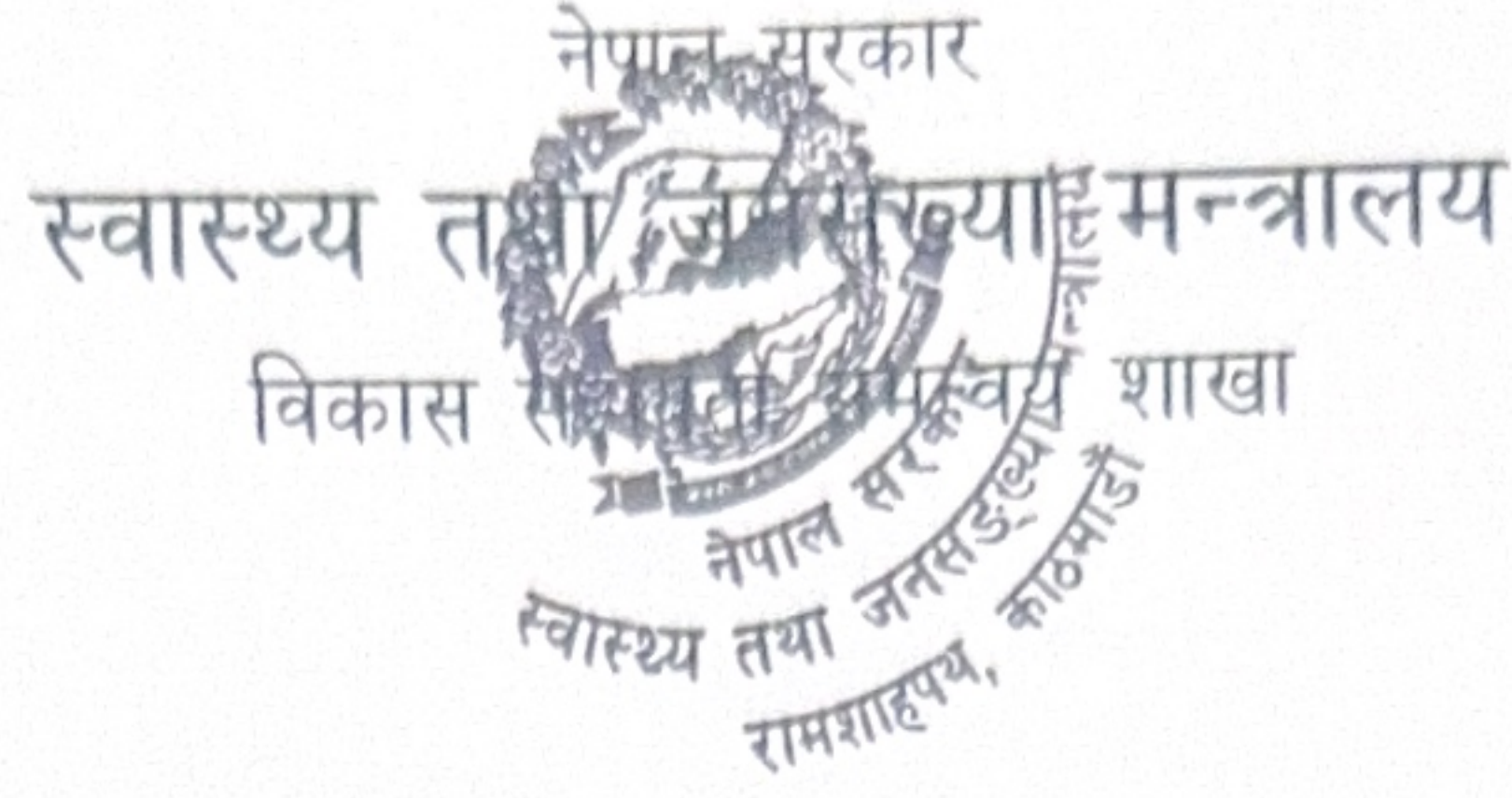




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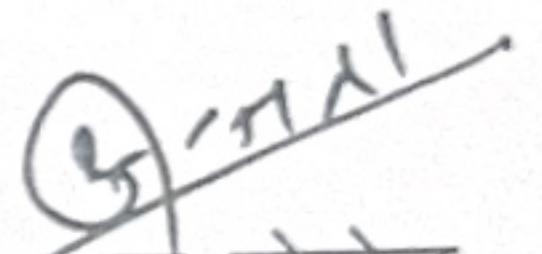


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सार्वजनिक सूचना सम्बन्धमा ।

प्रस्तुत विषयमा Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) को Ref. No. JICA (NP) - 25-752, September 26, 2025 को Nomination for Longterm Course on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Programme Heroshima University Enrollment April 2026 सम्बन्धी पत्रानुसार JICA छात्रावृत्तिमा अध्यापन हुने UHC Programme in Heroshima University मा Doctoral Degree (PhD) in Nursing अध्ययनका लागि प्राप्त Information Sheet यसैसाथ संलग्न छ । उल्लेखित कार्यक्रममा प्रचलित कानून बमोजिम मनोनयन र अध्ययन विदाको लागि योग्यता पुरा भएका, स्वास्थ्य सेवाका कर्मचारीहरूले मिति २०८२/०६/२० सम्म ईमेल mcs.mohp@gmail.com मार्फत निवेदन, PIS, विवरण संलग्न गरी आवेदन दिनुहुन यसै सूचना मार्फत जानकारी गराईन्छ । यस संग सम्बन्धित अन्य कागजातहरू यसै सूचना साथ संलग्न गरीएको छ ।


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JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long Term Participants (JICA Development Studies Program)

General Information for Nepal on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Program Hiroshima University

Enrollment April 2026

ユニバーサル・ヘルス・カバレッジ（UHC）（2026 年 4 月入学）

This handout provides an overview of the “Universal Health Coverage (UHC)” program/course, which is one of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)’s Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long-Term). The program will be implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between respective governments.

The objective of the Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long-Term) is to offer opportunities to people from partner countries to study at higher educational institutions in Japan and to help them build their network of people. This is intended to assist in the human resource development plans of the governments of partner countries and Japan, and eventually to expand and strengthen bilateral ties between the partner countries and Japan.

Each country may have its own schedule and/or qualifications for the program. With regard to additional information, please contact JICA overseas office in your country.

Background

What is JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in June 2023, which stated, “In its development cooperation, Japan has maintained the spirit of jointly creating things that suit partner countries while respecting ownership, intentions and intrinsic characteristics of the country concerned based on a field-oriented approach through dialogue and collaboration. It has also maintained the approach of building reciprocal relationships with developing countries in which both sides learn from each other and grow and develop together.” JICA believes that this ‘Knowledge Co-Creation Program’ will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

What is JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP)

JICA-DSP is being carried out by JICA as part of official development assistance (ODA) by the government of Japan. JICA-DSP is offered for international scholars accepted as the participants of JICA’s Human Resource Development Project who are enrolled in a degree program at a Japanese university.

<https://www.jica.go.jp/dsp-chair/english/dsp/overview/index.html>

1. Overview

Since 1954, JICA has provided training programs as part of technical cooperation in various fields. In order to further strengthen networks between the target countries in respective fields and to foster young and mid-career bureaucrats, academicians and leading human resources who are capable of influencing policy making processes or contributing to socioeconomic development in their countries, JICA has established the JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP).

The program, “Universal Health Coverage (UHC),” was established in Japanese Fiscal Year (JFY) 2020 under the framework of JICA-DSP.

Participants of the UHC program will enroll in Master's/Ph.D. courses related to UHC and have the chance to learn from Japanese developmental experiences through a special curriculum offered by the JICA-DSP.

2. Objectives

- (1) To strengthen the health policy formulation and the implementation and service provision capacity in the Government or academic/health institutions and other relevant organizations to contribute to attain UHC in respective partner countries.
- (2) To build and strengthen strategic partnership between partner countries and Japan.

3. Course Outline

for Master's course: Master of Science in Nursing

for Ph.D. course: Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

Acceptable University is Hiroshima University, Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences, Division of Integrated Health Sciences, Program of Health Sciences.

【Introduction of Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences】

[Introduction of Graduate School | Hiroshima University](#)

【Laboratory Information】

[Michiko Moriyama Laboratory | Hiroshima University Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences, Department of Adult Nursing Development, Professor: Michiko Moriyama \(hiroshima-u.ac.jp\)](#)

For details, please visit: <https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/bhs/admission>

Note: Please accept that the supervisor will change during the training period. As Dr. Moriyama will retire at the end of March 2027, Dr. Moriyama will serve as the faculty advisor from April 2026 to the end of March 2027. Therefore, a professor of Adult Nursing will be the faculty advisor from April 2027 onward.

4. Duration

3 years for Ph.D. Course.

5. Number of Participants

Ph.D. Course : 1 participant from Nepal

6. Language to be used in this Program

English

7. Eligibility

Candidates must satisfy the following requirements:

(1) **Current Duties:** young or mid-career government officials, prospective academics, or personnel from private institutions who are expected to contribute policy formulation or its implementation for tackling sustainable developmental issues related to UHC.

(2) **Nationality:** citizen of the above eligible country for Japan's ODA

(3) **Age:**

For Ph.D. programs: In principle, thirty-five (35) years of age or younger (as of April 1st, 2026, the year of admission).

*However, under certain circumstances, candidates over the age mentioned above may be accepted. Please contact our JICA office for more information.

(4) **Educational Background:**

For Ph.D. programs: a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master's Degree holder, especially the Master's Degree from National Institute of Advanced Nursing Education and Research (NIENAR) or Overseas (preferred 2 years master's education) is desirable.

(5) **Qualification:**

Possess a nurse's license.

(6) **English Proficiency:**

Adequate English skills both in written and oral communication to complete Master's and/or Ph.D. courses with skills equivalent or exceeding the followings;

Be sure to submit an original transcript of the External English language examinations that meets a score of A2 level or higher in "The CEFR Comparison Table", or the standard of "The English Language Proficiency Tests designated by the Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Science". If you are unable to submit this document, you will not be eligible to take the examination.

Level A2 or higher

	Master's course	Ph.D. course
Cambridge English	120 – 139 or higher	120 – 139 or higher

EIKEN test ※Includes S-CBT	Grade Pre-2 or higher	Grade Pre-2 or higher
GTEC (CBT Type Only)	690-959 or higher	690-959 or higher
IELTS TM (Academic Module)	B1:4.0 or higher	B1:4.0 or higher
TEAP (4skills)	135-224 or higher	135-224 or higher
TEAP CBT (4skills)	235-415 or higher	235-415 or higher
TOEFL iBT	B1:42 or higher	B1:42 or higher
TOEIC Listening & Reading Test and TOEIC Speaking & Writing Tests ※	625-1145 or higher	625-1145 or higher
TOEIC L&R IP/L&R	450 or higher	450 or higher

※For TOEIC®, both L&R and S&W certificates are required. Please add up S&W score multiplied by 2.5 to L&R score

※For TOEIC Official Score, submission of the Digital Official Score Certificate is also acceptable.

- (7) **Physical Presence:** must physically come to Japan to carry out research activities to complete this program.
- (8) **Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment:** JICA seeks more female candidates due to the past records of fewer applications from women. JICA is committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment and provides equal opportunities for all candidates regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.
- (9) **Others:** must not be receiving nor plan to receive other scholarship during the program.

8. Admissions

Candidates must be selected as *JICA's official candidate* through JICA's internal selection procedure and must pass the general entrance examination¹ of Hiroshima university, including examinations to enter the candidates' desired course of study.

9. Application Guidelines

Candidates must apply through the procedures as described below, which are requirements by both candidate's government and the Government of Japan for the Official Development Assistance.

(1) Procedures and Required Documents for Application:

Each candidate is required to submit the "Application Documents²" listed in (2) below to JICA overseas office in charge of the candidate's country.

(2) Application Documents:

Note:

- *In addition to the application documents required by the university, a separate application to JICA as outlined below is also necessary.*
- **If you have any questions, please contact each JICA overseas office first. Please refrain from contacting the Hiroshima university directly from candidates in the selection process.**

¹ The results of JICA's screening procedure and University's general entrance examination will not accept any inquiry.

² Submitted documents will not be returned.

- 1) Application Form for the Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long-Term Participants (JICA Development Studies Program), Appendix 1
- 2) Graduation certificate
 - * Officially certified copies of the original
 - * Written in English or accompanied with official translation
- 3) Academic transcript
 - * Must contain all the grades earned at the university attended by the candidate
 - ** Must be issued from the applicant's place of graduation and carry an official seal from the dean or president of the university or college
 - *** Written in English or accompanied with official translation in English
- 4) Certificate of English Test
 - * Although JICA accepts photocopies of English proficiency certificates, only original the University accept only original certificate of English Test.
 - ** Transcripts from online home examinations cannot be utilized.
 - *** Only transcript of external English language examinations is acceptable.
 - **** Transcript of external English language examinations should be submitted by the deadline of the application of Hiroshima University.
- 5) A copy of Passport or ID with photo (for checking nationality, name, sex, and date of birth)
- 6) Two (2) ID photos (4cm × 3cm) pasted on application form (Original and copy)
- 7) Health certificate: must be taken at the time of application for entrance examination or within 6 months before coming to Japan, whichever is later, and submitted with Medical History at a later date.³

The following documents are required for submission to Hiroshima University.

Please refer to **Appendix 2**, which provides a list of deadlines based on the schedule from the previous year, for your reference.

Candidates can download and use the prescribed form on the Hiroshima University website. Documents are submitted based on the specified template.

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/bhs/admission/schedule/>

*Please note that the website and **application guidelines for the December 2025 entrance examination** are scheduled to be updated around **October 2025**. Therefore, please be aware that additional application documents or changes may be required.*

³ If the candidate passes the university entrance examination, a health certificate of JICA format will be required. Without the certificate, admission may become rejected.

(3) Procedures in General:

Based on the above documents, candidates are nominated and endorsed by their country's government, and later approved by JICA⁴. After this procedure, screening will be conducted at the university.

Please kindly note that the university may reject the candidate's application when the required documents, or the submitted research plan is not accepted.

Candidates must follow the university's application procedure after the screening. If the candidates withdraw their applications after their official applications to the university, candidates must inform their withdrawal to the university by letter.

(4) Points to be Noted regarding Procedures

Fees for English proficiency test or other necessary fees for preparation of application documents can be reimbursed by JICA only within the same Japanese fiscal year (from 1st April to 31st March of 2026) when the general entrance examinations are taken. Details of the reimbursement vary by each area and should be consulted with the nearest JICA overseas office of each candidate.

JICA shall determine whether the candidate is eligible to participate in training in Japan. JICA shall make a decision on acceptance or rejection based on several factors such as entrance examination results, planned number of participants, medical examination results and others. The reason for the decision will not be disclosed.

10. Schedule

The schedule is subject to change. For the schedule related to the Hiroshima University, please visit:

[Entrance examination schedule | Hiroshima University](#)

*Enrollment schedule of the **April 2026's admission will be posted around the October, 2025.**

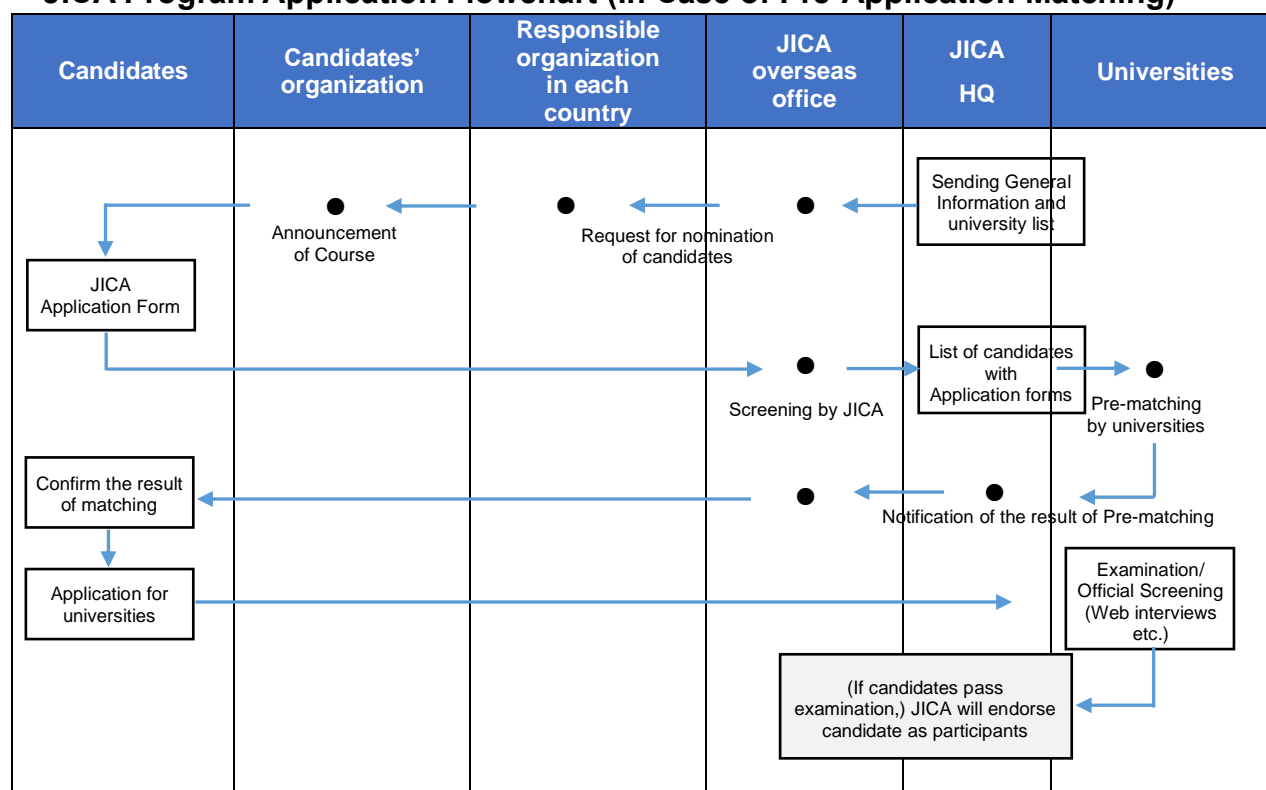
Please also refer to **Appendix 2**, which provides a list of deadlines based on the schedule from the previous year, for your reference.

Date	Process
By the end of September 2025	Nomination of candidate applicants in respective organizations
	Selection of candidate applicants by responsible organization
	*"Application Documents" must be submitted to JICA overseas office

⁴ The Government of Japan will examine candidates who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military, taking into consideration of their duties, positions in the organization and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner to be consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan.

October 2025	Screening by Hiroshima University and JICA Notification of the result of screening through JICA overseas office
Late October 2025	Preliminary Evaluation for Application Eligibility
Late November 2025	Application procedure for Hiroshima University
Early December 2025	Examination (Online interview) by Hiroshima University
Late December 2025	Announcement of successful applicants by Hiroshima University JICA's decision on Acceptance * JICA shall determine whether the candidate is eligible to participate in training in Japan. JICA shall make a decision on acceptance based on several factors such as entrance examination results, planned number of participants, medical examination results and others. Reason for the decision will not be disclosed
March 2026	Orientation is conducted by JICA overseas office before departure
	Arrival in Japan (Tentative)
	Orientation is conducted by JICA
April 2026	Enrollment

JICA Program Application Flowchart (In Case of Pre-Application Matching)



11. Expenses To Be Borne By JICA⁵

Under the JICA Long-term Trainee Allowance standards, JICA will cover expenses and provide allowances to participants accepted to the program/course. See the table below for further details. Note that the payments (e.g., for tuition, research support expenses, school support expenses) will not be paid to the accepted participants themselves, but directly to the university or other relevant institutions.

Expense category	Payment amount	Payment frequency
Tuition (examination fees, entrance fees, course fees)	Actual costs	According to the request from universities
Living Allowance	JPY 143,000–148,000 per month*	Every month via university
Airfare	Actual costs	Upon arrival in Japan and upon returning home
Outfit Allowance**	JPY100,000	Once (upon arrival in Japan)
Moving Allowance***	Up to JPY164,000-224,000	Once (during the training period)**
Research Support Expenses****	Actual costs (up to JPY360,000 per year)	
Medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (the costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment are NOT included).	In accordance with the provisions of the medical insurance	

*Varies according to living area in Japan, type of accommodation, etc.

**Once, after opening bank account in Japan. As it takes several weeks to have the bank account opened, it is strongly recommended to bring cash for personal expenses during the period.

***Depending on the accommodation facility. Consultation with the university is required.

****Research Support Expenses are allowed to be provided via the university and be disbursed with the consultation and approval of the candidate's supervisor.

12. Expenses NOT To Be Borne By JICA⁶

JICA will not bear costs other than the allowances described above. JICA is not responsible for the following expenses:

- (1) Passport fees (for re-issuance and extensions, etc.)
- (2) Visa fees of a transit country and transportation expenses to obtain Visa
- (3) Transportation expenses to obtain Japanese Visa
- (4) Domestic travel expenses at the candidate's home country
- (5) Departure tax
- (6) Airport tax/airport facility charges outside of Japan, including third countries
- (7) Customs duty
- (8) Excess baggage charges
- (9) Compensation for lost and/or damaged baggage
- (10) "No show charge" to the transit airport hotel (non-refundable)
- (11) Lost - ticket fee
- (12) Accommodation fee for day-use hotel in return flight
- (13) Transportation expenses other than official programs
- (14) Telephone bill or mini-bar tab at accommodation
- (15) Medical costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment
- (16) Medical cost related to the same illness over 180 days
- (17) National Health Insurance fee

Note: If participant does not follow the regulation of JICA, the participant may have to bear such other costs of necessary expenses.

13. Conditions for Participation⁷

The accepted candidates/participants of KCCP are required

- (1) to understand that participants must physically come to Japan to participate in this program at the date designated by JICA,
- (2) not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants on their own,
- (3) not to change course subjects or extend the course period,
- (4) to understand that inviting participant's family members is not recommended before their stay in Japan has passed more than 6 months,
- (5) to return to their home country on the designated flight by JICA, when they finish the program/course or when it is deemed impossible to finish the program within the program period, or when the participant is not successful on the regular course examination, (Please note that participants prepare by yourself all the documents necessary for the regular course examination.)
- (6) to carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by both the nominating Government and the Japanese Government in respect of the course,
- (7) to enroll and complete JICA-DSP online courses, when participants receive JICA's instructions to do so.
- (8) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments, ("Plagiarism" especially is taken severely by enrolling university, regardless of whether it is direct plagiarism or self-plagiarism and participants may be subjected to disciplinary action such as suspension),
- (9) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- (10) to agree to be discontinued of the program, should the participant (a)violate Japanese laws, JICA's regulations, or University's regulations, (b)commit illegal or any type of immoral conduct including sexual harassment, (c)become critically ill or seriously injured after arrival in Japan.
- (11) to be responsible for paying any cost for treatment of the said health conditions except for the medical care expenses described in the table of "11. Expenses To be borne by JICA,"
- (12) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for KCCP depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and ordinances,
- (13) not to drive a car or motorbike in Japan, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- (14) to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation,
- (15) to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule,
- (16) to accept that the Government of Japan will examine candidates who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military,

⁷ 記載必須。本内容はアプリケーションフォーム様式にも記載有。

taking into consideration of their duties, positions in the organization and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner to be consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan,

- (17) to submit a Health Certificate in JICA format at the candidate's expense, when the candidate applies to the entrance examinations or within 6 months before arrival in Japan, whichever is later.
- (18) to accept to submit a second Health Certificate in JICA format if deemed necessary by JICA. The cost of acquiring the Health Certificate will be borne by JICA unless it is required due to the candidates' fault.
- (19) to promptly resubmit your medical history, if there are changes in your health condition, such as pregnancy or a pre-existing disease,
- (20) to be in good health to participate in the program. In order to reduce the risk of worsening symptoms associated with respiratory tract infection, please be honest when consulting the doctor for your Health Certificate,
- (21) not to be receiving nor plan to receive another scholarship during the program,
- (22) to understand not to make other applications for different JICA training courses at the same time
- (23) to understand that the maximum duration of "Overseas research" and "Temporary Leave (leaving Japan for private purpose)" is 60 days, in principle.
- (24) to accept to take tuberculosis related inspections organized by JICA after arriving in Japan and to submit the results to JICA and university.
- (25) to approve the following conditions on summary of my thesis;
 - 1) Summary of the thesis shall be kept at JICA.
 - 2) Summary of the thesis can be read by anyone who made a request to JICA.
 - 3) Summary of the thesis can be used for publication by JICA or JICA website.
 - 4) Taking Photocopy of the thesis shall be allowed by anyone with JICA's permission.
- (26) to acknowledge that a leave of absence from school is not permitted in principle.
- (27) to understand that the maximum duration of research student is 6 months, and duration of acceptance as a regular student is based on the course years determined by the university.



CORRESPONDENCE

For enquiries and further information, please contact your nearest JICA office.

Appendix 2

*Enrollment schedule and documents of the April 2026’s admission will be posted around the October, 2025.

Please refer to the latest information: https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/bhs/admission/schedule		form	Note	Deadline
Documents for the Preliminary Evaluation for Application Eligibility:				
1	Application Form for the Preliminary Evaluation of the Entrance Examination	Please fill in the prescribed form	https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/253425/1.docx	Candidates must submit the documents to the JICA office by the submission deadline specified by the office. The office will determine a final candidate by the end of September, and the final candidate must submit the documents and apply for the preliminary screening for eligibility.
2	Certificate of Past Research Activity	Please fill in the prescribed form	https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/253426/2.docx	
3	Summary of Past Research and Clinical Activities etc	Please fill in the prescribed form	https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/253427/3.docx	
4	List of Past Research Achievements	Please fill in the prescribed form	https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/253428/4.docx	
5	Future Research Goals	Please fill in the prescribed form	https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/253429/5.doc	
6	Copy of passport		Submit a copy of the page with your name, passport number, photo and expiration date.	
7	Academic Transcript		Must be issued from the applicant's place of graduation and carry an official seal from the dean or president of the university or college.Written in English or accompanied with official translation in English.	Please refer to the latest information on the preliminary screening for eligibility deadline. https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/bhs/admission/schedule
8	Certificate of Graduation, or Certificate of Expected Graduation		Must be issued by the dean or president of the university or college and carry an official seal.Written in English or accompanied with official translation in English.	
9	Application Form for the Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long-Term Participants (JICA Development Studies Program)	Appendix 1		
10	Two (2) ID photos (4cm × 3cm) pasted on application form (Original and copy)			
11	Health certificate: must be taken at the time of application for entrance examination or within 6 months before coming to Japan, whichever is later, and submitted with Medical Hirtory at a later date		If the candidate passes the university entrance examination, a health certificate of JICA format will be required. Without the certificate, admission may become rejected.	
12	Copy of Government Order (GO) for job confirmation		※Bangladesh only	
Important notes *For international students, please enter your name as shown in your passport. *If you submit more than two certificate, write the numbers corresponding to that indicated on 3 Summary of Past Research and ClinicalActivities etc. at the left top. *If certificates and other documents to be submitted are written in a language other than Japanese or English, then Japanese or English translations must be attached. Translations may be prepared by applicants.				
Only those who have passed the interwiev should submit the following documents Application documents to be mailed:				
1	Confirmation Sheet	[A] Confirmation Sheet	https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/253414/A_M.doc	Late November, 2025 Please submit the documents with sufficient time allowance, so that they will reach JICA Headquarters at least one week before the university's deadline, considering the time necessary for processing and dispatch at the JICA overseas office.
2	Academic Transcript		Must be issued from the applicant's place of graduation and carry an official seal from the dean or president of the university or college * It is not necessary to re-submit documents that have already been submitted during the preliminary evaluation for application eligibility.	
3	Certificate of Graduation, or Certificate of Expected Graduation		* It is not necessary to re-submit documents that have already been submitted during the preliminary evaluation for application eligibility.	
4	Copy of Certificate of Residence or Certificate of Items Stated in Resident Register in Japan		Foreign applicants who currently reside in Japan must submit the Copy of Certificate of Residence or the Certificate of Items Stated in Resident Register. Submission is not required for those who are currently studying at Hiroshima University.	
5	Copy of passport		* It is not necessary to re-submit documents that have already been submitted during the preliminary evaluation for application eligibility.	
6	Statement of motivation for application	[F] Statement of Motivation for Application	https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/253415/F_M.doc Please fill in the prescribed form. (Access the Hiroshima University Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences website and download the form.) About 1 sheet of A4 paper (include the field[s] of interest, ambition for research, future plan, etc. Applicants for Careers Student Selection can describe the relationship between their job experience and motivation for application. Foreign students can write in English.)	
7	An original transcript of the External English language examinations that meets a score of A2 level or higher in "The CEFR Comparison Table" (P12 of Student Application Guidelines) , or the standard of "The English Language Proficiency Tests designated by the Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Science" (P13 of Student Application Guidelines)		It is recommended to deal with the English language proficiency certificate as early as possible to avoid problems with the timing of document submission.	