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**H.E. Rameshore Prasad Khanal**  
Finance Minister  
Ministry of Finance  
Singhadurbar  
Kathmandu  
Nepal

Dear Governor,

**Subject: The Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program –  
Next Call for Applications**

We are pleased to share the attached promotional flyer of the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JJ/WBGSP). As Your Excellency may be aware, the Program which was launched in 1987 supports mid-career professionals from developing countries for graduate studies in subjects related to development.

The JJ/WBGSP will take applications from **January 15 to February 27, 2026** (Application Window #1) and from **March 30 to May 29, 2026** (Application Window #2). The Program is open to women and men from eligible developing countries with professional experience and a history of supporting their countries' development efforts.

Details are in the flyer for dissemination to interested professionals. Your Staff can let us know should Your Excellency have any questions.

Thank you and kindly accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: **Hon. Ghanshyam Upadhyaya**  
Finance Secretary



## Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program

### Graduate studies scholarships available to developing country nationals

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### Applicants Must:

- Be a national of an [eligible developing country](#);
- Not hold dual citizenship of a developed country;
- Hold a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) earned at least 3 years prior to application deadline date;
- Have 3 years or more of paid professional experience in a development-related area after earning a bachelor's degree (or equivalent);
- Be accepted unconditionally to enroll in the upcoming academic year in one of the [JJ/WBGSP participating master's programs](#) by the application deadline date;
- Not be a World Bank Group staff member (which includes consultants) or relative of a WBG staff member.

### Award:

Recipients will receive a full scholarship to study one of the [JJ/WBGSP participating master's programs](#)

Scholarship includes full tuition and mandatory fees, a monthly living stipend, health insurance, round-trip airfare, and travel allowance.

Upon completion of the program, JJ/WBGSP scholars must immediately return to their home countries to apply their new skills to their countries' social and economic development.

### Application Process:

Application guidelines and a detailed list of eligibility criteria are available on the Program website:

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/scholarships/jj-wbgsp>

The link to the JJ/WBGSP application form will only be communicated to candidates shortlisted by participating universities. Potential candidates are invited to reach out to the targeted university to find out if they meet this requirement.

Complete applications, including two professional recommendations, must be submitted online by **12:00pm EST February 27, 2026** ([Window#1](#)) and by **12:00pm EST on May 29, 2026** ([Window#2](#)).