

Guidelines
Special Admission to the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences
with
Asian Development Bank – Japan Scholarship Program
2027 October Enrollment

1. *Check eligibility of ADB-JSP*

Please check your eligibility decided by the ADB-JSP.

<https://www.adb.org/work-with-us/careers/japan-scholarship-program>

In order to be nominated to ADB-JSP, the candidates should:

- Be a national of an ADB borrowing member country
- Be nominated by an appointed educational institution (GSFS), and seeking a master's degree
- Have at least two years of full-time professional working experience in a relevant field of your bachelor course study, at the time of application
- Not being more than 35 years old at the time of application
- Agree to return and work in his/her home country for at least two years after completion of master study at GSFS.
- Not having a master's degree at the time of application. Second master seekers are ineligible to apply for ADB-JSP.

2. *Supervisor choice*

All master and doctoral courses at GSFS require students to write a thesis for graduation. Therefore, finding a suitable supervisor in advance is very important. Before applying to GSFS, please make sure that you have identified a prospective supervisor in one of the departments or in GPSS listed below. We strongly recommend that you contact your prospective supervisor in advance to discuss your research topic and your interest in studying at GSFS.

If a prospective supervisor agrees to accept you, provided that you pass this assessment, you may proceed with your application. However, even if you contact a prospective supervisor and do not receive a response, you may still apply. In other words, prior contact with, or approval from, a prospective supervisor is not a requirement for applying.

Please consider applying for the ADB-JSP only after you have identified a prospective supervisor whose research interests are relevant to yours and confirmed that you meet the eligibility requirements for the ADB-JSP.

You can use the link below to find researchers by entering keywords related to your research interests.

<https://sites.google.com/edu.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adbjsp/%E3%83%9B%E3%83%BC%E3%83%A0>

Faculty members' information can be found on each Department/Program website.

(Department of Advanced Materials Science)

<https://www.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/materials/en/lab/>

(Department of Advanced Energy)

<https://www.ae.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/laboratories/>

(Department of Integrated Biosciences)

<https://www.ib.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/english/faculty/>

(Department of Natural Environmental Studies)

<http://nenv.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/>

(Department of Ocean Technology, Policy and Environment)
<https://www.otpe.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/>

(Department of Environment Systems)
<https://envsys.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/>

(Department of Human and Engineered Environmental Studies)
https://www.h.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index_e.html

(Department of Socio-cultural Environmental Studies)
https://sbk.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index_e.html

(Department of International Studies)
<https://inter.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/?lang=en>

(Graduate Program in Sustainability Sciences)
<https://www.sustainability.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/people/faculty/>

3. *Application methods*

1) **For those wishing to apply for the Department of Integrated Biosciences**

If you wish to apply for an ADB-JSP scholarship to study in the Department of Integrated Biosciences, you must take the Schedule B entrance examination. If you pass the examination and wish to apply for an ADB scholarship through GSFS, please contact the International Liaison Office as soon as you get the examination result and no later than **February 19, 2027**.

Please note that ADB-JSP scholars can start their studies at GSFS only in October. Also if you wish to enroll in GSFS in October, you must take the **Schedule B** entrance examination in the previous year.

(Examination details)
<https://www.ib.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/english/admission/>

- An English proficiency test score report (TOEFL iBT or IELTS only) is required.
- Applicants are required to contact their prospective supervisor before applying.
- Applicants will be required to travel to Japan to take an oral interview in January.

If you have any questions regarding the Schedule B examination of the Department of Integrated Biosciences, please contact the department office.

(department office)
<https://www.ib.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/english/admission/contact/>

2) **For those wishing to apply for the Graduate Program in Sustainability Sciences or any department other than the Department of Integrated Biosciences.**

The following is the list of application materials.

- (a) One (1) Application Form
The designated GSFS application form is downloadable in 5. *Designated forms* on this guideline. This is the only form that will be accepted.
- (b) One (1) Field of Study and Research Plan
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- (c) One (1) Official academic transcript or attested photocopy from the institute you previously attended (bachelor course)

- (d) One (1) Official certificate of graduation or attested photocopy from the institute you previously attended (bachelor course)
- (e) Two (2) confidential recommendation letters
If possible, please use the designated form for a recommendation letter, which is downloadable 5. *Designated forms* on this guideline.
- (f) English proficiency test score sheet
An English proficiency test score report (TOEFL iBT or IELTS) is **required** for applicants wishing to apply to the Department of Advanced Materials Science.

An English proficiency test score report (TOEFL iBT or IELTS) is **preferred but not mandatory** for applicants wishing to apply to the Graduate Program in Sustainability Sciences or any department other than the Department of Advanced Materials Science.

Upload all the application materials, except for (e) recommendation letters, to the following Google Form by **December 10, 2026**.

<https://forms.gle/MthAcu7N2H7bbc949>

Recommendation letters (e) must be submitted to the International Liaison Office directly from recommenders by email by December 10, 2026. The title of email should be "ADB recommendation letter_Name (applicant's name)". Only the letters submitted by the recommenders shall be accepted.

After December 10, 2026, GSFS will assess the applications, and the result of the first screening will be notified to all applicants by mid-February. **Successful candidates will then be requested to submit 1) the original/physical documents of (a), (c), and (d) and 2) additional documents for ADB scholarship application by no later than March 20, 2026.** Please note that just printed documents or photocopies are not regarded as "original". The documents issued by the university you previously attended are original. If you cannot submit the original document, you may submit a copy of the original document that has been attested as a true copy with a stamp of your university or a local notary office.

4. *Contact*

<Postal mail Address>

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<E-mail Address>

ilo@edu.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp

5. *Designated forms*

You can download the following designated forms at our website.

1) ***Application form***

2) ***Study Field and Research Plan***

3) ***Recommendation letter form***

6. *FAQs*

(a) *My country was not in the list of ADB borrowing member countries. Can't I apply for admission through*

this scheme?

No, you cannot apply for admission through this scheme. We suggest you try “MEXT scholarship with Embassy recommendation” instead. Please see this website.

https://www.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/exam/master/foreign_research_students/mext_scholarship/

(b) I was not able to access the Google Form in 3. Application. How can I submit my application documents?

You may submit it via email. Please make your email title as “ADB-JSP Application _ Name (applicant’s name)”. Again, recommendation letters must be submitted to us directly from recommenders by email.

(c) I have uploaded a photocopy of my graduation certificate. This is a true copy, because I made a duplicate. If I post this true copy to you, do you accept it as an original document?

No. Please check 3. Application. If you want to submit to us a photocopy of the original documents, you must have them attested and stamped by your university or a local notary office. Only those who have been able to submit the documents that meet our criteria by March 20, 2026, can be nominated to ADB-JSP.

(d) My university does not issue any certificates on paper. May I send you a URL of my university so that you can download the required document from the URL?

Yes, you may do so. In the Google Form, there is a place where you can write a comment. Please write there.

(e) As I have my recommendation letter in a sealed envelope in hand, I want to send all the original application materials, instead of uploading materials. Would you accept my application if my package reaches your office by December 10?

Yes, we will accept it.

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