

What is ABE Initiative Program?

This program offers opportunities for young and eligible African women and men to study at Master's courses in Japanese universities as international students and to experience internships at Japanese enterprises in order to develop effective skills and expertise in various fields for contributing to the development of industries in Africa.

This program aims at human resource development in both private and public sectors of Africa in order to cultivate a deep and wide human relationships between Japan and Africa.



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Master's Degree and Internship Program of **African Business Education Initiative** for youth (ABE Initiative)



Scholarship for African nationality
holders to study in Japan

Who can apply?

Persons from the private sector

who are or will be involved in economic activities in the local private sector maintaining and developing strong ties with Japanese companies.

Government Officials

who take part in formulation and/or implementation of industrial policies.

Educators

who are responsible for educating in Higher Education and TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) institutions in Africa, in order to enhance capacity building in related industries.

Features of ABE Initiative Program

Combination of Master's degree course& Internship

Participants are to participate in observation tours and to do internships respectively at Japanese companies to develop effective skills in order for them to contribute to various fields during the summer vacation and/or after graduation of master's courses.

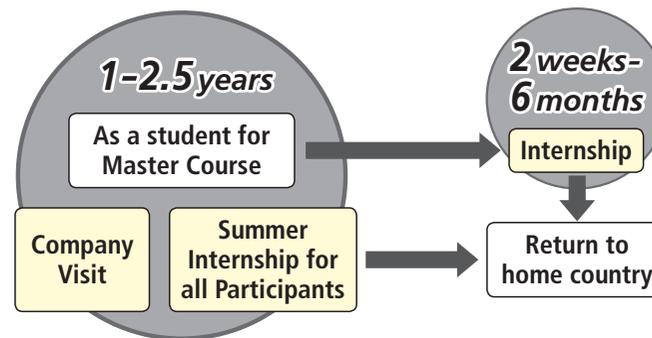
Various fields of study

In this program, participants will be accepted *in any fields of study for about 150 master's courses at 75 Japanese universities* while engineering, agriculture and economics /business administration are specified as key fields. Proposed research topics must be relevant to the program objectives to form network of potential contributors to the development of African industries, who have strong ties with Japan.

Qualifications and Requirements

1. Nationality holders of all 54 African countries
2. 22-39 years old (as of April 1st of each year when Applicants arrive in Japan)
3. Applicants must have at least Bachelor's degree (equivalent to "licence")
4. Have adequate English proficiency, both in written and oral communication
5. Clearly understand the objective of this program and have a strong will to contribute to the industrial development of their country as well as to strengthen the linkage between their country and Japan
6. Not currently applying or planning to apply to scholarship programs offered by other organizations
7. Have good health condition, both physically and mentally, to complete the program

Duration of ABE Initiative Program



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Costs Covered

- (1) One round trip airfare between your country and Japan
- (2) Monthly living allowance in Japan
- (3) Tuition at Japanese accepting universities
- (4) Other designated allowance



Selection Procedures

Application Form Submission Period

From August to October

1st Selection

<November-December>

Written examinations for English and Mathematics

2nd Selection

<November-December>

Interviews by the Steering Committee members and/or JICA

3rd Selection

<January-March>

Document screening by Japanese universities

4th Selection

(Final Selection)

<April-May>

Interviews by Japanese universities (via web/video conference system)

Arrive in Japan

(August-September)