

# Doctoral Degree Program

## 1. Qualifications and Requirements of Applicant for Doctoral Degree

Item	Description
<b>Nationality</b>	Citizens of the Kenya
<b>Age</b>	Below the age of 45 (as of April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021)
<b>Academic Background</b>	Obtained a Master's degree
<b>Work Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Belong to the Target Organizations of JDS Project and affiliated organization, and his/her research theme is relevant to the Development Issues of Kenya. ※See the table below.</li> <li>➤ For former recipients of foreign scholarships, applicant must have <b>spent required years written in Training bond at his/her workplace, since the applicants finished Master and returned to the workplace.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Health Condition</b>	Be in good health both physically and mentally.
<b>Others</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Submit <b><u>a recommendation from the supervisor of his/her current duty office.</u></b> (Reference Letter should contain evaluation of applicant's performance at work and relevance of his/her research theme to his/her career.)</li> <li>➤ Submit <b><u>a recommendation from the expected academic adviser(s) of the applying university.</u></b> (Submission of a draft academic guidance outline or a supervisory plan is desirable.)  <u>※This letter does not necessarily guarantee the acceptance by the university, but to confirm qualification to pursue PhD.</u></li> <li>➤ Not have obtained any Doctor's degree overseas under other foreign donors.</li> <li>➤ Not be currently awarded or to be awarded a scholarship from other foreign donors.</li> <li>➤ Present a research proposal relevant to the Development Issues of their country referred to in the framework of Sub-Programs and Components.</li> <li>➤ Have fulfilled the work obligation stipulated in the Training Bond. An applicant must work in his/her country with the ruled of the Government of Kenya after return.</li> <li>➤ Complete the course within, and not exceeding, three (3) years. <b><u>However, if it is judged that the Doctoral degree is likely to be obtained, the extension up to 6 months will be accepted.</u></b></li> <li>➤ Must not be serving in the military.</li> </ul>

## 2. Selection Procedures

### 1) Application Deadline for Doctoral Degree: **4:30 p.m. January 29<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2021**

TO Principal Secretary Office in Ministry of Public Service and Gender Affairs

Application documents will not be returned for any reason.

Late submission and incomplete application documents shall NOT be accepted.

### 2) Tentative Schedule for Doctoral Degree

Recruitment and selection for doctoral course will be conducted as below.

Schedule	Steps	Description
-Jan 29, 2021	Application	Closing Date: <b>4:30 p.m. January 29<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2021</b>
	▼	Further details → P.3 "Application and Selection Process" on Application Guidelines
Early Feb-Late Feb. 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Selection	Document Screening by the Operating Committee
	▼	
Early Feb. 2021	Health Checkup	The health checkup will be arranged at a designated hospital in Nairobi.
	▼	
Early Mar-Mid March, 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> Selection	Interview by the Operating Committee
	▼	
Late March, 2021	Approval by the OC	Successful candidates will be approved and notified. ※ This is a "Conditional acceptance" in this stage due to further selection process by each university follows.
	▼	
Mar.-July 2021	Application and Screening by the Universities	The application and screening process varies depending on the universities. Some require an interview or written exam in Japan.
July 2021	Notice of acceptance by the University	
Aug.-Sep. 2021	Departure for Japan	Project Agent will arrange air-ticket, visa, and also support JDS Fellows after the arrival in Japan.

### <Important Note>

- ✓ All the selection costs will be covered by JDS Project.
- ✓ Application Documents will not be returned (Please keep a copy of your documents).
- ✓ Application Documents with false statements or plagiarism will be immediately disqualified.
- ✓ A result of each selection will be informed to candidates from Project Agent.
- ✓ In principle, reasons of the selection-results will not be opened.

## 3. Download of Application Guideline and Application Documents

Please refer to the Application Guideline and submit a full set of application documents by the deadline.

**Download**

- A. Application Guideline for PhD
- B. Application Documents for PhD