



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

General Information on Agriculture Studies Networks for Food Security (Agri-Net) JFY2026

長期研修

「食料安全保障のための農学ネットワーク(2026 年度)」

This handout provides an overview of the “Agriculture Studies Networks for Food Security (Agri-Net)” 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 developing 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 developing countries and Japan, and eventually to expand and strengthen bilateral ties between the developing countries and Japan.

0. Background

What is JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet revised 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)

Japan is the very first country and still is one of the very few countries that has modernized from a non-Western background to establish a free, democratic, prosperous, and peace-loving nation based on the rule of law, without losing much of its tradition and identity. With such belief, JICA invites future leaders from partner countries to Japan under KCCP, and offers them opportunity to learn about Japan's unique modernization and development experiences. This special program is called, JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP).

JICA-DSP is provided to all participants of KCCP during their stay in Japan. JICA will offer participants various opportunities through which they can learn about Japan's modernization and development experiences.

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

1. Overview

Until now, JICA has provided training programs as a part of technical cooperation in various fields. In order to strengthen networks between the target countries in respective fields, JICA established a new long-term training program to foster young/middle-aged bureaucrats, academicians and leading human resources in various fields of target countries who are capable of influencing policy making processes in their countries or contributing to socioeconomic development in the near future.

The Agri-Net Program was established in JFY 2019 under the framework of JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP) for the purpose of promoting cooperation of sustainable development in the world.

JICA has set JICA Global Agenda in 2022 to promote sustainable and inclusive agricultural and rural development and stimulating agriculture (including fisheries and the livestock industry) and related industries (such as processing and distribution). JICA aims to eradicate poverty in rural areas through increasing farmers' income and revitalizing rural economies, as well as to ensure food security through the stable production and supply of food setting the five prioritized clusters as follows:

- (1) Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment & Promotion (SHEP)
- (2) Strengthening Food Value Chains (FVC)
- (3) Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD)
- (4) Promotion of Fisheries-centered Blue Economy
- (5) Sustainable Livestock Development toward One Health.

For more information on the five prioritized clusters, please refer to JICA's Global Agenda for No. 5: Agricultural and Rural Development (Sustainable Food Systems) at the link below.

[JICA's Global Agenda for No. 5: Agricultural and Rural Development \(Sustainable Food Systems\)](#)

The program/course will offer participants with special curriculums on Japanese developmental experience (JICA-DSP) and internships, if necessary, in addition to obtaining a Master's or PhD. degree.

2. Objectives

- (1) To develop high level human resources who are capable of contributing to appropriate policy decisions and its implementation for tackling political and developmental issues in respective fields.
- (2) To establish and maintain mid and long-term amicable relationships between target countries and Japan.

- (3) To develop human resources of public and private sectors under JICA Global Agenda related to Agriculture and Rural Development Sector.
- (4) To Strengthen a human network between partner countries and Japan in the above-mentioned field.

3. Course Outline

The course consists of the acceptance of participants from target countries to study at Japanese universities in the following fields.

- (1) (1) to (5) listed in “1. Overview” (to be prioritized during the selection process)
- (2) Others (System, Policy and Organizations on Agriculture and Rural Development Sector)

*Please see Appendix 6-Agri-Net Sub-program List for details.

The Appendix1-University Information provides information related to long-term courses including master's degree courses, Ph.D. courses. *JICA recommends the universities and graduate schools highlighted in yellow as "recommended" universities.

Applicants may select the university, to which he/she wishes to apply, from the universities which have concluded an agreement on accepting JICA participants on the condition that the candidate passes the entrance examination of the selected university.

In addition to curriculums of the master's and Ph.D. courses, activities such as short-term programs (e.g. Understanding the Japanese Development Experience¹), will be planned in order to enrichen the participants' academic and personal experience of their courses of studies at the universities.

4. Duration

In principle, two (2) years for master's course and three (3) years for Ph.D. course (depending on the program offered by universities). The participants should arrive in Japan in September or October 2026 to start degree courses in principle.

Course Duration:

For master's degree: September or October 2026 –September 2028 (2years)

For doctor's degree: September or October 2026 – September 2029 (3years)

Note 1 (Conditional Acceptance / Research Student):

- As a result, if a certain university judges that a certain candidate is not readily acceptable (insufficient) as a proper student, that candidate may be accepted as a “research student” for a

¹ As part of JICA-DSP, this program is co-organized by GRIPS (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies), IUJ (International University of Japan) and JICA for JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long Term Participants. The program offers participants with opportunities to gain a deep understanding of the Japanese development experience, and to draw lessons and gain insights that will support their development work at their home countries and internationally.

period of six (6) months at longest. This period is not counted as a part of regular course of Master's or Doctor's program. Research students are requested to stay in Japan and study intensively to utilize their time to prepare for the entrance examination.

- In case research students cannot pass the entrance exam within the six (6) months, they **MUST** return to their home countries without delay (Agri-Net Program scholarship will be terminated at that moment).
- Before application, the candidates should consider the possibility of additional period as research students and should be approved by belonging organization.
- Necessary living cost during the period as research students will be paid by JICA following JICA's regulation as described in Section 11-Expenses to be Borne by JICA.

Note 2 (Longer Duration):

- Some universities set more than three (3) years for doctor's course, please check admission information of the universities that you intend to apply to.
- If so, be sure to obtain permission from your belonging organization to leave in that period.

5. Number of Participants

36 participants in total from the target countries.

(Maximum 10 participants allowed for Ph.D. courses)

*Please note that for the Agri-Net Program, which aims to develop human resources in the public and private sectors based on JICA's Global Agenda, JICA may prioritize applicants whose research interests are strongly related to the five fields mentioned above, those who have participated JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Programs and those who are related JICA's technical cooperation projects.

6. Language to be used in this Program

English

7. Eligibility

Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) Current Duties: young or middle-career government officials, prospective academics, who are expected to contribute policy formulation or its implementation for tackling sustainable developmental issues in respective fields.

* In principle, candidates without affiliations are not eligible for acceptance.

*Applicants from private sector must be from the field related to System, Policy and Organizations on Agriculture and Rural Development Sector; Sustainable Agriculture Production; Food Value Chain (FVC); Livestock Development and Animal Hygiene; Fisheries Development and Resources.

- (2) Nationality:

Citizens of the target countries for Agri-Net program JFY2026 (see Appendix 4)

(3) Working experiences/ status:

- to have working experiences more than five (5) years in total.
- to have more than six (6) months working experience at their current belonging organization.
- to obtain permission for application from their current belonging organizations.
- to secure reinstatement from their current belonging organizations.

(4) Age:

for master's programs, thirty-five (35) years of age or under in principle (As of April 1st, 2026). However, should there be certain circumstances deemed to be considered, applicants over the age of 35 may become accepted. Please contact our JICA overseas office for more information

for Ph.D. programs, forty (40) years of age or under in principle (As of April 1st, 2026). However, should there be certain circumstances deemed to be considered, applicants over the age of 40 may become accepted. Please contact our JICA overseas office for more information.

(5) Educational Background:

for master's programs, a Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree holder

for Ph.D. programs, a Master's Degree holder

(6) Language: adequate English skills both in written and oral communication to complete master's and/or Ph.D. courses with skills equivalent or exceeding the following.

TOEFL iBT: 90, IELTS: 6.5, CEFR:B2, DET (Duolingo English Test) : 120

* Applicants to Agri-Net program are required to demonstrate official results of the English language proficiency test (such as TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC and Duolingo) at the moment of the application.

*JICA will NOT cover the costs necessary to obtain such a score. However, there is one exception: Fees for English proficiency can be reimbursed within the same Japanese fiscal year (from April 1 to March 31 of the following year) for **those who pass the first selection by JICA Headquarters and take the entrance examination.**

(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 applicants 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 applicants regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. See Appendix7- Encourage Women to Join the Course.

8. Admissions

Candidates must be selected as JICA's official candidate through JICA's internal selection

procedure and must pass the entrance examination² of the university they have applied to, including examinations to enter the candidates' desired master's degree or Ph.D. degree course.

9. Application Guidelines

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

(1) Procedures and Required Documents for Application:

Each applicant is required to submit the "Application Documents³" listed in (2) below to JICA overseas office in charge of the applicants' countries. **ALL application documents are required at the moment of the application.**

(2) Application Documents

1) Application Form (see Appendix 2 and 3)

- Confirmation by the head of the relevant department
- Personal Information
- Educational Background
- Present Organization and Nomination
- Work Experience
- Declaration (Terms and Conditions needed to be agreed by applicants)
- Research Plan (Annex 2)
- Career Plan (Annex 2)

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 applicant
- * Officially certified copies of the original transcript
- * Written in English or accompanied with official translation in English

4) Photocopy of certificate of English Test*

- i. **ALL** applicants to Agri-Net Program are required to demonstrate English language proficiency by submitting official results of TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or Duolingo. However, some universities do not acknowledge / accept all these tests, applicants are requested to confirm with the university they apply to.
- * As mentioned at (6) Language, 7. Eligibility on page six, applicants who pass the

² The results of JICA's screening procedure and University's entrance examination will not accept any inquiry.

³ Submitted documents will not be returned.

first selection by JICA Headquarters and take the entrance examination, photocopy of certificate of English Test is not an absolute requirement. However, JICA Headquarters highly recommends that applicants obtain the certificate as early as possible. JICA Headquarters values the certificate in the first selection process. This is because the certificate score is closely connected to the research performance of former and current Agri-Net participants, based on past experience.

ii. Exemption from English proficiency test

The following applicants are exempt from the English proficiency test requirement in the first selection mentioned in “10. Schedule” by JICA Headquarters:

- ✓ have completed or are completing their Bachelor’s or Master’s program that are taught entirely in English in one of the following countries*
- ✓ have been working for full-time in a professional or academic environment where English is used at least three years in one of the following countries*

*Countries: Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, USA, UK

5) A copy of Passport or ID with photo (for checking nationality, name, sex, and date of birth).

* A certified English translation must be attached if the ID is written in a language other than English, French, Portuguese, or Spanish.

6) Two ID photos (4cm × 3cm) pasted on application form (Original and copy).

*Health certificate and Medical History are not required at the time of the above-mentioned documents’ submission. Only applicants who have passed the graduate school entrance exam and become final candidates must submit these two documents to JICA. JICA will then make a final decision on their eligibility.

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.⁴

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

Candidates must follow each university’s application procedure after the screening.

(3) Procedures in General

Based on the above documents, applicants are nominated and approved by their country’s government. Applicants consult with the supervisors of their chosen university listed unless the graduate school doesn’t accept the prior consultation from applicants as "No" in “Column

⁴ If the candidate applicant passes the university entrance examination, a health certificate of JICA format will be required. Without the certificate, admission may become rejected.

W” of Appendix 1. If the applicant obtained the unofficial consent from the potential supervisor, check the checkbox on the Application Form (AF). The information is referred in the 1st selection in JICA Headquarters. Applicants who pass the first selection process conducted by JICA will apply to the university, take the entrance examination according to the university’s instructions and screening will be conducted at the universities chosen by the applicant. After these procedures, candidates (*Change the name of those who have passed the first selection process at the JICA headquarters from "Applicant" to "Candidate.") who have been accepted to the universities must be finally approved by JICA.⁵

(4) Points to be Noted regarding Procedures

The English language proficiency test fee is refundable only once and only within the same Japanese fiscal year (April 1 to March 31 of the following year) in which the general entrance exam was taken as a Agri-Net candidate. 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

For Fall 2026 enrollment, the application process for Agri-Net long-term participants is as follows:

(1) Schedule

From the end of July to mid-November of 2025.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants are nominated by their respective organizations in the target countries. The responsible organization in the target countries will select the applicants. 2. Applicants applying for Fall 2026 enrollment, must read Appendix1 (University Information) carefully. Applicants are highly encouraged to consult with their university supervisors whose research interests align with those of the applicants independently and acquire unofficial consent for acceptance. For the first contact to the supervisor, applicant must clearly indicate that he/she is applying under the Agri-Net Program by using the Preliminary Consultation Form (Appendix 5.2). Please refer to Pre-Consultation Guide (Appendix 5.1) for details on important considerations.
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⁵ 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.

	<p>3. Applicants must submit their application forms to the JICA overseas office responsible for their country by the designated date by JICA. Applications without unofficial consent for acceptance will still be accepted. However, applicants who have obtained this confirmation may be given higher priority during the AF review by JICA. This does not apply to supervisors who do not accept pre-consultation (see “column W” of Appendix 1).</p> <p>Note: Since JICA and university rules may not always align, please contact your desired university in advance to confirm important matters, such as the timing of inviting your family to Japan.</p>
December 2025 – January 2026	Selection process by JICA Headquarters (1 st Selection)
End of January 2026	The results of the selection process will be notified to each applicant through the JICA overseas office. *Change the name of those who have passed the selection process at the JICA headquarters from "Applicant" to "Candidate."
February - June(approximately) 2026	Candidates will apply for admission to take university's entrance examination.
February - June(approximately) 2026	<p>Selection process by university (2nd Selection: Entrance Examination)</p> <p>*Candidates should adhere to the entrance exam schedule established by each university.</p>
June - July 2026	Arrival of results of entrance examination from the university
June - July 2026	Finalization of candidates at JICA Headquarters (3rd Selection)
	Submission of a health certificate and medical history to JICA overseas office. (must be within 6 months prior to entering Japan)
July - August 2026	JICA sends a "Letter of Acceptance" to final candidates as the official result of the approval. Preparation for study in Japan if candidate is determined as a KCCP (Long-term) participant
September-October 2026	Orientation by JICA overseas office before departure
September -October 2026	<p>Orientation by JICA domestic office</p> <p>Beginning of Fall Semester in Japan</p>

*Schedule for the application period for the general entrance examination depends on each university.

*Schedule and program contents might be adjusted appropriately due to unforeseen circumstances.

(2) Selection process

There are mainly following three selection processes:

(A) The first selection is conducted by JICA Headquarters (December 2025 to January 2026).

(B) The second selection by Japanese universities is through candidates' applications and entrance examinations (February to June of 2026).

(C) The third selection by JICA Headquarters (July 2026).

*There are no fees to be charged directly by JICA at the selection process.

*The reasons for disqualification on each selection procedure will NOT BE DISCLOSED.

(A) The first selection: Selection by JICA Headquarters is based on application forms (AFs) from JICA overseas offices.

[Necessary Actions for Applicants for this selection]

Applicants are highly encouraged to consult with the supervisors of their chosen university and submit their application to JICA after receiving UNOFFICIAL CONSENT FOR ACCEPTANCE from the supervisors.

Period	Late July to mid-November of 2025. Please confirm the local deadline with the JICA overseas office.
Contents	(1) Screening of submitted Application Documents by JICA overseas office (2) Interview of applicants by JICA overseas office in applicants' country (3) Consultation with the supervisors at the university of applicants' choice for unofficial consent for acceptance. (4) Screening of submitted Application Documents by JICA Headquarters.
Objectives	To review qualifications and requirements of each applicant. To confirm applicants' understanding of the program's objectives To confirm if the applicant has obtained an unofficial consent for acceptance from his or her supervisor. To review working experiences/educational background in the context of the "Eligible Participants" (shown in the section 7. "Eligibility"). This confirms applicants' ability to contribute to achieving the course objectives and addressing their country's development challenges after the program.
Result	Applicants who pass this selection can proceed to the second Selection.

(B) The second selection: Selection (Entrance Examination) by Japanese universities

[Necessary Actions for Applicants for this selection]

- Each candidate may only apply to one (1) university, which is indicated by JICA, for the entrance examination. (See Appendix 1.)

Each candidate needs to check the necessary application documents set by the university where he/she applies to. He/she then needs to submit the university's application documents directly to the university by the deadline set by the university. It is ALL the candidate's responsibility to duly submit required documents to the university by its deadline. JICA will NOT intervene in this process. Some universities require sending hard copies of documents to Japan. Those who are required to enter as research students also need to check necessary application procedure as research student set by

each university. JICA will NOT cover the cost of postage.

During this selection process, each candidate may be interviewed (e.g. by using Zoom) depending on the university's selection process.

Fee for entrance examinations is paid directly to each university by JICA.

Period	February 2026 – June 2026 (approximately)
Contents	Screening of submitted university application documents and interviews by Japanese universities
Objectives	Entrance examination by Japanese universities
Venue	If necessary, using Zoom or other means for interviews
Selection	Universities will screen the candidates based on the documents they submit, as well as on interviews etc.
Result	The candidates who pass this selection will proceed to the third screening by JICA Headquarters.

(C) The third selection: Determination of the Final Candidate by JICA Headquarters

JICA makes a decision for the third selection processes.

Even if some candidates pass the second selection, they may NOT be selected as successful program candidates.

Note:

- **Withdrawal of the Application:** If applicants or candidates encounter the situation that needs to withdraw the application by force majeure during the selection process, they need to inform JICA overseas office about the situation as soon as possible. The letter from belonging organization is required.
- **Research Student:** When candidates are accepted as only research students, the candidates need to attend an additional six-month course to prepare for the entrance examination of the university. If the candidate fails the entrance exam, he/she must return to the home country without delay by the flight designated by JICA (*Agri-Net Program scholarship will be terminated at that moment*).

11. Expenses to Be Borne By JICA

Under the JICA KCCP Long-term Trainee Allowance standards, JICA will cover expenses and allowance 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	Actual costs	According to the request

fees, course fees)		from universities
Living Allowance	JPY 117,000–148,000 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 applicant's supervisor.

12. Expenses Not to Be Borne by JICA

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 in the applicant'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 180days
- (17) National Health Insurance fee

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

13. Conditions for Participation

The applicants/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,
- (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 you 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 applicants 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,
- (17)** to submit a Health Certificate in JICA format at the participant's expense, 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 other scholarships from the Japanese government, such as Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), The Japan Foundation (JF) 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 for both master's and doctor's courses, and duration of acceptance as a regular student is based on the course years determined by the university,
- (28)** To indicate all educational background, including currently enrolled university, if any.
- (29)** To understand that the use of Generative AI such as Chat GPT to create Application

Forms including Research Plans, and your research papers may not be acceptable and may result in rejection of your application or termination of training if discovered, according to each university policy.

Appendixes:

- 1. University Information (Excel)**
- 2. Application Form (Excel)**
- 3. Additional Application Form for the Agri-Net Program (Word)**
- 4. List of the Target Countries for Agri-Net JFY2026 (Word)**
- 5.1 Pre-Consultation Guide (PDF)**
- 5.2 Preliminary Consultation Form for Matching Progress by JICA Applicant (related to research plan) (Excel)**
- 6. Agri-Net Sub-program List (PDF)**
- 7. "Encourage Women to Joint the Course" (PDF)**



CORRESPONDENCE

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