



## COVER LETTER AND ESSAYS TO ACCOMPANY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK–JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

### Cover Letter and Resume or Curriculum Vitae:

In a cover letter, state why you are applying to the ADB-JSP Scholarship and how you hope to benefit from the experience of being an ADB-JSP Scholar. Explain how the Center fits within the context of your past experiences and your future plans. Discuss how you will contribute to the international community of the East-West Center and the building of an Asia-Pacific Community. (Maximum length: 500 words)

**Note: Include a copy of your resume or curriculum vitae.**

### Essay Instructions:

Provide your responses on separate sheets of paper. Note the essay or question number, and name at the top of each essay. We suggest an 11 or 12 font, single or double spaced (your discretion).

1. Write an essay in which you discuss your long range goals and objectives in pursuing your degree stating their relevance to the ADB vision and mission under **Strategy 2020**, as described on the ADB website (excerpted below), and in its publication, **Strategy 2020: Working for an Asia and Pacific Free of Poverty**. The publication is available for review or download at <http://www.adb.org/documents/strategy-2020-working-asia-and-pacific-free-poverty> (Maximum length: 500 words)

#### Description

ADB's Strategy 2020, approved in April 2008, reaffirms both ADB's vision of an Asia and Pacific free of poverty and mission to help its developing member countries improve their living conditions and quality of life.

To achieve this, ADB will support three complementary development agendas: inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.

#### ADB's Transformation to Strategy 2020

Significant efforts are being made to put ADB on track to achieve the goals of Strategy 2020. ADB is making efforts to align its:

- Operational planning
- Human resources
- Institutional structure
- Policies and strategies
- Business processes

ADB has developed a results framework to assess its progress in implementing Strategy 2020. It will annually monitor implementation through a development effectiveness review.”

2. Begin with your long-range goals and objectives in pursuing your degree. What impact will they have on the Asia and Pacific region? (Maximum length: 500 words)
3. Write a brief biographical essay in which you discuss your background and reasons for pursuing graduate study. Describe your interest and experience in the Asia-Pacific Region. (Maximum length: 500 words)
4. How have you been involved in civic engagement and community service activities over the past five years? (Maximum length: 250 words)
5. Your participation in EWC seminars, leadership projects, activities, and residential community will be alongside students from the U.S., Asia and the Pacific region, and other countries around the world. Please comment on your preparedness for this inter-cultural learning environment. (Maximum length: 250 words)