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The Embassy of Japan to Georgia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and has the honour to announce the Policy Research Institute (PRI) Visiting Scholar Program 2023 and request interested researchers or government officials to apply for the program by February 1, 2023.

Details are contained in the explanatory material made by PRI. Application form can be downloaded from the official site of Ministry of Finance of Japan.

[https://www.mof.go.jp/english/pri/international\\_exchange/visiting\\_scholar\\_program/zai03.htm](https://www.mof.go.jp/english/pri/international_exchange/visiting_scholar_program/zai03.htm)

The Embassy of Japan in Georgia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Attachment: Explanatory material made by PRI

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**Policy Research Institute  
Ministry of Finance, Japan**

## **Policy Research Institute (PRI) Visiting Scholar Program 2023**

### **1. Areas of Research for the program**

The PRI Visiting Scholar Program accepts researchers or government officials of any nationality who conduct rigorous research in the following field of policy studies:

- (1) Regional economic cooperation (preferably focused on Asia)
- (2) Development issues (preferably focused on Asia)
- (3) International finance
- (4) International trade
- (5) The Japanese economy and its fiscal policies

### **2. Eligibility**

The applicant must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Be a government official including a banker of a central bank, or hold a Ph.D. or an equivalent degree in a relevant field with a record of research activities for more than five years, in principle.
- (2) Have a will and the expectation to work closely with the Japanese government and related agencies.
- (3) Have sufficient command of English\* and/or Japanese to perform research.
- (4) Submit:
  - (i) A completed and signed application form,
  - (ii) Recommendation letter(s) written by a government official(s) or scholar(s), including at least one recommendation letter that proves that the applicant has sufficient English and/or Japanese ability to be able to smoothly conduct research,
  - (iii) A three to four page research proposal, and
  - (iv) One or two sample papers relevant to the research proposal if available.

### **3. Duration**

The PRI expects to accept each visiting scholar for three months between July 2023 and March 2024. The respective visiting scholar and the PRI will agree upon the active period for visiting.

#### **4. Research Facilities and Other Assistance for research**

- (1) The PRI provides a research space at the PRI and a laptop computer with an internet connection.
- (2) The PRI assists visiting scholars in making appointments with Japanese government officials, academics, and researchers at private research institutes or private firms for the research.
- (3) The PRI provides the opportunity to attend its study groups and seminars.

#### **5. Activities**

A visiting scholar must:

- (1) Submit a research paper for the program output, and
- (2) Hold a workshop based on the research paper at the end of the term at the PRI.

Note: The submitted papers may be published on the PRI website.

#### **6. Expenses and Allowance**

The PRI will cover the costs and pay allowances related to the following matters:

- (1) Daily allowance
- (2) Accommodation expenses (Fixed amount based on the period of staying in Japan)
- (3) Travel expenses (non-resident only, economy class round trip)
- (4) Honorariums for a research paper

Note 1: These are applied if the researcher is from a developing country or the focus of the research is related to developing issues and not receiving any other scholarships.

Note 2: All payments from the PRI are paid in JPY or USD the following month.

#### **7. Application Deadline**

The PRI will accept applications by February 1, 2023.

Please submit the required documents by e-mail to the following address.

<mailto:koryu@mof.go.jp>

#### **8. Selection Process**

The PRI will screen through the application review based on the documents the applicants submitted. And the PRI may conduct an online interview in English (or Japanese) in the final decision process.

Each candidate will be notified of their selection results directly by the PRI by mid-February 2023.

**Note 1:** During the selection process, the PRI will consider the relevance of proposed topics in accordance with the roles of the Ministry of Finance (e.g. budget, tax, customs, foreign exchange policy, foreign direct investment (FDI), official development assistance (ODA)).

**Note 2:** During the process of the selection and the actual onset of the program, the PRI will take all measures and restrictions for visitors from outside Japan implemented by the Japanese government into consideration. We recommend checking the latest information related to border measures announced by the Japanese government.

Border measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan ([mofa.go.jp](https://mofa.go.jp))

**Note 3:** If the visiting scholars contract an infectious disease during their stay in Japan, they need to follow the policy implemented by the Japanese government and the instructions by the staff of the PRI to prevent the spread of infections.

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