

Annex. 2: Details of Current and Previous
Work Experience, Research Plan and Career Plan after Graduation

Details of Current and Previous Work Experience

Please describe your responsibilities in your current and previous work within 150 words each. Make sure to sign on every page.

- **Current Work** (150 Words)

- **Previous Work** (150 Words)

Research Plan

Write a brief research plan of your proposed thesis in more than 700 words (minimum 3 pages).

Below is an example of the structure of the research plan. Usage of this structure is not essential but is strongly recommended.

(a) TITLE of your thesis

(b) INTRODUCTION (1 paragraph):

You will state clearly what your research interests are. It is necessary to include the following:

- Background information regarding the selected topic and your involvement (e.g. the main reason why you chose the topic, your relevant working experience, etc.)
- The main objective of your study

(c) MAIN BODY (approximately 3 paragraphs):

You will provide specific information to support your ideas. Explain what you are going to study and how the research is to be conducted. It is necessary to include the following:

- Brief explanation of your analysis on this topic.
- Brief explanation of your research methodology.

(d) CONCLUSION (1 paragraph):

You will stress the most important point(s) of your research plan, and your future work. It is necessary to include the followings:

- The skills you wish to obtain in Japan.
- How you intend to utilize your research to solve the issue(s) mentioned in the first part of the plan after returning to your home country.

***If you are applying for a PhD course within the SDGs Global Leader program, please attach your Master's thesis in English and related papers (if any).**

!! IMPORTANT !!

- ✓ It is recommended to make prior contact with your desired university faculty before submitting the applications, in order to know whether or not the university can accept your research plan. You should write the research plan in light of the requirements and characteristics of the course.
- ✓ It must be demonstrated that your academic background and/or job experience is sufficient to engage in and complete the course in Japan. In this regard, it is essential for you to select a research theme which is associated with your current or future work.
- ✓ If you are currently employed, it is desirable for you to discuss with your organization to get supporting references, such as policies and/or strategic papers of the organization.

Career Plan after Graduation

In connection with the fields of study, please describe your idea /plan to utilize your knowledge, skills and experiences that you obtained in Japan after returning to your home country in 400-500 words.

Please be reminded of the aim of the ABE Initiative/SDGs Global Leader that expects the participants to contribute to the development of industries of their home countries, to utilize the networks which are built up during participants' stay in Japan, and to continue to foster good relationships between their countries and Japan.