

JSPS Invitation Fellowships for Research in Japan
FY 2016

Information Sheet

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1. OUTLINE OF FELLOWSHIP

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) carries out programs that provide overseas researchers who have an excellent record of research achievements with an opportunity to conduct collaborative research, discussions, and opinion exchanges with researchers in Japan. These programs are intended to help advance the researchers' research activities while promoting science and internationalization in Japan.

2. CATEGORIES

Invitation Fellowships (Long-term): to invite overseas researchers with excellent records of research achievements to collaborate with Japanese colleagues in carrying out research through long-term visits.

Terms of Award (Fellows only):

- 1) A round-trip air ticket in kind (based on JSPS's regulations)
- 2) A monthly maintenance allowance of 387,600 yen
- 3) A research support allowance
- 4) Overseas travel insurance

Note:

- The amounts of the awards indicated above are subject to change.
- JSPS only provides fellows with the air ticket; never gives them cash to buy nor reimburse the ticket they have bought themselves.
- If a fellow resides in Japan when his/her fellowship commences, above-mentioned air ticket to Japan will not be provided (only a return ticket may be provided).
- A research support allowance is available to cover cooperative research-related expenses. Application is made by the host researcher through his/her institution.
- Fellows invited by a host researcher and those nominated by a nominating authority will receive equal treatment under this program.

Invitation Fellowships (Short-term): to invite overseas researchers with excellent records of research achievements for short-term visits to Japan and provide them opportunities for discussions, opinion exchanges, lectures and other activities.

Terms of Award (Fellows only):

- 1) A round-trip air ticket in kind (based on JSPS's regulations)
- 2) A daily maintenance allowance of 18,000 yen
- 3) A research support allowance
- 4) Overseas travel insurance

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3. FIELDS OF RESEARCH

All fields of research including the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

4. FELLOW ELIGIBILITY

Invitation Fellowships (Long-term)

As a rule, researchers who hold a full-time position in an overseas research institution and satisfy the following requirements:

1. Possess either the nationality or citizenship of the nominating country or be a permanent resident of that country.
2. Researchers who do not meet above-mentioned nationality/citizenship requirement but have resided and had substantial professional research experience in the nominating country for a period of more than ten years as of 1 April 2016.
3. Be a researcher in a position equivalent to a university professor, associate professor or assistant professor in Japan as of 1 April 2016.
4. Researchers who do not have above-mentioned careers but received their doctorate degree prior to six years or more as of 1 April 2016 and are continuing to do research in a university or non-profit research institution.

Invitation Fellowships (Short-term)

As a rule, researchers who hold full-time positions in an overseas research institution and satisfy the following requirements:

1. Possess either the nationality or citizenship of the nominating country or be a permanent resident of that country.
2. Researchers who do not meet above-mentioned nationality/citizenship requirement but have resided and had substantial professional research experience in the nominating country for a period of more than ten years as of 1 April 2016.
3. Be a researcher in a position equivalent to a university professor or associate professor as of 1 April 2016.
4. Researchers with an excellent record of research achievements.

5. HOST RESEARCHER ELIGIBILITY

Host researcher in Japan must be a researcher who is employed full-time at a university or research institution as follows:

1. Universities and inter-university research institutes
2. MEXT-affiliated institutions engaged in research
3. Colleges of technology
4. Institutions designated by the Minister of MEXT

Note:

Full-time employment classification is determined by the regulations of the host institution.

6. DURATION OF FELLOWSHIPS

Invitation Fellowships (Long-term): 2 to 10 months

Invitation Fellowships (Short-term): 14 to 60 days

7. DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

The fellowship begins on the day of the fellow's arrival in Japan. (For those awardees who were already residing in Japan at the time the fellowship was awarded, the starting date of the fellowship must be agreed upon in advance between the fellow, the host researcher and JSPS.) The fellowship must start within the following periods:

Invitation Fellowships (Long-term): April 1, 2016–March 31, 2017

Invitation Fellowships (Short-term): April 1, 2016–March 31, 2017

8. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE PROGRAM

Application for this program must be submitted to JSPS through a nominating authority. Application process is as follows:

1. Contact made between a candidate who wishes to conduct cooperative research in Japan and his/her prospective host.
2. The candidate submits an application to a nominating authority.
3. Nominating authority selects the candidates and nominates them to JSPS at least three months prior to the nominee's requested fellowship starting date.
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Note:

- JSPS does not support any research related to military affairs.
- Researchers who have already come to Japan under the JSPS Invitation Fellowship Program may not reapply for the same fellowship until three years have elapsed. Therefore, researchers who were awarded an invitation fellowship in FY2013, 2014 or 2015 are not eligible to be nominated again for the same fellowship in FY 2016.
- JSPS does not find or introduce host researchers.
- Application deadlines and selection procedures differ by each nominating authority.
- In addition to receiving applications through nominating authorities, JSPS also accepts applications from Japanese researchers who wish to invite an overseas researcher (open recruitment). For details on this application channel, please see our website:
<http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv/how.html>
- The same person may not simultaneously be a candidate for Long-term, Short-term, and Short-term S fellowship. Short-term S is the category only for open recruitment.
- The same person may not simultaneously be a candidate for both this Invitation Fellowships and a Postdoctoral Fellowship.
- The same person may not be awarded more than one Invitation Fellowship within one Japanese fiscal year (1 April – 31 March of the following year).
- A host researcher can accept only one fellow who gets awarded fellowship for one category (long-term or short-term) in the fiscal year. It is necessary for the applicant to clarify that he/she is the only prospective fellow whom the prospective host researcher is going to accept in the fiscal year before receiving the prospective host's invitation/acceptance letter.
- During their tenure in Japan, fellows may not accept employment, either full- or part-time, irrespective of whether it is paid or non-paid.

9. MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED

1. Application forms written by each candidate (FORM 1 and FORM 2)
2. A letter of acceptance/invitation from the candidate's prospective host researcher in Japan, stating that he/she accepts the candidate at his/her institution during the period of the fellowship tenure.
3. A copy of the candidate's passport
4. Supplementary documents (if necessary)

Note:

- Please access the URL below to write FORM 1 and FORM 2.
http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv/table_02.html
- All documents must be in either English or Japanese. Other supplementary documents can be in another language. In that case, please provide an English translation, which does not need to be an official translation, may be done by the host or the candidate.
- Image data of the candidate's signature pasted on the FORM 2 is acceptable.

10. OBLIGATION

Please bear the following points in mind when submitting an application.

1. Fellows should be very careful not to do anything that violates their visa status.
2. Fellows are expected to devote full time to their research during the period of their Fellowship. They may not accept any engagement (activities not included in the research plan) in Japan other than this JSPS fellowship, with or without remuneration. They may not accept other grants during their tenure. If they are offered another grant, they must either decline the JSPS fellowship or the other grant.
3. Fellows are required to communicate with Host to submit necessary forms to JSPS in due time. When giving a lecture or presentation during your tenure, please be sure to indicate that you are a JSPS fellow.
4. Fellows are to obey the laws of Japan.
5. Fellows are to obey the rules of their host institutions including confidentiality. Especially when a Fellow's research theme involves the need to protect human rights or to comply with related laws or ordinances, s/he is to handle appropriately.

11. HANDLING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

With regard to personal information contained in application materials, it shall be strictly controlled in accordance with the “Law to Protect Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Institutions” and JSPS's own regulations for protecting personal information. JSPS will use such information exclusively for implementing its programs. (This may involve the provision of personal information to external companies commissioned to electronically process and manage program-related data.)

If selected for a fellowship, fellows should note that their name, title, affiliated organization and country; research theme, host institution, host researcher's name and title; and research reports may be given public access. Fellows are also asked to participate in surveys aimed at improving JSPS programs.