



SSRC-JSPS Fellowship Program for ABDs and Recent PhDs

INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES, PROVISIONS AND RESTRICTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.

The SSRC/JSPS Fellowship Program for ABDs and Recent PhDs provides promising and highly qualified researchers with opportunities to conduct research at leading universities and other research institutions in Japan for **1-12 month** or **12-24 month** terms. Projects need not be explicitly related to the study of Japan, but must propose work with colleagues and resources in Japan. The program especially encourages proposals for cooperative research with colleagues in Japan under the guidance of a senior host researcher. The Social Science Research Council serves as the nominating authority for US-based applicants in the social sciences and humanities only. Researchers in the fields of medicine or natural sciences should contact the Fogarty International Center at the National Institute of Health (<http://www.nih.gov>) or the National Science Foundation (<http://www.nsf.gov>) for application information.

- Fellowships are awarded for a single, continuous stay in Japan only. Extended travel outside of Japan during the fellowship term is not permitted. Fellows may, however, suspend their fellowships for the purpose of childbearing or infant nursing. Fellows may not engage in other work, paid or unpaid, during their tenures.
- Fellowships will be awarded in the summer of 2014. **Long-term fellowship recipients must arrive in Japan between June 1, 2014 and September 30, 2014. Short-term fellowship recipients must arrive in Japan between June 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015.**
- **Period of tenure** for a **short-term fellowship is 1-12 months; long-term fellowship terms are 12-24 months.** The fellowship tenure and research plan must be negotiated in advance with the host researcher.
- Host researchers in Japan must be employed full-time or classified as being employed full-time. (Excluding *jokyo*, assistant professors and *joshu*, research assistants) All accredited universities and research institutions in Japan under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) are eligible host institutions.

ELIGIBILITY

Scholars who have previously been awarded a fellowship under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers are not eligible. **Previous short-term fellowship recipients may apply for the long-term fellowship.**

Applicants eligible for both the short- and long-term fellowships are strongly encouraged to submit proposed dates for both short and long terms on the original application forms.

JSPS does not extend fellowships to scholars employed in institutions under jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Defense.

In addition:

Candidates for the Long-Term Fellowship must:

- Possess U.S. citizenship or permanent residency status. Permanent residents must provide a copy of a permanent resident card ("green card"). Researchers of Japanese nationality are ineligible;
- Submit a copy of a PhD diploma **from a university outside Japan** dated no more than six years prior to April 1, 2014. (on or after April 2, 2008)

Candidates for the Short-Term Fellowship must:

- Possess U.S. citizenship or permanent residency status. Permanent residents must provide a copy of a permanent resident card ("green card"). Citizens of other countries may be eligible if they have completed a master's or PhD course at a U.S. university and, upon completing the course, have for at least three (3) continuous years conducted high-level research in the U.S. Researchers of Japanese nationality are not eligible. Foreign researchers doing research at a Japanese research institution at the time of application are not eligible.
- Submit a copy of a PhD diploma **from a university outside Japan** dated no more than six years prior to April 1, 2014 (on or after April 2, 2008) or a letter from their institution stating that the applicant is a PhD candidate within two years of receiving a PhD.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

JSPS currently provides:

- A round-trip international airfare for fellows originating in the U.S.;
- Insurance coverage for accidents and illness;
- A monthly stipend of ¥362,000 for fellows with a PhD at the start of their tenure and ¥200,000 for fellows without a PhD at the start of their tenure;
- A settling-in allowance of ¥200,000 for fellowships of four or more months;
- **Eligibility for up to an additional ¥1,500,000 annually for research expenses for stays of 12 to 24 months. (Long-term fellowship only)**

Please be advised that award amounts may be revised by JSPS.



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APPLICATION PACKET

The application packet must include the following items:

- The original + six (6) copies of the signed and dated four-page application form. Up to two (2) additional pages (one double-sided sheet) may be used for the research plan description. **All copies must be double-sided.**
- The original + six (6) copies of supplemental documents A-F. **All copies must be double-sided.**
 - A. Summary Abstract – title (100 characters max., including spaces and symbols) + summary (100-150 words)
 - B. Curriculum Vitae
 - C. Publications List (if applicable)
 - D. Letter of Invitation/Affiliation from Japanese host researcher/institution.
 - E. PhD Diploma (copy) or a letter from the applicant’s institution stating that the applicant will receive a PhD within two years of the fellowship start date and the expected graduation date (month/year)
 - F. Permanent Resident Card (“Green Card”) (copy) for non-US citizens.
- Two references (forms attached, submit originals only): At least one from the applicant’s current or previous institution. These may be submitted by the applicant in sealed and signed envelope or sent directly by the referee to the SSRC Japan Program.

Application packets should be sent to:

Social Science Research Council
Japan Program
One Pierrepont Plaza, 15th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201

For more information, visit our website at:

<https://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/jsp-s-fellowship/>

NOTIFICATION:

Fellows will be selected by the JSPS based on nominations made by the SSRC Japan Advisory Board. The SSRC Japan Advisory Board will forward nominations to JSPS, and applicants will be notified of their nomination status in early spring 2014 to begin preliminary planning for departure. Successful applicants will be notified directly by JSPS in summer 2014.

