



Alumni Associations

JSPS supports twenty one researcher communities (alumni associations) established by former JSPS fellows in countries around the world, allowing them to maintain and expand their networks among themselves and with Japanese colleagues after completing their tenures and returning to their countries. The BRIDGE Fellowship Program provides members of officially established JSPS alumni associations with opportunities to revisit Japan.

<https://www.jsp.go.jp/english/e-alumni/index.html>

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History of JSPS Alumni associations

Germany 1995	France 2003	UK&Ireland 2004	US&Canada 2004	Sweden 2005	India 2006	Egypt 2008	EastemAfrica 2008	Korea 2008	Bangladesh 2009	
Finland 2009	Thailand 2010	China 2010	Philippines 2013	Nepal 2015	Denmark 2015	Indonesia 2016	Australia 2017	Norway 2019	Malaysia 2019	Italy 2025



JSPS Fueling Researchers' Passion! INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS for RESEARCH in JAPAN 2026



English version



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JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan

Before and after earning Doctoral Degree

Summer Program

Duration of Fellowship | 2 months in summer
Approximate Number of Fellowships Awarded | 100

Purpose

To provide opportunities for pre- / post-doctoral researchers from the US, Canada, and Europe to receive an orientation on Japanese culture and Japanese language lessons and to pursue research under the guidance of host researchers in universities and other Japanese institutions.

Fellow Eligibility

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the US, the UK, France, Germany, Canada or Sweden (Others with equivalent status may apply if approved by the nominating authority in one of the above countries.).
- Be enrolled in a university graduate program or hold a doctorate received within the past 6 years.



<https://www.jsp.go.jp/english/e-fellow/e-summer/index.html>

Short-term (PE)

Duration of Fellowship | 1 to 12 months
Approximate Number of Fellowships Awarded | 140

Purpose

To provide opportunities for pre- / post-doctoral researchers from the US, Canada, and Europe to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions.

Fellow Eligibility

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the US, Canada, EU countries, UK, Switzerland, Norway, or Russia.
- Also eligible are persons who have been engaged in research continuously for a period of at least three years at a university or research institution in one of the eligible countries. They must be from a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.*
- Hold a doctorate received within the past 6 years, or be enrolled in a doctoral course and expected to receive a Ph.D. within 2 years.

* JSPS includes Taiwanese and Palestinian researchers under this eligibility criterion.



https://www.jsp.go.jp/english/e-fellow/e-oubei-s/short_list.html

Short-term (PA)

Duration of Fellowship | 1 to 12 months
Approximate Number of Fellowships Awarded | Limited Positions

Purpose

To provide opportunities for pre- / post-doctoral researchers from the ASEAN member countries and African countries to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions.

Fellow Eligibility

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the ASEAN member countries and African countries.
- Also eligible are persons who have been engaged in research continuously for a period of at least three years at a university or research institution in one of the eligible countries. They must be from a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.*
- Hold a doctorate received within the past 6 years, or be enrolled in a doctoral course and expected to receive a Ph.D. within 2 years.

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<https://www.jsp.go.jp/english/e-fellow/e-asean-africa-s/index.html>

After earning Doctoral Degree

Standard

Duration of Fellowship | 12 to 24 months
Approximate Number of Fellowships Awarded | 380

Purpose

To provide opportunities for excellent postdoctoral researchers from other countries to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions.

Fellow Eligibility

- Be a citizen of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan*.
- Hold a doctorate received within the past 6 years, or be scheduled to receive a doctorate before the Fellowship goes into effect.

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<https://www.jsp.go.jp/english/e-fellow/e-1ppan/index.html>

JSPS Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan

Mid-career/Professor

Long-term, Short-term

Duration of Fellowship | Long-term 2 to 10 months/Short-term 14 to 60 days
Approximate Number of Fellowships Awarded | Long-term 60/Short-term 160

Purpose

To provide opportunities for overseas researchers with excellent records of research achievements to conduct collaborative research, discussions, opinion exchanges, lectures, and other activities with Japanese colleagues.

Fellow Eligibility

- Be a citizen or a permanent resident of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan*.
- To be eligible, researchers of Japanese nationality residing overseas must have lived in other country for at least 10 years and been actively engaged in research in that country throughout the period.
- Be a researcher in a position equivalent to a university professor, associate professor, or assistant professor in Japan, or have received a doctorate 6 years or more prior.

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<https://www.jsp.go.jp/english/e-inv/how.html>

BRIDGE Fellowship Program

Exclusively for Regular Members of JSPS Alumni Associations

BRIDGE Fellowship Program

Duration of Fellowship | 14 to 30 days
Approximate Number of Fellowships Awarded | 50

Purpose

To provide opportunities for alumni members who have conducted research activities in Japan under JSPS programs to sustain, develop, and/or strengthen research collaborations with Japanese colleagues.

Fellow Eligibility

- Be a researcher who has experienced research in Japan under a JSPS program and who is currently a regular member of an officially recognized JSPS alumni association.
- Be a researcher who is employed as an active researcher working at a university or a research institute.
- Host researcher must agree to accept the Fellow.



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Host Eligibility Be a researcher who is employed full-time at a university or research institution

Field of Research All fields of the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences

Terms of Award

- ✈ Round-trip air ticket
- 🛡 Overseas travel insurance
- 💰 Maintenance allowance of JPY534,000
- 💰 Research support allowance of up to JPY158,500

How to Apply

- Nomination through an overseas nominating authority.
- The requirements may differ depending on the nominating authority.

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Terms of Award

- ✈ Round-trip air ticket
- 🛡 Overseas travel insurance
- 💰 Monthly maintenance allowance Ph.D. holders: JPY362,000 Non-Ph.D. holders: JPY200,000
- 💰 Settling-in allowance of JPY200,000 (For 3 or more months of tenure)
- 💰 Research support allowance of up to JPY70,000 × the number of months of tenure

How to Apply

Application made by a host researcher through their institution in Japan

- Nomination through an overseas nominating authority.
- The requirements may differ depending on the nominating authority.



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Terms of Award

- ✈ Round-trip air ticket
- 🛡 Overseas travel insurance
- 💰 Monthly maintenance allowance of JPY362,000
- 💰 Settling-in allowance of JPY200,000
- 🤝 Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Research Fellows (KAKENHI)

How to Apply

Application made by a host researcher through their institution in Japan

- Nomination through an overseas nominating authority
- The requirements may differ depending on the nominating authority.



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Terms of Award

- ✈ Round-trip air ticket
- 🛡 Overseas travel insurance
- 💰 Monthly maintenance allowance of JPY387,600 (Long-term)
- 💰 Daily maintenance allowance of JPY18,000 (Short-term)
- 💰 Research support allowance of up to JPY150,000

How to Apply

Application made by a host researcher through their institution in Japan

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Terms of Award

- ✈ Round-trip air ticket
- 🛡 Overseas travel insurance
- 💰 Daily maintenance allowance of JPY13,000
- 💰 Research support allowance of up to JPY100,000

How to Apply

Nomination through the applicant's JSPS alumni association

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