

## 4 Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program

Application Form: **RJS-FW**  
Section in Charge: **Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange Department**

This program provides preeminent foreign scholars and researchers in the field of Japanese Studies with opportunities to conduct research in Japan, with the aim of supporting them and promoting Japanese Studies overseas. Experts in the fields of natural science, medical science, and engineering are excluded. There are three subcategories as follows.

### [Scholars and Researchers (Long-Term)]

**Applicants** Scholars and researchers conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities and social sciences.

**Duration** 60 days to 12 months

### [Scholars and Researchers (Short-Term)]

**Applicants** Scholars and researchers conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities and social sciences, whose projects require them to travel to Japan to carry out research, gather materials, etc., intensively over a short period of time.

**Duration** 21 to 59 days

### [Doctoral Candidates]

**Applicants** Ph. D. candidates, conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities and social sciences, who, in principle, have completed (or will have completed by the beginning of the fellowship) the necessary coursework, and find it necessary to visit Japan to complete their dissertations.

**Duration** 4 to 12 months

### Eligibility

- (1) All of the following criteria must be met:
  - a) Applicant must be a national/permanent resident of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.
    - \* Taiwanese applicants are eligible to apply for "Scholars and Researchers (Long-Term)" or "Doctoral Candidates."
  - b) Previous recipients of a Japan Foundation fellowship (not only the Japanese Studies Fellowship but also all the other fellowships by the Japan Foundation) are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2017, a full three years has elapsed since completing their most recent fellowships. However, previous "Scholars and Researchers (Short-Term)" fellows are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2017, one full year has elapsed since completing their most recent fellowship.
  - c) Applicants who have been in Japan continuously for more than a year dating back from April 1, 2017, are excluded.
  - d) Applicants must have advanced proficiency in either Japanese or English to research and communicate.
  - e) At the time of submitting an application, an advisor (to provide guidance) must be secured (except for "Scholars and Researchers (Short-Term)").
- (2) The following individuals are not eligible to apply:
  - a) Students undertaking a Masters course as well as undergraduates.
  - b) Individuals undertaking basic training in the Japanese language, technical skills and development of Japanese-language teaching materials, as well as training in the fields of art and traditional culture (e.g., tea ceremony, flower arrangement, etc.).

### Benefits

- (1) Round-trip airfare (discount economy-class [most direct and economical route])
- (2) Stipend and other allowances

### Number of Fellowships (Reference)

113 out of 427 applications for FY 2016

### Selection Policy

- (1) See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- (2) Applications from mid-career/younger researchers are especially welcome.
- (3) In selecting applications, some consideration will be given to regional/country/institutional balance.
- (4) Applicants who have received the Japan Foundation fellowships twice or more in the past will be given a much lower priority.

### Application Deadline

December 1, 2016 (Applicants who hold U.S. citizenship or permanent residency: November 1, 2016)

### Notification of Results

April 2017