

1 Japanese Studies Overseas

Application code: **RJS-FW****Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program**

Section in Charge: The appropriate section in Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange Department

For the purpose of promoting Japanese studies overseas, this program provides support to preeminent foreign scholars in Japanese Studies to give an opportunity to conduct research in Japan. However, experts in the fields of natural science, medical science, and engineering are excluded.

There are three subcategories as shown below.

〈Scholars and Researchers〉

〈Long-Term〉

Applicants Scholars and researchers who are conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) with methods in the humanities and social sciences.

Duration 2 to 12 months

〈Short-Term〉

Applicants Scholars and researchers who are conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) with methods 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, who are conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) with methods in the humanities and social sciences, who, in principle, have completed (or will have completed by the beginning of the Fellowship) the necessary course work, and find it necessary to visit Japan to complete their dissertations.

Duration 4 to 14 months

Eligibility of Applicants (common to all subcategories):

- 1) Applicant must be a national/permanent resident of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.
- 2) Previous recipients of the Japan Foundation fellowships, such as the Japanese Studies Fellowships, Abe Fellowships, or Japanese-Language Education Fellowships, etc., are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2010, a full three years have elapsed since the termination of their most recent fellowships. However, previous Scholars and Researchers (Short-Term) Fellows (former name: Short-Term Researchers Fellows) are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2010, one full year has elapsed since the termination of their most recent fellowships.
- 3) Applicants who have been in Japan continuously for more than a year dating back from April 1, 2010 are excluded.
- 4) Applicants must have advanced proficiency in either Japanese or English to research and communicate.
- 5) At the time of submitting application, both host organization (for acceptance) and an advisor (to provide guidance) must be secured (except for Scholars and Researchers (Short-Term)).
- 6) Undergraduate students, students undertaking a Master's course, basic training in Japanese language and technical skills, as well as training in the fields of art and traditional culture (e.g. tea ceremony, flower arrangement, etc.) are excluded.
- 7) Program duration: shorter or longer periods than shown above are not allowed.

Benefits Round-trip discount economy-class airfare (most direct and economical ticket purchased by the fellow will be

reimbursed upon arrival.)
Maintenance Allowance and other allowances
Insurance

Number of Fellowships for Fiscal 2009-2010

153 out of 336 Applications

Screening Guidelines (common to all subcategories)

- 1) Applicants who have received Japan Foundation fellowships in the past on two or more occasions will be given lower priority.
- 2) While aiming to select experts from a wide variety of fields, preeminent researchers, as well as relatively young researchers (or experienced researchers in the case of Scholars and Researchers (Short-Term)) are given priority.
- 3) When selecting researchers, efforts are made to maintain a balance based on region, country, and host organization.

Application Deadline December 1, 2009

(Applicants who hold U.S. citizenship or permanent residency: November 2, 2009)

Notification of Result Late April, 2010

2 Intellectual Exchange

App. Form: **RIE-RC**

Grant Program for Intellectual Exchange Conferences

Section in Charge: The appropriate Section in Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange Department

Purpose of Program

The purpose of this program is to deepen mutual understanding and to establish closer relations between Japan and other countries while promoting intellectual exchange worldwide.

Contents of Program

This program provides grants to partially cover the expenses of implementing such projects as international conferences, symposia, seminars, workshops etc., to contribute to intellectual collaboration worldwide. Projects initiated by citizen/youth, which promote mutual understanding between Japan and abroad through dialogues on common concerns or issues (handled by the "Grant Program for Cultural Exchange at the Grass-roots Level" until 2009) will be reviewed under this Program from fiscal 2010 as a "Grant for Human Resources Development for carrying International Exchange".

Eligibility

Non-profit organizations (e.g. universities, research institutes, NGO/NPO) are eligible to apply. Only Non-profit organizations in Japan can apply for "Grant for Human Resources Development for carrying International Exchange" Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

■Intellectual Exchange Conferences

Eligibility of Projects

The global financial crisis not only spoiled public trust toward international monetary system, but also threw into question such fundamental values that had sustained the modernity as national growth, social progress, and personal prosperity. Collective quests for a new set of societal values are already evident in those general trends that yearn for work-life balance, eco-friendly lifestyle, or for socially responsible corporations.

With this as a background, this year's grant program has the following non-exclusive priority areas, all of which strive to understand the relationship between emerging social phenomenon and collective values and culture that are being altered or newly formed:

- i) Diversified society and public tolerance
- ii) Peace-building and culture