



Japanese Studies Overseas and Intellectual Exchange

1 Japanese Studies Overseas

Application Form: **RJS-FW**

Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program

Section in Charge: Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange Department

This program provides support to preeminent foreign scholars in Japanese studies to provide opportunities to conduct research in Japan with the aim of 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 Researcher]

〈Long-Term〉

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

Duration 2 (60 days) to 12 months

〈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 course work, and find it necessary to visit Japan to complete their dissertations.

Duration 4 to 14 months (4 to 12 months for U.S. applicants)

Eligibility of Applicants (common to all subcategories)

Applicants should fulfill all the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant must be a national/permanent resident of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.
 - ※ Taiwanese applicants, including permanent resident of Taiwan, are eligible to apply for "Scholars and Researchers 〈Long-Term〉" or "Doctoral Candidates."
- (2) Previous recipients of the Japan Foundation fellowships, such as the Japanese Studies Fellowships or Abe Fellowships, etc., are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1 2012, a full three years has elapsed since completing 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, 2012, one full year has elapsed since completing their most recent fellowships.
- (3) Applicants who have been in Japan continuously for more than a year dating back from April 1, 2012 are excluded.
- (4) Applicants must have advanced proficiency in either Japanese or English to research and communicate.
- (5) At the time of submitting an application, both host organization (for acceptance) and an advisor (to provide guidance) must be secured (except for Scholars and Researchers 〈Short-Term〉).
- (6) Undergraduates, students undertaking a Masters course, basic training in 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.) are excluded.
- (7) Program duration: shorter or longer periods than shown above are not allowed.



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Benefits Round-trip discount economy-class airfare (most direct and economical ticket)
Maintenance Allowance and other allowances
Insurance

Number of Fellowships
Approximately 200 (226 out of 521 applications for FY 2011)

Screening Guidelines (common to all subcategories)

- (1) Applicants who have received Japan Foundation fellowships more than twice in the past will be given a lower priority.
- (2) Applications from mid-career/younger researchers are especially welcome.
- (3) In selecting applications, some consideration will be given to regional/country/institutional balance.

Application Deadline December 1, 2011
(Applicants who hold U.S. citizenship or permanent residency: November 1, 2011)

Notification of Result Late April 2012

2 Intellectual Exchange

Application Form: **RIE-RC**

Grant Program for Intellectual Exchange Conferences

Section in Charge: 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., that contribute to intellectual collaboration worldwide.

Eligibility

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

2-(1) Intellectual Exchange Conferences

Eligibility of Projects

The Great East Japan Earthquake that shook Japan in March, 2011 has not only heightened global interest in disaster prevention, but also pressed the world into rethinking 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 such areas as promotion of renewable energy sources and low-energy society, invigoration of social contribution through personal and corporate means, revitalization of community life in urban areas, and the global, inter-generational sharing of disaster experience.

With this as a background, this year's grant program has the following non-exclusive priority areas:

- i) Disaster-prevention and disaster-proof society
- ii) Environment, energy and culture
- iii) Social values of science and technology
- iv) Diversified society and public tolerance