

# Japanese Studies Overseas and Intellectual Exchange

## 1 Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program

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

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:** 2 to 12 months (excluding 59 days or less)

### [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 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. Applicants must hold nationality or lawful permanent resident status in countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan.
    - \* Taiwanese applicants are eligible to apply only for "Scholars and Researchers (Long-Term)" or "Doctoral Candidates."
  - b. Applicants must secure all affiliation arrangements by the application deadline (excluding applicants for "Scholars and Researchers (Short-Term)").
  - c. Applicants must be in good health and proficient in either Japanese or English.
  - d. In principle, applicants must be able to stay continuously in Japan for the term of Fellowship.
  - e. Previous recipients of Japan Foundation Fellowships (not only the Japanese Studies Fellowship but also all the other Fellowships of the Japan Foundation) are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2020, a full three years has elapsed since the termination of their most recent Fellowship. Previous "Scholars and Researchers (Short-Term)" Fellows are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2020, one full year has elapsed since the termination of their most recent Fellowship.
- (2) Individuals meeting any of the following conditions are not eligible to apply:
  - a. Scholars or researchers in the natural sciences, medicine or engineering;
  - b. Undergraduates; Master's degree candidates; those intending to enroll in Undergraduate or Master's courses at universities in Japan; or graduates who are pursue Ph.D. courses in Japan;
  - c. Those who primarily intend to enhance their Japanese language ability or technical skills, to develop and/or produce Japanese-language teaching materials, or to acquire artistic training in the area of Japanese traditional culture (tea ceremony, flower arrangement, etc.);
  - d. Those who plan to receive other grants concurrently with the Fellowship;
  - e. Those who will have been in Japan continuously for more than a year dating back from April 1, 2020;
  - f. Those in Korea aged 41 or over as of December 1, 2019 (excluding applicants for "Scholars and Researchers (Short-Term)");
  - g. Those who apply for any other grant program of the Japan Foundation.
    - \* Specialists and/or professional practitioners of Japanese visual arts who wish to conduct short-term (21 to 59 days) research in Japan should apply to the new program, "Ishibashi Foundation/The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Research on Japanese Art."

### Benefits

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

### Number of Fellowships (Reference)

116 out of 300 applications for FY 2019

### Selection Policy

- (1) See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- (2) Project quality is evaluated on the basis of its significance to the field and to the applicant's professional development, necessity of residing in Japan for completion of the project, and feasibility in terms of time and resources. Training, academic history, academic rank