

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 scholars and researchers in the field of Japanese studies with 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 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, 2021, 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, 2021, 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, 2021;
 - f. Those in Korea aged 41 or over as of December 1, 2020 (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 "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)

127 out of 318 applications for FY 2020

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

or position, professional reputation, and accomplishments are also evaluated.

(3) 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, 2020

Notification of Results

April 2021

2 Grant Program for Japanese Studies Projects

Section in Charge: **Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange Department**

Application Form: **RJS-KP**

This program is designed to promote Japanese studies overseas by providing grants toward various Japanese studies projects implemented by overseas organizations.

Eligibility

Overseas non-profit organizations such as academic institutions from university level upwards or research institutions that are implementing Japanese studies activities.

Eligible Projects

Projects (including online projects) must fall into any of the following four categories:

- (1) Research or conference on Japan; study or training in Japan; or publication that promotes and contributes to the development of Japanese studies;
- (2) Inviting scholars or researchers from Japan or third countries to deliver lectures on Japan;
- (3) Purchase of books and materials on Japanese studies;
- (4) Other relevant projects which would further promote and expand the horizon of Japanese studies.

*Projects in the field of natural sciences, commercial activities, arts and cultural activities, activities in support of specific doctrines or claims, and so forth are not eligible for this program. For details, please refer to the Application Instructions.

Duration

Projects must be implemented and completed between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022.

Grant Coverage

Part of the following expenses:

- (1) Meeting expenses (for preparing materials, venues, equipment, public relations, etc.);
- (2) Honoraria (for collaborators, presenters, lecturers, interpreters, etc.);
- (3) Travel expenses (international airfares and other transportation expenses, daily allowances and accommodation fees);
- (4) Other direct expenses (for purchasing materials, etc.).

Number of Grants (Reference)

29 out of 52 applications for FY 2020

Selection Policy

- (1) See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- (2) Applications will be selected by comprehensively assessing the projects, including its contents, viability, relevance, efficiency, etc. The Japan Foundation also takes into account the regional and national distribution of its funding, and appropriates the distribution if need be.
- (3) Lower priority will be given to the projects based on existing partnerships, such as agreements between universities and sister institution relationships.

Application Deadline

December 1, 2020

Notification of Results

April 2021

For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2021, please note that notification of results may be sent after the project has already started.