

# JSPS Invitation Fellowship Programs for Research in Japan

## FY 2014

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### Information Sheet

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An Award Letter is issued to the successful candidates. When carrying out the procedures for implementing your fellowship, please be sure to carefully read the Award Letter and the accompanying Program Guidelines.

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JSPS conducts two programs (a short- and long-term program) under the Invitation Fellowship to promote international cooperation in scientific research and to contribute to advancement of research in the subject field. Through these programs, overseas scientists are invited to Japan to participate in cooperative activities with researchers at universities and other Japanese research institutions. These visits presuppose the existence of contacts between scientists in Japan and in other countries, a condition considered favorable to the promotion of future scientific cooperation and exchange.

### 1. FIELDS OF RESEARCH

All fields of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences are included under this program.

### 2. STARTING DATE

Fellows must start their Fellowship in Japan during the period of 1 April 2014–31 March 2015.

### 3. HOST RESEARCHERS AND HOST INSTITUTIONS IN JAPAN

- Host researchers in Japan must be employed full-time or classified as being employed full-time at an institution of one of the types listed below:
  - 1) Universities
  - 2) Inter-university research institutes
  - 3) Other research institutes and scientific research organizations listed on JSPS's website.
- Candidates must arrange in advance a research plan for their stay in Japan with their prospective host researcher.
- A host researcher can accept only one fellow who gets awarded fellowship for one category (short-term or long-term) in the fiscal year. It is necessary for the applicant to clarify that he/she is the only prospective fellow whom the prospective host researcher is going to accept in the fiscal year before receiving the prospective host's invitation/acceptance letter.

### 4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE PROGRAM

Application for this program must be submitted to JSPS through an overseas nominating authority. Application process is as follows:

- 1) Contact made between an overseas scientist who wishes to conduct cooperative research in Japan and his/her prospective host.
- 2) The overseas scientist submits an application to a nominating authority.
- 3) Nominating authority selects the candidates and nominates them to JSPS.

#### [Note]

- JSPS does not find or introduce host researchers.
- Application deadlines and selection procedures differ by each nominating authority.
- In addition to receiving applications through overseas nominating authorities, JSPS also accepts applications from Japanese researchers who wish to invite an overseas researcher (open recruitment). For details on this application channel, please see our website:  
<http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv/how.html>
- The same person may not simultaneously be a candidate for both this Invitation Fellowship Programs and a Postdoctoral Fellowship.
- A candidate for Short-term S cannot simultaneously be a nominee for a Long-term or Short-term fellowship.
- The same person may not be awarded more than one Invitation Fellowship within one Japanese fiscal year (1 April – 31 March of the following year).

- JSPS does not support any research related to military affairs.
- During their tenure in Japan, fellows may not accept employment, either full- or part-time, irrespective of whether it is paid or non-paid.

## 5. MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED

- 1) Application form (research data) written by the candidate (Format 2-Invitation)
- 2) A letter of acceptance/invitation from the candidate's prospective host researcher in Japan, stating that he/she accepts the candidate at his/her institution during the period of the fellowship tenure.
- 3) Supplementary documents (if necessary)

### [Note]

- The application form submitted must be the original.
- All documents must be in either English or Japanese. When the original document is in another language, please be sure to attach an English translation (which does not need to be an official translation, but may be done by the host or candidate).
- With regard to section "12. Research Theme in Japan" of the application form, the entry must be within **100 letters** including spaces and symbols.

## 6. OBLIGATION

Please bear the following points in mind when submitting an application.

- 1) Candidates should consult with their prospective host researcher to, in cooperation with the host institution's administration, prepare a space and arrange facilities needed to conduct their research activities during their tenure. When needed, the host is also to assist the candidate with immigration processing, securing domicile and other matters related to his/her stay as a fellow in Japan.
- 2) The fellow and his/her host researcher must submit a research report (using the prescribed forms) within one month after completion of the fellowship tenure.
- 3) When presenting or publishing the content or results of research conducted under the fellowship, the JSPS fellowship should be acknowledged.
- 4) Fellows are expected to devote themselves full time to their research during the term of the fellowship, and may not accept employment in Japan with or without remuneration.

### [Note]

- The awardees will also be asked to participate in surveys aimed at improving the fellowship program.
- Appropriate action will be taken in cases of improper conduct, including the misuse of competitive and other research funds, and misconduct in education or research activities.

## 7. HANDLING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

With regard to personal information contained in application materials, it shall be strictly controlled in accordance with laws to protect personal information held by administrative institutions and JSPS's rules for safeguarding personal information.

Personal information is to be used solely for implementing JSPS programs, including the provision of such information to private companies commissioned to conduct data processing. In such cases, JSPS will observe all pertinent laws and regulations.

If selected for a fellowship, fellows should note that their name, title, nationality, affiliated research institution, research themes, Japanese host institution, name/title of their host researcher, and research reports may be given public access. Fellows will also be asked to participate in surveys aimed at improving JSPS programs.

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## SHORT-TERM PROGRAM

**Purpose:** To invite senior scientists to participate in discussions, attend seminars, give lectures, or perform

similar functions at Japanese universities, research institutions and laboratories.

**Eligibility:** The candidate must be a researcher with an excellent record of research achievements who, in principle, is employed full-time at an overseas research institution and meets the following requirements:

- 1) Senior scientists, university professors, or other persons with substantial professional research experience
- 2) Possess either the nationality or citizenship of the nominating country or be a permanent resident of that country

**[Note]**

- To be eligible, those who do not meet the above nationality/citizenship requirement must have resided and had substantial professional research experience in the nominating country for a period of more than 10 years.
- Researchers who have already come to Japan under the JSPS Invitation Fellowship Program may not reapply for the same fellowship until three years have elapsed. Therefore, researchers who were awarded an invitation fellowship in FY 2011, 2012 or 2013 are not eligible to be nominated again for the same fellowship in FY 2014.
- Short-term Program is designed for scientists who are superior than those who would be candidates for Long-term Program.

**Period:** From 14 to 60 days

**Terms of Award (Fellows only):**

- 1) A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS regulations)
- 2) A daily maintenance allowance of 18,000 yen
- 3) Domestic research trip allowance of 150,000 yen
- 4) Overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage

**[Note]**

- The amounts of the Awards indicated above are subject to change.
- JSPS only provides Fellows with the air ticket; never gives them cash to buy nor reimburse the ticket they have bought themselves.
- If a Fellow resides in Japan when his/her Fellowship commences, above-mentioned air ticket to Japan will not be provided (only a return ticket may be provided).
- A cooperation allowance of 50,000 yen is paid to host researchers.
- Fellows invited by a host researcher and those nominated by an overseas nominating authority receive equal treatment under this program.

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## LONG-TERM PROGRAM

**Purpose:** To invite scientists to Japan to conduct cooperative research work with scientists at Japanese universities, research institutions and laboratories.

**Eligibility:** The candidate must be a researcher who, in principle, is employed full-time at an overseas research institution and meets the following requirements:

- 1) Possess either the nationality or citizenship of the nominating country or be a permanent resident of that country.
  - To be eligible, those who do not meet the above nationality/citizenship requirement must have resided and had substantial professional research experience in the nominating country for a period of more than 10 years.
- 2) Have a research background equivalent to that of a professor, associate/assistant professors or research associate in a Japanese university. Other researchers may be eligible if they have held a doctorate degree for a period of more than six years prior to 1

April, 2014 and are continuing to do research in a university or non-profit research institution.

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**Period:** From 2 months (**61 days**) to 10 months

**Terms of Award (Fellows only):**

- 1) A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS regulations)
- 2) A monthly maintenance allowance of 369,000 yen
- 3) Domestic research trip allowance of 100,000 yen
- 4) Research expenses of 40,000 yen
- 5) Overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage

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