

III. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

A. NATURE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

JSPS provides Fellows with maintenance and other allowances which are to cover the cost of their stay and travel for the purpose of carrying out research activities in Japan.

The fellowship does not constitute employment nor is the allowance considered to be pay or remuneration. Therefore, your allowance under the fellowship is not subject to taxation. The National Tax Agency recognizes this tax-exempt status.

B. INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION

1. Details

If your tenure is for a period of more than 12 months, JSPS will provide you with two one-way air tickets. If it is for a period of 12 months, JSPS will provide you with a round-trip air ticket. All tickets will be via the most usual, direct and economical route between the airport nearest your host institution in Japan and the international airport nearest the address on your Award Letter. Note, however, that if other routes are taken or stopovers made, JSPS will not pay for the air ticket.

If you were already residing in Japan when your Award Letter was issued, you will only be eligible for a return (back home) air ticket.

JSPS cannot reimburse you for an air ticket that you purchase yourself nor can JSPS provide airfare in the form of a cash payment.

If you should continue to reside in Japan for such reasons as having accepted another fellowship in Japan or having obtained employment in Japan, you will not be eligible to receive a return air ticket.

However, Fellows may wish to remain in Japan to complete their research or compile their research results, in which case they may be allowed to use their return ticket up to two months beyond their fellowship expiration date. If you should wish to remain in Japan after completing your tenure for this purpose, please obtain a Notice of Continuous Stay in Japan After Expiration of Fellowship from TEI; fill it out and return it to them.

2. How to Apply

You should fill out the enclosed "Air Ticket Application Form" and send it to the JSPS Fellowship Desk of the designated travel agency no later than 40 days prior to your departure.

If you should change your flight after receiving your ticket, be sure to notify JSPS's agent. If you are charged extra due to such flight schedule changes, you will have to pay any additional fees yourself.

For Fellows with one-year tenures, your return ticket is valid for one year from the day you boarded to come to Japan.

Fellows who shorten the approved term of their fellowships may in some cases not be provided with a return ticket.

C. MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

JSPS provides the maintenance allowance to cover living expenses and domicile costs related to your stay in Japan for the purpose of carrying out research activities in collaboration with your host researcher.

1. Details

Amount of monthly allowance: ¥382,000

The total amount of maintenance allowance paid you during your fellowship will be ¥382,000 × the number of months of your tenure. This may not apply, however, if you shorten your fellowship.

As a rule, the maintenance allowance is paid every quarter in 3-month installments of ¥1,146,000.

However, the first and last month's allowances may be made in half-month payments depending on the Fellow's arrival date.

2. Allowance payment

As a rule allowances are paid in 3-month installments of ¥1,146,000. For tenures that start on or before the 15th of April, July or October, the first allowance remittance is made in a 3-month payment. For others, monthly allowance payments are made until the beginning of the next quarter.

3. Date of remittance

Allowances are paid at the end of the previous month. When paid quarterly, they are remitted at the end of June, September, December and March. They are transferred on Tuesdays or Fridays. The initial allowance, however, is remitted on the Tuesday or Friday immediately preceding the start of the fellowship. When the first allowance is deposited into the host researcher's designated bank account, the second allowance is transferred into the Fellow's account 2-3 weeks after TEI receives a Notice of Fellowship Commencement (Form 2) and Notice of Bank Account (Form 3) providing his/her own bank account number.

Note of caution

You are responsible for managing the funds deposited into your account. As three month's worth of allowances constitutes a considerable sum of money, you should be careful to spend it in a well-planned manner. If you should run out of money, JSPS will not entertain requests for an advance on your next allowance.

D. SETTLING-IN ALLOWANCE

1. Details

If you are residing in a country other than Japan when your Award Letter is issued, you will receive this allowance to facilitate the start of your research and life in Japan (e.g., shipping your belongings). This allowance is fixed and is not affected by the number of accompanying dependents or length of stay.

The settling-in allowance is paid upon the Fellow's arrival in Japan. It is not, however, paid if the Fellow was already residing in Japan on the date his/her Award Letter was issued.

2. Method of Receipt

The settling-in allowance is made in a single payment in the amount of ¥200,000. JSPS pays this allowance along with your first monthly maintenance allowance.

E. DOMESTIC RESEARCH TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

1. Details

The domestic research travel allowance is provided to cover the cost of your domestic research trip expenses. When upon your arrival or departure from Japan you need to travel between the nearest airport and your host institution, please use this allowance to cover the cost of that domestic travel as well.

Fellows should keep a record of travel made using the domestic research travel allowance, including dates, destinations and purposes, and retain receipts for each expense item. With this documentation, please keep your host informed of how you use the travel allowance in carrying out your joint project.

2. Method of Receipt

The domestic research travel allowance is made in a single payment. If the term of your tenure is from 12 to 17 months, the payment will be ¥58,500. If it is 18 or more months, the payment will be ¥117,000. If you should shorten your fellowship period, you may be required to reimburse JSPS for part or all of this allowance.

JSPS pays you this allowance along with your first monthly maintenance allowance.

F. INSURANCE

Under the Overseas Travel Accident Insurance Policy in force between JSPS and the designated insurance company, all JSPS fellows are insured collectively during their fellowship tenures in Japan, and are eligible to receive accident and sickness benefits under the policy. Details concerning the policy can be found in the enclosed insurance description, "A Guide to the Insurance Policy for JSPS Fellows," provided by the insurance company.

Insurance coverage under the policy is as follows:

Types of Benefits and Limit of Liability		Coverage
Injury medical expenses benefit	¥3,000,000	All fellows are automatically insured under the Overseas Travel Accident Insurance Policy during their fellowship, at JSPS's cost.
Injury death benefit or residual disability benefit	¥30,000,000	
Sickness medical expenses benefit	¥3,000,000	
Sickness death benefit	¥3,000,000	
Rescuer's expenses indemnity	¥2,000,000	
Personal liability	¥30,000,000	

JSPS registers you into the insurance program upon receipt of the Notice of Fellowship Commencement (Form 2), and pays your premiums directly to the insurance company. Claims are made directly to the company by Fellows and insurance benefits are paid directly to Fellows by the company. Please refer to “A Guide to the Insurance Policy for JSPS Fellows” for details on related procedures.

Certain illnesses and conditions, e.g., pre-existing/chronic conditions or dental care, are not covered under the insurance policy. This insurance goes into effect from 0:00 a.m. (Japan time) 10 days before the first day, and ends at 24:00 p.m. (Japan time) 20 days after the final day of the fellowship tenure. However, the insurance only covers the period of travel en route to and from Japan and the stay in Japan for the purpose of executing the Fellowship.

Please note that the insurance policy is not extended to accompanying family members. Fellows with accompanying family members will, therefore, need to make their own arrangements for their insurance coverage. In addition to this Overseas Travel Accident Insurance, you will need to subscribe to the National Health Insurance. (If your dependents will stay in Japan for one year or longer, they must also join this national insurance program.) Please inquire at the insurance section of the city, ward, town or village office where you reside.

G. REIMBURSEMENT

If you are required to reimburse JSPS for any part of your already-paid allowances due to the shortening of your fellowship tenure or for other reasons, you must remit such funds to JSPS's bank account as shown below. The remittance must be made in your name with your ID number.

Bank Name:	Mitsui Sumitomo Bank (三井住友銀行)
Branch Name:	Tokyo Koumubu (東京公務部)
Account Type:	Ordinary Account (普通預金)
Account Number:	3006629
Account Name:	Dokuritsugyouseihoujin Nihon Gakujutsu Shinkokai (独立行政法人日本学術振興会)

Please note that when you make a remittance, you must pay the bank's service/transfer fees. Please make the remittance before you leave Japan, as making it from another country will require the payment of larger fees.

Notes on making overseas remittance:

When filling in the application for remittance form at the bank, be sure to indicate in the appropriate block that you (the applicant, sender) will pay the service/transfer fees. Regarding the amount of the fees, please inquire at bank from which you will make the remittance.