

V. RESEARCH GRANT

An application may be made by your host researcher for a “Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (*Tokubetsu Kenkyuin Shorei-hi*)”.

The grant application must be submitted to JSPS through the host institution. Four application submittal periods are provided within the fiscal year based on the time of your arrival in Japan. They are as follows:

Schedule for FY 2009

	Arrival in Japan (start tenure)	Application period	Provisional notice	Final notice
1 st recruitment	1 Apr. 2009 - 30 Apr. 2009	23 Feb. 2009 - 26 Feb. 2009	Late Apr.	Late Jun.
2 nd recruitment	1 May 2009 - 31 Jul. 2009	1 Jun. 2009 - 4 Jun. 2009	Late July.	Mid Sep.
3 rd recruitment	1 Aug. 2009- 30 Sep. 2009	7 Sep. 2009- 10 Sep. 2009	Mid Oct.	Mid Nov.
4 th recruitment	1 Oct. 2009 - 30 Nov. 2009	5 Oct. 2009 - 8 Oct. 2009	Mid Nov.	Mid Dec.

Please confirm the applicable application period using the application guidelines for grant programs, which JSPS distributes to host institutions at the end of January each year. Keep in mind that these periods are for the host institution to submit its application to JSPS. The guidelines enclose an application form, which can also be downloaded from JSPS’s homepage.

As the grant must be used for the collaborative research conducted between you and your host researcher, sufficient consultation should be made between you and him/her in advance on the use of the grant. The Host and Fellow are required to use the grant for the sole purpose of covering expenses directly related to implementing the approved research plan and to publishing or disseminating the results.

Based on the research field, grants are divided into three funding categories: lab research, non-lab research, and special research. Funding differs according to fellowship tenure. For example, when the field of research is related to lab research, a maximum amount of ¥2.4 million may be distributed for a tenure of 24 months, while it will be ¥1.2 million for tenures from one year to less than two years.

When a fellowship tenure is less than 4 months in one fiscal year or is shortened to less than 4 months during the period of 1 April to 31 July, your host may not apply for a grant, nor may you spend the grant funds, for that fiscal year.

For a more detailed description of the grant program, please see JSPS’s Q&A webpage (Research Grants for JSPS Postdoctoral Fellows).