

Points to Keep in Mind When Preparing an Application Form for Candidates (Fellows)

1. With regard to section 5 (1), "FELLOW ELIGIBILITY" in the Application Guidelines, people, who are not citizens of an eligible country but who have been engaged in research for at least 3 years at a university or research institution in an eligible may apply **if they are still doing research at that university or institution**.
2. Application forms come in two types: FORM 1 and 2. They can be downloaded from JSPS's website (http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/postdoctoral_short.html).
3. These forms are certified by JSPS. Be sure NOT to alter size or format (except size and font of characters) of the forms, or to plagiarize the contents of other applicants (host researchers). Incomplete, altered or otherwise flawed applications will be rejected. JSPS may withdraw the fellowship, stop allowances (including that for air tickets), or request the return of money already paid if the fellowship has been awarded on the basis of false statements in the application form.
4. Foreign candidates are required to fill out FORM 2 in either English or Japanese. The form should be printed out on both sides of each sheet of paper, for a total of three sheets (six pages front and back). If your printer does not have this function, print out all the pages on one side, and copy the pages back-on-back so to compile them into three sheets. Then, sign the form on its last page, and submit it to your host researcher, who is required to fill out FORM 1.

Note:

- Image data of candidate's signature pasted on the form is acceptable.

5. Candidates should prepare one letter of recommendation from their PhD dissertation advisor or other supervisory faculty member and attach it to their FORM 2.

Note:

- One letter of recommendation written by one person can be attached. If the candidate has two or more letters, please choose one.
- As a rule, the letter should be addressed to either candidate's prospective host researcher or to the president of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.
- Submit the original signed letter. (Image data of recommender's signature is acceptable.)
- The letter should be written in English or Japanese. If another language is used, be sure to provide a translation in either English or Japanese.
- The letter, including the translation, should be no longer than two A-4 size sheets (up to four pages front and back).
- The letter may not be prepared by the prospective host researcher him/herself. If the prospective host researcher was the candidate's PhD advisor or supervisor, then another faculty member, such as one who participated in the candidate's dissertation reviewed and/or who is familiar with the candidate's research, should be asked to prepare this letter of recommendation.

6. The applicant (host researcher) should fill out FORM 1 and submit it together with the candidate's FORM 2 and the attached letter of recommendation to his/her institution's administration office. In this program, the applicant is the host researcher.

Note:

- If the applicant (host researcher) is a foreign researcher and unable to write that much Japanese, a Japanese officer of the host institution may fill out the form as long as the host fully understands and agrees to the content of the application.
- JSPS receives the application via the host institution's administrative office. It will not accept applications submitted directly by the applicant (host researcher) or candidate.

Reference: Certificate of PhD degree

Only successful candidates are required to provide a copy of their doctoral diploma (if already awarded) or a document from their university certifying when they will receive the diploma (if not yet awarded) to JSPS via his/her host institution. It is not necessary to attach it to the application.

Note:

- Diplomas or certificates in other languages (including Chinese) than Japanese or English must be accompanied with a Japanese translation.
- MD (Medical Doctor) holders without a PhD degree are not eligible.

JSPS Fellowship Programs for Overseas Researchers

APPLICATION FORM FOR JSPS POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FOR NORTHAMERICAN AND EUROPEAN RESEARCHERS (Short-term)

<This form should be attached to FORM 1 prepared by your proposed Japanese host researcher.>

Check to be sure this information is the same as that entered in FORM 1.

1. Name in Full			
FAMILY	First	Middle	
2. Date of Birth:		3. Nationality / Permanent Resident / Citizen Ship	
Day	/	Month	/
Year			
4. Current Appointment and/or Status			
5. Academic Degree			
Type (PhD, or an equivalent)			
Field			
Institute			
6. Higher Education (Start from the latest one)			
Name of University / Institution	Location	Start Date (Month, Year)	End Date (Month, Year)
7. Previous Employment (Start from the latest one)			
Name of Institution	Location	Position	From – To
8. Awards (Please indicate title, organization and year.)			

• Check to be sure the candidate is a citizen or permanent resident of an eligible country.

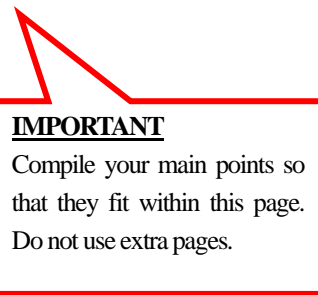
• If the candidate isn't, s/he must have earned a master's or higher degree and continuously thereafter been engaged in research for a period of at least three years at a university or research institution in an eligible country.

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- This application is to be filled out by the foreign candidate, him/herself.
- Use English or Japanese when filling it out.
- Be sure to use the FY2015 form.
- Do not alter the form's format.
- This is not an electronic application; it cannot be submitted over the Internet. Fill in the form and print it out. It should be printed on both sides of each sheet of paper, for a total of three sheets (six pages front and back). If your printer does not have this function, print out all the pages on one side, and copy the pages back-on-back so that you have three sheets. Then, sign the form on page F6, and submit it to your prospective host researcher. The signature may be an image-data signature pasted on the form or a PDF copy of the form with your original signature. Your host may not submit the form to JSPS by fax or email.

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that they fit within this page.
Do not use extra pages.

10. List of Major Publications

Authors (all), title, Journal, Vol. , No. , pp. - , Month, Year



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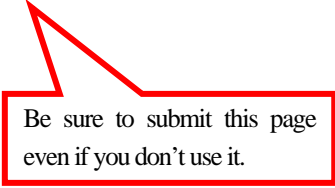
Keep your list within this page.

11. Research Plan in Japan

- a. Present research related to research plan
- b. Purpose of proposed research
- c. Proposed plan
- d. Expected results and impacts

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Compile your main points so that they fit on this and the continuation page. Do not use more than two pages.

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12. Language Ability (5: excellent1: poor)				
	Reading	Writing	Understanding	Speaking
Japanese	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1
English	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1
	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1
	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1
	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1

13. Past Stay(s) in Japan
Place: _____ Purpose: _____

14. Name(s) of other fellows: _____

15. Mailing address (In English)
a. Office: _____ b. Home: _____
Tel: _____ Tel: _____
Fax: _____ Fax: _____
e-mail _____ e-mail _____

16. If you have been previously awarded as a JSPS fellowship or participated in another JSPS research program, please indicate the name of the program and the period of your participation.

I have been awarded a fellowship under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for the period of (Day / Month / Year) to (Day / Month / Year).

I have been awarded a fellowship under the JSPS Summer Program in (Year).

Other Program

Name of the program: _____
Period of participation: _____

Please circle the number that best indicates your language proficiency (5 being the highest). Be sure to answer both the Japanese and English columns. Other languages are optional.

I certify the above information to be accurate and correct.

Date: _____

NAME (Print) : _____

Signature: _____

(Notes)

- Please sign this form and forward it to your proposed host researcher in Japan. Do not send it directly to JSPS.
- The following documents must be attached:
 - A letter of reference/recommendation from your current or previous supervisor (not from proposed Japanese host researcher)

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- Be sure that this application comprises three sheets (six papers front and back) and that you sign it.
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