

**FAQ for the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship
for Overseas Researchers
(Pathway to University Positions in Japan)**

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1. Question Regarding “4. APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY”

Q1. The Application Guidelines state “The institutions are to have and initiate a plan for employing in full-time positions fellows under this fellowship upon the conclusion of their tenure.” What types of employment are envisioned?

A1. It is desirable that the host institution employs fellows in one of the following positions upon the completion of their tenure: Associate professor, lecturer, temporarily appointed associate professor, or temporarily appointed lecturer.

Q2. The Application Guidelines state “The institutions are to have and initiate a plan for employing in full-time positions fellows under this fellowship upon the conclusion of their tenure.” Is it necessary for them to decide the employment at the time the applicant applies to JSPS?

A2. They do not necessarily need to do so; however, they do need to have a plan for employing overseas fellows.

2. Question Regarding “5. FELLOW ELIGIBILITY”

Q1. The Application Guidelines state as an eligibility requirement “As of April 1, 2015, hold a position as an associate professor or equivalent.” What sort of position does the term associate professor “equivalent” imply?

A1. It includes associate professor, lecturer, temporarily appointed associate professor, temporarily appointed lecturer, and similar positions.

3. Question Regarding “9. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR PROGRAM”

Q1. Are persons who have previously been selected for a JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Overseas Researchers eligible to apply?

A1. Yes, they are.

Q2. Regarding the signature on Form 2, is it allowable to paste an electronic image of my signature on the form?

A2. That would be okay.