

Hosts should observe the accompanying Japanese Application Guidelines when making applications.

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JSPS

JSPS Fellowship Programs for Overseas Researchers
Postdoctoral Fellowships for Overseas Researchers
Invitation Fellowships for Research in Japan
FY 2015 (2015-2016)

1. OUTLINE OF FELLOWSHIP

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) carries out programs that provide overseas researchers who have an excellent record of research achievements with an opportunity to conduct collaborative research, discussions, and opinion exchanges with researchers in Japan. These programs are intended to help advance the overseas researchers' research activities while promoting science and internationalization in Japan.

2. CATEGORIES

Various fellowship categories are provided to accord with the purpose of the overseas researcher's visit.

Categories		Purposes
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Standard [PF01]	To provide opportunities for young and excellent postdoctoral researchers from other countries to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions. The program allows such researchers to advance their own research while contributing to the progress of research in Japan and the counterpart countries.
	Short-term [PF02]	To provide opportunities for young and excellent pre-/post-doctoral researchers from the US, Canada and Europe (*) to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions. In so doing, the program is designed to help advance the research of the visiting fellows, while expanding opportunities for young researchers to come to Japan from the US, Canada and Europe. *Eligible countries are the US, Canada, European Union countries (as of 1 April 2014), Switzerland, Norway and Russia.
	Pathway to University Positions in Japan (Pathway) [PF03]	To provide opportunities for excellent young postdoctoral researchers from other countries to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions. The program provides a step in preparing overseas researchers to become full-time researchers at Japanese universities and other research institutions. That is, it is designed to lead to the full-time employment of overseas researchers who will play an active role in advancing their Japanese institution's collaborative research and internationalization through such means as helping to foster globally-oriented students and faculty.
Invitation Fellowships	Long-term [IF01]	To invite overseas researchers with excellent records of research achievements to collaborate with Japanese colleagues in carrying out research through long-term visits.
	Short-term [IF02]	To invite overseas researchers with excellent records of research achievements for short-term visits to Japan and provide them opportunities for discussions, opinion exchanges, lectures and other activities.

	Short-term S [IF03]	To invite overseas researchers with distinguished records of research achievements to Japan for purposes corresponding to those records, and to provide them opportunities to offer advice and cooperate in research activities throughout the host institution and also to give lectures or conduct other activities at other Japanese research institutions.
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3. FIELDS OF RESEARCH

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

4. APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

1) For Postdoctoral Fellowships Standard [PF01], Short-term (North American and European Researchers) [PF02], and Invitation Fellowships Long-term [IF01], Short-term [IF02], Short-term S [IF03]

The applicant (host researcher) must be a researcher who is employed full-time or classified as being employed full-time (excluding *Jokyo*, assistant professor, and *Joshu*, research assistant, under the PF01 and PF02 fellowships) at a university or research institution as specified in Article 2 of the Procedure for the Handling of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (*Kakenhi*), issued by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

Note: Full-time employment classification is determined by the regulations of the host institution.

Eligible host institutions include the following:

- 1) Universities and inter-university research institutes
- 2) MEXT-affiliated institutions engaged in research
- 3) Colleges of technology
- 4) Institutions designated by the Minister of MEXT

2) For Pathway to University Positions in Japan [PF03]

The applicant must be the head of a university or research institution which must have a clearly defined vision for achieving the internationalization of its research and education programs by promoting the employment of overseas researchers as specified in Article 2 of the Procedure for the Handling of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (*Kakenhi*), issued by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). 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. As to the type of full-time employment, it is to be coordinated between the host institution and the overseas researcher.

The host researcher must be a researcher who is employed full-time or classified as being employed full-time (excluding *Jokyo*, assistant professor, and *Joshu*, research assistant) at a university or research institution as specified in Article 2 of the Procedure for the Handling of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (*Kakenhi*), issued by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

Eligible host institutions include the following:

- 1) Universities and inter-university research institutes
- 2) MEXT-affiliated institutions engaged in research
- 3) Colleges of technology
- 4) Institutions designated by the Minister of MEXT

Notes:

1. The unit for submitting applications is a Japanese university or other research institution. The heads of these institutions submit the applications to JSPS. One institution may submit multiple applications.
2. Full-time employment classification is determined by the regulations of the host institution.

5. FELLOW ELIGIBILITY

Categories		Qualifications
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Standard [PF01]	<p>1. Be a citizen of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. (JSPS treats Taiwanese and Palestinian researchers in this manner.)</p> <p>2. Hold a doctorate degree when the Fellowship goes into effect, which must have been received on or after April 2, 2009, or be scheduled to receive a doctorate degree before the Fellowship goes into effect.</p> <p>Note: Those who have previously been awarded a fellowship under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers (excluding the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (Short-term) for North American and European Researchers and Summer Program) are not eligible.</p>
	Short-term [PF02]	<p>1. Be a citizen or permanent resident of an eligible country (listed under PF02 in above chart). Also eligible are persons who 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. Such persons must be from a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan or from Taiwan or Palestine, have conducted research continuously for three or more years before the time their application was submitted, and must possess an excellent research record.</p> <p>2. Candidates must have obtained their doctoral degree at a university outside Japan within six years of the date the fellowship goes into effect (on or after 2 April 2009), or must be currently enrolled in a doctoral course at a university outside Japan, and scheduled to receive a Ph.D. within two years from the time that their research starts in Japan.</p> <p>Note 1: Those who have previously been awarded a fellowship under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers (PF01, PF02 and PF03) are not eligible. This Short-term Fellowship is only awarded once per researcher.</p> <p>Note 2: Foreign researchers doing research at a Japanese research institution at the time of application are not eligible.</p> <p>Note 3: Japanese citizens are not eligible.</p>
	Pathway [PF03]	<p>1. Be a citizen of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan (JSPS treats Taiwanese and Palestinian researchers in this manner.)</p> <p>2. Hold a doctorate degree when the Fellowship goes into effect, which must have been received on or after April 2, 2005, or be scheduled to receive a doctorate degree before the Fellowship goes into effect. As of April 1, 2015, hold a position as an associate professor or equivalent.</p> <p>3. Have a desire to continue engaging in research and education at the host institution in a full-time employment capacity.</p> <p>Note: Those who have previously been awarded a fellowship under this JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (Pathway) are not eligible.</p>
Invitation Fellowships	Long-term [IF01]	<p>As a rule, researchers who hold a full-time position in an overseas research institution and satisfy the following requirements:</p> <p>1. Be a citizen or a permanent resident of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan (JSPS treats Taiwanese and Palestinian researchers in this manner). To be eligible, researchers of Japanese nationality residing overseas must have lived in the other country for at least 10 years and been</p>

		<p>actively engaged in research in that country throughout the period.</p> <p>2. Overseas researchers in a position equivalent to a university professor, associate professor or assistant professor in Japan as of 1 April 2015.</p> <p>3. Overseas researchers who do not have above-mentioned careers but received their doctorate degree prior to six years or more as of 1 April 2015 and are continuing to do research in a university or non-profit research institution.</p>
	Short-term [IF02]	<p>As a rule, researchers who hold full-time positions in an overseas research institution and satisfy the following requirements:</p> <p>1. Be a citizen or a permanent resident of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan (JSPS treats Taiwanese and Palestinian researchers in this manner). To be eligible, researchers of Japanese nationality residing overseas must have lived in the other country for at least 10 years and been actively engaged in research in that country throughout the period.</p> <p>2. Overseas researchers in a position equivalent to a university professor or associate professor as of 1 April 2015.</p> <p>3. Overseas researchers with an excellent record of research achievements.</p>
	Short-term S [IF03]	<p>1. Be a citizen or a permanent resident of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan (JSPS treats Taiwanese and Palestinian researchers in this manner). To be eligible, researchers of Japanese nationality residing overseas must have lived in the other country for at least 10 years and been actively engaged in research in that country throughout the period.</p> <p>2. Overseas researchers who are Nobel laureates or recipients of similarly high-level international prizes with exceptionally outstanding records of research achievements and who currently occupy a leading position in their subject field.</p>

6. NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

Categories		Number of fellowship awarded
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Standard [PF01]	1st Recruitment (September 2014): approximately 120 2nd Recruitment (May 2015): approximately 120
	Short-term [PF02]	1st Recruitment (October 2014): approximately 15 2nd Recruitment (January 2015): approximately 15 3rd Recruitment (April 2015): approximately 15 4th Recruitment (July 2015): approximately 15
	Pathway [PF03]	Approximately 20
Invitation Fellowships	Long-term [IF01]	September 2014: Approximately 70
	Short-term [IF02]	1st Recruitment (September 2014): Approximately 110 2nd Recruitment (May 2015): Approximately 100
	Short-term S [IF03]	1st Recruitment (September 2014): A few 2nd Recruitment (May 2015): A few

7. DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF FELLOWSHIPS

Categories		Duration of Fellowships	Fellowship periods and periods for arrival in Japan
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Standard [PF01]	12 to 24 months	1st Recruitment: April 1, 2015–September 30, 2015 2nd Recruitment: September 1, 2015–November 30, 2015
	Short-term [PF02]	1 to 12 months	1st Recruitment: April 1, 2015–March 31, 2016 2nd Recruitment: July 1, 2015–March 31, 2016

			3rd Recruitment: October 1, 2015–March 31, 2016 4th Recruitment: January 1, 2016–March 31, 2016
	Pathway [PF03]	12 to 24 months	April 1, 2015–November 30, 2015
Invitation Fellowships	Long-term [IF01]	2 to 10 months	April 1, 2015–March 31, 2016
	Short-term [IF02]	14 to 60 days	1st Recruitment: April 1, 2015–March 31, 2016 2nd Recruitment: October 1, 2015–March 31, 2016
	Short-term S [IF03]	7 to 30 days	1st Recruitment: April 1, 2015–March 31, 2016 2nd Recruitment: October 1, 2015–March 31, 2016 Note: Invitation plans for attending just one conference during a several day stay in Japan are not accepted.

8. TERMS OF AWARD

Categories		Airfare	Maintenance Allowance	Miscellaneous
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Standard [PF01]	A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS's regulations)	¥362,000 per month	A settling-in allowance of ¥200,000, Overseas travel insurance, etc. A Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (<i>Tokubetsu Kenkyuin Syoure-hi</i>) of up to ¥1,500,000 per year (total of ¥3,000,000 for two years) is available to cover cooperative research-related expenses. Application for these grants is made by the host researcher through his/her institution.
	Short-term [PF02]	A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS's regulations)	(a) For PhD holders: ¥362,000 per month (b) For non-PhD holders at the time research starts in Japan: ¥200,000 per month	A settling-in allowance of ¥200,000 (only applicable for Fellows with 4 or more months of tenure), Overseas travel insurance, etc. A research support allowance is available to cover cooperative research-related expenses. Application is made by the host researcher through his/her institution.
	Pathway [PF03]	A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS's regulations)	¥387,600 per month	A settling-in allowance of ¥200,000, Overseas travel insurance, etc. A Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (<i>Tokubetsu Kenkyuin Syoure-hi</i>) of up to ¥1,500,000 per year (total of ¥3,000,000 for

				two years) is available to cover cooperative research-related expenses. Application for these grants is made by the host researcher through his/her institution.
Invitation Fellowships	Long-term [IF01]	A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS's regulations)	¥369,000 per month	Domestic Research Trip Allowance (¥100,000) Research expenses (¥40,000) Overseas travel insurance
	Short-term [IF02]	A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS's regulations)	¥18,000 per day	Domestic Research Trip Allowance (¥150,000) Overseas travel insurance
	Short-term S [IF03]	A round-trip business-class air ticket (based on JSPS's regulations)	¥42,000 per day	Domestic Research Trip Allowance (¥150,000) Overseas travel insurance

Note 1: The amounts of the Awards indicated above are subject to change for budgetary reasons.

Note 2: If the Fellow resides in Japan on or after the date his/her award letter is issued, the above-mentioned air ticket to Japan and settling-in allowance will not be provided.

9. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR PROGRAM

1) For Postdoctoral Fellowships Standard [PF01], Short-term (North American and European Researchers) [PF02], and Invitation Fellowships Long-term [IF01], Short-term [IF02], Short-term S [IF03]

Host researchers, except for those under Pathway fellowships, are required to use JSPS's web application system when applying for fellowships. Applications under this program must be submitted to JSPS by a host researcher in Japan via the head of his/her university or institution. Overseas researchers wishing to participate in the program are advised to establish contact with a Japanese or foreign-resident researcher in their field and to ask him/her to submit an application. They should make this contact well in advance of the host institution's application deadline indicated below. Applications must be made using JSPS's prescribe forms.

(1) Materials to be submitted in printed forms

The applicant is required to prepare the documents listed Table ① below and to submit them to the head of his/her institution. The institution head is to assemble the applications and submit them with the documents indicated in Table ② below. All documents are to be in A4 size and printed on both sides of the sheets. When making an application, use the forms prescribed by JSPS.

Table ① Documents to be prepared by applicant (host researcher) and submitted to affiliated institution

Categories		Documents to be prepared	Numbers of copies
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Standard [PF01]	1. Standard application form to be filled out by the host researcher (Form 1) 2. Standard application form to be filled out by the overseas candidate (Form 2) 3. A letter of reference/recommendation from the candidate's current or previous	One original and 6 copies of each application

		academic supervisor (not from his/her prospective host researcher in Japan)	
	Short-term [PF02]	1. Short-term application form to be filled out by the host researcher (Form 1) 2. Short-term application form to be filled out by the overseas candidate (Form 2) 3. A letter of reference/recommendation from the candidate's current or previous academic supervisor (not from his/her prospective host researcher in Japan)	One original and 4 copies of each application
Invitation Fellowships	Long-term [IF01]	1. Long-term application form to be filled out by the host researcher (Form 1) 2. Long-term application form to be filled out by overseas researcher (Form 2)	One original and 3 copies of each application
	Short-term [IF02]	Short-term application form to be filled out by the host researcher	One original and 3 copies of each application
	Short-term S [IF03]	Short-term S application form to be filled out by the host researcher	One original and 3 copies of each application

Note 1: The letter of reference/recommendation, including the translation, should be no longer than two A-4 size sheets (up to four pages front and back). 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.

Note 2: Regarding the submission of the original of the doctoral degree certificate and copy of the diploma, only PF01 and PF02 candidates are required to submit them upon selection. (They do not need to be submitted when applying.) PF02 candidates who had not yet obtained a doctoral degree at the time they applied will need to submit certification that they are scheduled to receive the degree. (However, they do not need to submit the certificate when applying.)

Table ② Documents to be prepared by host institution

Categories		Documents to be prepared	Numbers of copies
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Standard [PF01]	1. Number of applications 2. List of applicants and candidates	One original
	Short-term [PF02]		
Invitation Fellowships	Long-term [IF01]		
	Short-term [IF02]		
	Short-term S [IF03]		

(2) Application periods (for host institution)

Categories		Application periods (for host institution)
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Standard [PF01]	1st Recruitment: September 1-5, 2014 (by 5 p.m. (JST)) 2nd Recruitment: April 28 – May 8, 2015 (by 5 p.m. (JST))
	Short-term	1st Recruitment: October 6-10, 2014 (by 5 p.m. (JST))

	[PF02]	2nd Recruitment: January 5-9, 2015 (by 5 p.m. (JST)) 3rd Recruitment: April 6-10, 2015 (by 5 p.m. (JST)) 4th Recruitment: July 6-10, 2015 (by 5 p.m. (JST))
Invitation Fellowships	Long-term [IF01]	September 1-5, 2014 (by 5 p.m. (JST))
	Short-term [IF02]	1st Recruitment: September 1-5, 2014 (by 5 p.m. (JST)) 2nd Recruitment: April 28 – May 8, 2015 (by 5 p.m. (JST))
	Short-term S [IF03]	1st Recruitment: September 1-5, 2014 (by 5 p.m. (JST)) 2nd Recruitment: April 28 – May 8, 2015 (by 5 p.m. (JST))

Note 1: These periods are for the head of the host institution to submit applications to JSPS; the time frames for host researchers to submit their applications are normally earlier.

Note 2: Office hours of JSPS for receiving applications: 9:30-12:00 and 13:00-17:00 (JST).

2) For Pathway to University Positions in Japan [PF03]

All application materials must be submitted by the prescribed deadline.

(1) Materials to be submitted in printed forms

The host researcher is required to prepare the documents listed in Table ① below and submit them to the head of his/her institution. The institution head is to assemble the applications and submit them with the documents indicated in Table ② below. All documents need to be in A4 size and printed on both sides of the sheets. Application is to be made using the forms prescribed by JSPS.

Table ① Documents to be prepared by host researcher and submitted to affiliated institution

Categories		Documents to be prepared	Numbers of copies
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Pathway [PF03]	1. Pathway application form to be filled in by the host researcher (Form 1) 2. Pathway application form to be filled in by the foreign candidate (Form 2) 3. A letter of reference/recommendation from the candidate's current or previous academic supervisor (not from his/her prospective host researcher in Japan)	One original and 7 copies of each application

Note 1: The letter of reference/recommendation, including the translation, should be no longer than two A-4 size sheets (up to four pages front and back). 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.

Note 2: Regarding the submission of the original of the doctoral degree certificate and copy of the diploma, they will only need to be submitted when the candidate is selected. (They do not need to be submitted when applying.)

Table ② Documents to be prepared by administrative office of institution

Categories		Documents to be prepared	Numbers of copies
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Pathway [PF03]	1. Number of applications 2. List of candidates 3. Guidelines for applying institutions 4. Digital files of Form 1, Form 2 and a)-c) above	For a) and b): one original For c): one original and 7 copies of each application For d): one CD-R(W)

(2) Application periods (for host institution)

Categories		Application periods (for host institution)
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Pathway [PF03]	September 1-5, 2014 (by 5 p.m. (JST))

Note1: These periods are for the head of the host institution to submit applications to JSPS; the time frames for host researchers to submit their applications are normally earlier.

Note 2: Office hours of JSPS for receiving applications: 9:30-12:00 and 13:00-17:00 (JST).

10. SELECTION PROCESS AND NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

(1) Selection process

- ① Screening is carried out by JSPS's selection committee through both document and panel reviews.
- ② The screening criteria are listed below. (Please refer to JSPS's website for more details on the selection process.)

Categories		Criteria
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Standard [PF01]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the collaboration will contribute to advancing science in Japan and counterpart country. 2. That the collaboration can be expected to advance research in the subject field. 3. That the applicant (host researcher) and candidate have established contact in advance and devised a concrete research plan. 4. That a suitable space is prepared and facilities arranged at the host institution for the fellow to conduct research during his/her tenure. 5. That, as much as possible, preference not be given to the candidate's nationality, host institution, or field of specialization. Consideration is given to inviting first-time fellows from a range of countries.
	Short-term [PF02]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the implementation of the fellowship contributes to promoting exchange between Japan and countries of North America and Europe. 2. That the fellowship helps to advance both the candidate's and the host's research work. 3. That the host and candidate have established close communication and devised a concrete research plan. 4. That in the research plan, consideration is given to honing the research skills of pre-doctoral candidates. 5. That, as much as possible, preference is not be given to host institution or field of specialization in making selections.
	Pathway [PF03]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the applying institution has established a clear vision and plan for internationalizing its research and education programs by employing in full-time positions overseas researchers, and is implementing a concrete program for that purpose (including providing an environment for promoting the full-time employment of overseas researchers). 2. That concrete consideration is given by the host institution to employing the overseas fellow in a full-time position after his/her tenure under the fellowship ends. 3. That the collaboration will contribute to advancing science in Japan and the counterpart country. 4. That the collaboration can be expected to advance research in the subject field. 5. That the host researcher and candidate have established contact in advance and devised a concrete research plan. 6. That a suitable space is prepared and facilities arranged at the host institution for the fellow to conduct research during his/her tenure.
Invitation Fellowships	Long-term [IF01]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the collaboration will contribute to advancing science in Japan and the counterpart country. 2. That the collaboration can be expected to advance research in the subject field.

		<p>3. That the applicant (host researcher) and candidate have established contact in advance and created a concrete research plan.</p> <p>4. That the plan can be carried out within the period of the candidate's fellowship tenure.</p> <p>5. That the plan has as its objective joint research or other collaborative activities between the researcher(s) in Japan and overseas researcher(s).</p> <p>6. That, as much as possible, preference is not given to the candidate's nationality, host institution, or field of specialization.</p>
	Short-term [IF02]	<p>1. That the collaboration will contribute to advancing science in Japan and the counterpart country.</p> <p>2. That the collaboration can be expected to advance research in the subject field.</p> <p>3. That the applicant (host researcher) and candidate have established contact in advance and created a concrete activity plan.</p> <p>4. That the plan can be carried out within the period of the candidate's fellowship tenure.</p> <p>5. That the plan has as its objective lectures, discussions or other exchange activities held not only in the host institution but also in some other institutions. That the plan also includes instructive opportunities to foster young researchers.</p> <p>6. That, as much as possible, preference is not given to the candidate's nationality, host institution, or field of specialization.</p>
	Short-term S [IF03]	<p>1. With more careful consideration given to the criteria listed under the Short-term category, the following are added:</p> <p>2. That the candidate is a Nobel laureate or of an equivalent level, possesses an exceptionally outstanding record of research achievements, and is currently a leader in his/her subject field.</p> <p>3. That the candidate's visit will contribute to raising the standard of research in the host institution and elevating Japan's overall international scientific appraisal.</p> <p>4. That the host institution will provide an environment for the candidate to smoothly guide research activities, widely participate in joint research, and carry out other exchange activities. Other research institutions that s/he will visit are also to take sufficient steps to accommodate the visit.</p>

Note: Research plans that require approval processing

This provision applies to research activities whose implementation requires compliance with laws or regulations, such as research that requires consent and/or cooperation of other parties, that handles personal information, or that requires the application of bioethics or safety measures. Also applicable are examinations for devising measures and actions related to such research. It, for example, applies to surveys, research and experiments in such cases as questionnaires or interview surveys that use personal information, research using samples received from others, studies of cultural heritage assets either in or outside Japan, human genome research/analysis, recombination DNA experiments, or animal experiments that require approval processing by an information-advisory committee or ethics committee within the affiliated or other research institution.

(2) Notification of selection results

① Notification of the selection results will be made in writing to the head of the applicant's institution around the following periods:

Categories		Period that selection results will be published
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Standard [PF01]	1st Recruitment: middle of January 2015 2nd Recruitment: middle of August 2015

	Short-term [PF02]	1st Recruitment: middle of January 2015 2nd Recruitment: middle of April 2015 3rd Recruitment: middle of July 2015 4th recruitment: middle of October 2015
	Pathway [PF03]	Late January 2015
Invitation Fellowships	Long-term [IF01]	Middle of January 2015
	Short-term [IF02]	1st Recruitment: middle of January 2015 2nd Recruitment: middle of August 2015
	Short-term S [IF03]	

- ② Acceptance documents will be sent to the successful candidates. The names of the awardees, host researchers and institutions as well as their research themes are subject to public disclosure on JSPS's website.
- ③ Unsuccessful candidates are not directly notified of their selection results. However, applicants (host researchers) of Postdoctoral Fellowship Standard (PF01) will receive a notice of their approximate ranking among all the applications.

Notification procedure:

- i) Non-selected applications will be ranked in the following three tiers. (For reference, the number of applications submitted and number of awardees will be noted.)
- Non-selected A (upper tier)
 - Non-selected B (middle tier)
 - Non-selected C (lower tier)
- ii) All notifications will be made via sealed letter.

Note: Individual requests for selection results are not accepted.

11. OBLIGATION OF THE FELLOW AND HOST RESEARCHER (INCLUDING MEASURES AGAINST MISCONDUCT AND MISUSE OF FUNDS)

The host researchers, fellows and host institutions should bear the following ten points in mind when applying for the program, and should observe them if selected for a fellowship. After selection, they will be expected to observe the regulations and procedures stipulated in the Program Guidelines for the JSPS International Fellowship Program. If either the fellow or host researcher should fail to do so, the fellowship may be withdrawn, allowances (including airfares) stopped, and already-paid allowances (including research grants) reclaimed.

- (1) So as to allow the smooth progress of the fellow's research in Japan, before submitting an application, the host researcher shall fully inform the candidate of conditions at the host laboratory, including his/her status under the fellowship, and will ascertain the candidate's acknowledgement to accept those conditions.
- (2) The host researcher will, in cooperation with the administration office of the host institution, provide a suitable arrangement for the fellow to pursue his/her joint research and other research activities. The host will also assist the fellow, when needed, with immigration processing (including applying for a "certificate of eligibility"), securing domicile and other matters related to his/her stay in Japan.
- (3) During fellowship tenures, the host researcher is advised not to commit such acts of discrimination or abuse with regard to his/her fellow, and should be particularly careful that what s/he says or does cannot be interpreted as committing such acts.
- (4) During their tenures, fellows shall not, either in or outside the host institution, infringe in any way on the human rights of others, including racial or gender discrimination or other forms of abuse.
- (5) As a rule, fellows shall stay in Japan continuously during the tenure of their fellowships and concentrate

on their research at the host institution. Fellow may not engage in other work, neither paid nor unpaid, during their tenures. Postdoctoral fellows may, however, suspend their fellowships for the purpose of childbearing or infant nursing. Fellows may not receive any remuneration for their research activities carried out under the JSPS Fellowship Program for Overseas Researchers.

- (6) The host researchers and fellows shall follow the rules established by the host institution and JSPS prohibiting acts of research misconduct, e.g., fabricating or falsifying research results.
- (7) The fellow and host researcher must submit a research report using separately prescribed format.
- (8) For IF01, IF02 and IF03 fellows, when presenting or publishing the content or results of research conducted under the fellowship, the JSPS fellowship should be acknowledged.
- (9) The host institution shall inform both the host researcher and the fellow of the rules that it and JSPS have established to prevent research misconduct and misuse of research funds and of the penalties for violations.
- (10) The host institution shall take first responsibility for the fellow's actions, so must be proactive in preventing any discrimination, misconduct or misuse on the part of the fellow during his/her tenure. If any such problems should occur, the host institution will endeavor to resolve them.

12. HANDLING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

With regard to personal information contained in application materials, it shall be strictly controlled in accordance with the "Law to Protect Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Institutions" and JSPS's own regulations for protecting personal information. JSPS will use such information exclusively for implementing its programs. (This may involve the provision of personal information to external companies commissioned to electronically process and manage program-related data.)

If selected for a fellowship, fellows should note that their name, title, affiliated organization and country; research theme, host institution, host researcher's name and title; and research reports may be given public access. Fellows are also asked to participate in surveys aimed at improving JSPS programs. With particular regard to information related to Short-term S visitors, it may be posted on JSPS's webpage, published in other JSPS literature, or circulated to related institutions.

13. NOTES

- (1) JSPS does not support any research project related to military affairs.
- (2) For PF01, PF02 and PF03 candidates, when one host researcher submits two or more applications, the order of their priority should be stated.
- (3) With regard to IF01, IF02 and IF03 candidates, application is limited to one candidate for each recruitment.
- (4) As only one application is allowed per candidate, host researchers should verify in advance that no other applications have been submitted for the candidate.
- (5) The same person may not simultaneously be a candidate for two or more kinds of fellowship programs. With PF01 and PF02 candidates, however, the same person may be a candidate for both fellowships under each recruitment.
- (6) With regard to Paragraph 11 (3) above, should a host researcher be found guilty by the host institution of violating a candidate's or fellow's human rights, s/he shall be disqualified for a period of five years from hosting JSPS fellows under the programs, Postdoctoral Fellowships, Invitation Fellowships, and RONPAKU (Dissertation PhD) Program.
- (7) Should JSPS determine any information in an application to be falsified, plagiarized or otherwise flawed, the application will be rejected or, if already awarded, the fellowship withdrawn.
- (8) If the host researcher is currently conducting an international project under a JSPS program or has been selected for such a project over the past 5 years, please describe what, if any, connectivity it has to the project being applied for.
- (9) For further application details, please see the "Points to Keep in Mind When Preparing an Application Form" (for each Fellowships) and Q&A (for PF03, IF01, IF02 and IF03 fellowships) on our webpage.

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