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Dear Fellows and Hosts,

Overseas Fellowship Division
International Program Department
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

About ‘Revocation of the Fellowship and Stopping Allowances’ in the “Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan (Long-term, Short-term, Short-term S) JSPS BRIDGE Fellowship Program guidelines”

In the “Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan (Long-term, Short-term, Short-term S) JSPS BRIDGE Fellowship Program guidelines”, JSPS clearly states that it will take tough measures including the revocation of the fellowship in case the fellow acts in a manner unbecoming the high stature of JSPS Fellow.

Furthermore, JSPS is determined to make sure that it will take strict measures considering the cases of misconduct in research that have been continuously come to light in recent years which severely undermine the public’s trust in science and scientists. In doing so, we set out the typical examples of the “acts carried out in a manner unbecoming the high stature of JSPS Fellow” as described below and intervene whenever such actions are taken. (Please refer to the corresponding pages in the following guidelines: Guidelines ver1.0 = J4, E4 / FY2016 Guidelines = J5, E5.)

We appreciate your continued support and cooperation for the sound development of science.

Revised text:

REVOCAION OF THE FELLOWSHIP AND STOPPING ALLOWANCES

JSPS may take the following measure/measures if it judges any one or more of the circumstances described below to pertain.

Therefore, JSPS may:

1. Revoke the fellowship or cancel the fellowship during the tenure.
2. Stop paying allowances (including air tickets)
3. Request the full or partial reimbursement of money already paid.

The above measure/measures will be taken in case JSPS judges:

- ① The fellowship has been awarded on the basis of false statements in the application form.
- ② Completion of Fellow’s research activities as outlined in the application form is deemed to be impossible or clearly difficult to achieve within the duration of the fellowship.
- ③ Fellows violate Japanese laws or regulations or are prosecuted for violating them.
- ④ Hosts or Institutions judge it difficult for Fellows to continue their research.
- ⑤ Fellows request a leave of absence after the fact or submit a false report.
- ⑥ Fellows receive the financial provisions by deception or other fraudulent means.
- ⑦ Fellows waste and abuse research funds.
- ⑧ Fellows commit misconduct in research activities.
- ⑨ Fellows do not in good faith observe the obligations stipulated in the Guidelines, do not follow JSPS’s instructions, or carry out any actions in a manner unbecoming the high stature of JSPS Fellows.