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## JSPS Overseas Research Fellowships

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- Questions about this program must be made by applicants and Fellows. We cannot respond to inquiries from host institutions or host researchers.

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# 01 | Overview of JSPS Overseas Research Fellowships



# Overview of JSPS Overseas Research Fellowships ①

To foster highly capable researchers with wide international perspectives, this fellowship gives excellent young researchers an opportunity to carry out long-term research at an overseas university or research institution.

Fellowship Category	JSPS Overseas Research Fellowship	Prospective Selectees (doctoral students) (application can be made 2 years prior to degree completion)	JSPS Overseas Research Fellowship - RRA (Restart Research Abroad)
Contents			
Field of Research	All fields of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences		
Host institution	Overseas universities and research institutions, excluding the followings: - Research institutes established overseas by Japanese universities and research institutions - Private research institutes established for profit-making purposes		
Approximate number of fellowships awarded	130 fellows		5 fellows
	* So as to prepare early for application screening, the application call will be issued before the budget is approved. Therefore, please be advised that some program details may change depending on the budget situation.		
Duration of Fellowship (=period of overseas stay)	2 years from the starting date of the overseas stay  * The stay must begin between April 1 of the fiscal year of the call and the end of February of the following year.  Example: If applying for the FY 2026 call, travel to the overseas host institution is to be between April 2026 and the end of February 2027.	2 years from the starting date of the overseas stay  * After receiving your doctoral degree, your overseas stay must begin during the period between April 1 of the fiscal year of the call and the end of February two years after the call.  Example: If applying for the FY 2026 call, travel to the overseas host institution is to be between April 2026 and the end of February <u>2028</u> .	2 years from the starting date of the overseas stay  * The stay must begin between April 1 of the fiscal year of the call and the end of February of the following year.  Example: If applying for the FY 2026 call, travel to the overseas host institution is to be between April 2026 and the end of February 2027.

## Overview of JSPS Overseas Research Fellowships ②

Fellowship Category Contents	JSPS Overseas Research Fellowship	Prospective Selectees (doctoral students) (application can be made 2 years prior to degree completion)	JSPS Overseas Research Fellowship - RRA (Restart Research Abroad)
<b>Eligibility</b>	(I) Be a researcher affiliated with a Japanese university, research institution or national laboratory (II) Be a postdoctoral researcher aspiring to be a researcher at above-listed research position * Researchers under (I) may be either full-time or part-time, and are not required to have fixed-term positions.		
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Those who received their doctoral degree within 5 years of April 1 of the fiscal year of the call. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the case of the FY2026 call, applicants must have received their doctoral degree on or after April 2, 2021.</li> <li>Those who expect to receive their doctoral degree by April 1, 2026 are also eligible to apply.</li> </ul> </li> <li>If applicants who are expected to obtain a doctoral degree at the time of application fail to obtain the degree by April 1 of the call's fiscal year, their category cannot be changed to "Prospective Selectees."</li> </ul>	Applicants must be enrolled in a doctoral course at a graduate school in Japan as of April 1 of the fiscal year of the call and be expected to obtain a doctoral degree between April 2 of the same year and April 1 of the following year.	<p>Applicants who have received their doctoral degree within <u>10 years</u> of April 1 of the fiscal year of the call (other requirements are the same as "JSPS Overseas Research Fellowship (leftmost cell)").</p> <p><u>&lt;Reasons for research interruption&gt;</u> Those who have suspended their research for a total of 90 days or more due to any of the following reasons are eligible to apply (regardless of age or gender).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Childbirth by applicants or their partner, or infant nursing</li> <li>2. Family nursing care</li> <li>3. Elderly nursing care for family members</li> <li>4. Resigning a position due to relocation caused by marriage (limited to full-time position holders at the time of resignation)</li> </ol>

## Overview of JSPS Overseas Research Fellowships ③

Fellowship Category Contents	JSPS Overseas Research Fellowship	Prospective Selectees (doctoral students) (application can be made 2 years prior to degree completion)	JSPS Overseas Research Fellowship - RRA (Restart Research Abroad)
Expenses supported by JSPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Round-trip airfare (including accompanying spouse (partner) and child/children)</li> <li>Maintenance allowance (varying based on the city/country of visit. Annual amount: 5.2 to 8 million JPY)</li> </ul>		Child allowance (equivalent to 10% of the Fellow's maintenance allowance per accompanying child)
	* With the above exceptions, JSPS does not cover other expenses such as transportation fees other than round-trip airfare, preparation fees, visa fees, or other miscellaneous expenses related to the visit.		
Employment history	Those who have worked as a non-fixed-term, full-time researcher at a university or research institution for a total of less than 5 years as of April 1 of the fiscal year of the call		
Nationality	At the time of application, Japanese nationals or foreign nationals permitted to reside permanently in Japan.		
Others	Those who have been selected as JSPS Overseas Research Fellows are not eligible to apply.		



# 02 | Support under the JSPS Overseas Research Fellowships



## 02-1. Obligations and Compliance of JSPS Overseas Research Fellows ①

- During their Fellowship period, Fellows must devote themselves to the research project described in their application at the host institution. This research obligation does not uniformly restrict Fellows from doing various other activities outside their research. However, Fellows must regard the research conducted under this Fellowship as their major activity and effectively manage their overall activities during their tenure in a way that other activities do not hinder the performance of their research.
- An interim report must be submitted within 2 months after 1 year from the start of their overseas stay, and a final report within 3 months after the completion of their tenure.
- Fellows are not allowed to enroll as a student in a university or graduate school during their tenure.
- Fellows must complete educational materials on research ethics and must not commit misconduct in research activities, receive improper payments, or misuse research funds.
- Fellows must not engage in any conduct that may damage the reputation or credibility of the JSPS Overseas Research Fellowships.



## 02-1. Obligations and Compliance of JSPS Overseas Research Fellows ②

In addition to the contents of the previous slide, JSPS may take disciplinary actions when it determines that any of the below listed items apply. Such actions may include suspending the payment of maintenance allowance, cancelling the fellowship before the visit starts or in the middle of the visit period, and requiring the return of already-made payments.

1. If any false information is found in the application.
2. If it becomes clear that a Fellow is not qualified as an JSPS Overseas Research Fellow.
3. If JSPS deems it inappropriate to adopt the applicant as a JSPS Overseas Research Fellow for reasons such as misconduct in research activities, improper receipt of research fund, misuse of research funds, or any other act in the past that may damage the reputation or credibility of the JSPS Overseas Research Fellowships.
4. If Fellows change their travel plans or other arrangements without prior JSPS permission.
5. If Fellows violate any of the terms and conditions stated in the “Program Guidelines” or fail to follow the instructions of JSPS.

## 02-2. Items to keep in mind regarding your overseas visit

- Please note that JSPS is not a position to answer inquiries or make arrangements regarding visa applications for Fellows and their family members. If Fellows are already staying in the city/country of this fellowship visit, please be sure to make visa extensions and/or changes in visa status if required. The system, conditions, and procedures for visas and residence permits vary by the host country and institution. It is the responsibility of Fellows to check with the embassy of the host country and/or their receiving institution before making preparations and arrangements so that their research plan can be implemented smoothly.
- The host institution and JSPS neither enter into agreements or make other arrangements for this Fellowship (including for visas and residence permits). In addition, JSPS remits Fellows' maintenance allowance into their own bank account, not into the host institution's bank account.
- JSPS bears no responsibility for any accidents such as injury or illness that occur during the Fellowship period. Please take out insurance at your own discretion as necessary.
- Please make your visit plans in close cooperation with your current institution and your overseas host institution. In doing so, confirm that no issues will arise that could affect your visit.

# 03 | Maintenance Allowance



## 03-1. Amount of Maintenance Allowance

The amount of maintenance allowance covered under this fellowship is calculated based on the address of the host institution where your research is actually conducted, and on the table below.

Area category	Daily Allowance	Note: only for RRA	Country/Area
			(If the host country is not included in the list below, please refer to “Program Guidelines” or contact JSPS)
A	22,000JPY	Child allowance (equivalent to 10% of the daily allowance per accompanying child)	Singapore, Geneva, Moscow, Paris, Abu Dhabi, Jeddah, Kuwait, Riyadh, Abidjan, USA (Washington D.C. and 16 States (California, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Washington, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Oregon, Arizona, Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Alaska, Hawaii), UK and Northern Ireland
B	18,800JPY		[Asia] Afghanistan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Israel, Iraq, Iran, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey Palestine, Bahrain, Jordan, Hashemite, Lebanon [Oceania] Australia [Europe] Iceland, Ireland, Andorra, Italy, Austria, Netherlands, Cyprus, Greece, San Marino, Swiss, Sweden, Spain, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Vatican City, Finland, France, Belgium, Portugal, Malta, Monaco, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Gibraltar [North America] USA, Canada, Guam, Greenland
C	15,700JPY		[Asia] Indonesia, Cambodia, Kashmir, Thailand, Korea, China, Philippine, Brunei Darussalam, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, East Timor, Hong Kong [Oceania] New Zealand and other than listed in Category B [Europe] Other than listed in Category A and B
D	14,300JPY		[Asia] India, North Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Macau, Maldives, Mongolia [Africa] All [North America] Other than listed in Category [South America] Other than listed in Category [South pole] Antarctica and surrounding islands

## 03-2. Payment schedule, period covered by each payment, and recipient's bank account

### ■ Payment schedule

In principle,

- the first payment is made around the end of the month preceding the months in which the visit starts.
- the second and subsequent payments are made at the end of every three months.

### ■ Period covered by each payment

- the first payment period is calculated based on three months from the starting date of the visit.
- the second and subsequent payment periods start from the day after the last day of the previous period.

### ■ Bank account of payment recipient

- In principle, the remittance is made to the bank account indicated on the prescribed form.
- In this case, the remittance is made to a personal bank account in the name of Fellow. Remittance cannot be made to the host institution.
- JSPS will cover the fees and commissions for remittances sent to an overseas bank account. However, the fees for receiving overseas remittances must be borne by the recipient.
- In principle, remittances to an overseas account are made in Japanese yen at the rate prevailing on the date of remittance. The money will be received in the local currency.

## 03-3. Notes on receipt of funds from other sources

Receipt of <u>research funds</u>	Receipt of funds <u>other than research funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the fellowship period, Fellows may receive research funds from other sources, whether in Japan or abroad. However, the research funds received must contribute to the implementation of the research project conducted under the JSPS Overseas Research Fellowships.</li> <li>Fellows must submit the prescribed form to JSPS if they are already receiving such funds before their overseas visit starts and/or will continue to receive them after the visit begins.</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="73 922 896 1321"> <p>*If research funds are included in the amount received, they will not be considered as a duplicate payment. The receipt of other funds (including salaries), but excluding research funds, is permitted if the amount is less than JSPS maintenance allowance.</p> <p>* It is possible for Fellows to receive goods, housing, and other welfare amenities provided by the host institution for purposes similar to the circumstances in “b” above.</p> </div>	<p>After the overseas visit starts, Fellows are not allowed to receive the same type of funds, salary, or other income as provided under this Fellowship. If, however, they would contribute to the implementation of the research project conducted under the JSPS Overseas Research Fellowships, the following funds, salaries, fellowships, etc. may be received as exceptions to this rule.</p> <p>[Exceptions allowed during the Fellowship period]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fellows affiliated with Japanese universities or research institutions at the time of application may continue to receive salary from that institution.</li> <li>Funds paid by the host institution under certain circumstances: such as continuation of research activities at the institution as a JSPS Fellow, compliance with regulations pertaining to admission procedures at the institution, or funds to obtain a visa</li> <li>Premiums for medical insurance coverage</li> <li>Travel expenses (transportation and accommodations) paid by the host institution or other research institutions for research travel by the Fellow to places other than the host institution</li> <li>Prize money for academic awards</li> <li>Receipt of remuneration for work, etc. (Please refer to 03-4 on slide 14.)</li> <li>Fellowships and similar funds paid by foundations, etc. (Please refer to 03-5 on slide 15.)</li> </ol>



## 03-4. Receipt of remuneration for work (Condition “f” under Receipt of funds other than research funds)

- During the Fellowship period, apart from implementing the research project under the Fellowship, Fellows who perform work that satisfies all the conditions listed as 1 to 3 below may receive remuneration for such work:

1. The purpose of the work is to contribute to the implementation of the research project under the JSPS Overseas Research Fellowships
2. The position held by the Fellow is not a full-time position or equivalent (see below)
3. The host researcher acknowledges that the work accords with items 1 and 2 above prior to the Fellow doing the work.

\* What type of position is equivalent to a full-time position stated in 2 above?

A position whose type of work meets the conditions for enrolling in employment insurance and social insurance, whether in Japan or abroad. However, these conditions differ by country, region, and institution.

In Japan, a position is considered to be equivalent to a full-time position when the period of an employment contract is one month or longer and the number of hours worked per week is 20 hours or longer (80 hours or more per month).

\* Whether or not a Fellow receives remuneration is not always determined by whether or not he/she is employed. Speaking fees, manuscript fees, honoraria, committee member allowances, etc. are also considered remuneration.

## 03-5. Receipt of other fellowship and similar funds (Condition “g” under Receipt of funds other than research)

- During the Fellowship period, Fellows can receive other fellowships and similar funds when it satisfies all the conditions listed as 1 to 3 below. Duplicate receipt of the airfare is not allowed.
1. The fellowship must not be a government-funded fellowship (e.g., The Human Frontier Science Program Postdoctoral Fellowships, Fulbright Scholarship Program).
  2. The amount of funds must be less than the amount of JSPS Maintenance allowance
  3. The funder must agree that the Fellow's main activity under the fellowship is the implementation of his/her research project under the Overseas Research Fellowships, and also allow such payment that overlaps the Fellow's maintenance allowance.

## 03-6. Status other than JSPS Overseas Research Fellow

- During their visit period, Fellows may not hold another position, except for a research position at Japanese universities or other Japanese research institution to which they were affiliated at the time of application.
- Fellows may not be enrolled as students at a university, graduate school, etc. during the visit period.
- In the cases listed in (i) and (ii) below, it is possible to have a status other than JSPS Overseas Research Fellow, provided that holding such status is for the purpose of contributing to the research project under the Fellowship. Please be sure to consult with your receiving host institution before acquiring such status and entering into an employment relationship with them. Pay sufficient attention to whether or not that status violates any requirements related to the visa that you have or will obtain.
  - i. With regard to obtaining any status (including full-time postdoctoral researchers, etc.) when (a) using the research facilities of the host institution, (b) obtaining a visa, (c) receiving research funds, or (d) receiving funds paid by the host institution, please also refer to slide 13 “Notice for receipt of funds from other sources.”
  - ii. With regard to holding a status necessary for receiving remuneration, please also refer to slide 14 “Receipt of remuneration for work.”

# 04 | Procedures for making changes during overseas visit



## 04-1. Change of travel plan

- The purpose of this Fellowship program is to support researchers who devote themselves to research at a specific university or research institution overseas for an extended period of time. Application, including the research plan and host institution, are screened based on this purpose. Therefore, Fellows must move their research base to the overseas host institution and carry out their research for 2 years under the host researcher of the research project stated in the application. In addition, the period of the fellowship cannot be started while the Fellow is still in Japan.
- If it should become necessary to change these conditions due to unavoidable reasons, Fellows must inform JSPS in advance and follow the necessary procedures as stipulated in the “Program Guidelines.”
- While changes in the title of the research project are not permitted, the research plan may be adjusted flexibly as the research progresses without JSPS’ s approval.

## 04-2. Items that can be changed ①

### 1. Change of the host researcher or host institution

If you wish to apply for a change of host researcher or host institution due to unavoidable reasons, it is necessary to submit the prescribed documents and obtain approval from JSPS before making the change.

### 2. Shortening of the visit period

JSPS will not provide Fellows the maintenance allowance for the shortened period. After the shortened visit period is approved by JSPS, the return airfare will be paid on the condition that the Fellow arrives back in Japan on the last day of the newly approved visit period.

If it is determined before the Fellow starts this program that he/she cannot do the full 2-year overseas visit, his/her fellowship will be withdrawn.

### 3. Additional work

Additional work refers to research activities that continue after the visit ends and meet all the requirements listed in a) to c) below. The period of additional work is not included in the period of the Overseas Research Fellowship. Therefore, JSPS will not provide the maintenance allowance during the period of the additional work, but will pay the return airfare once the additional work is approved, provided that the Fellow arrives back in Japan by the end date of the additional work.

- a) The additional work must be closely related to the Fellow's research as an Overseas Research Fellow.
- b) The period must be less than one year.
- c) Fellow must not be receiving a similar fellowship that cover the cost of airfare.



## 04-2. Items that can be changed ②

### 4. Temporary period of return to Japan

Temporary return to Japan during the Fellowship period should be limited to the extent that it does not interfere with the Overseas Research Fellow's research activities. Specifically, the maximum period for one return trip is 30 days with an overall total of 60 days permitted, but exceptions to this limit may be considered when necessary. JSPS will not pay transportation and other expenses related to the temporary return.

### 5. Suspending and resuming the Fellowship for childbirth and childcare

- Suspending and resuming Fellowship due to childbirth (including stillborn birth after 4 months and birth by Fellow's spouse/partner) and to care for a child under 3 years of age.
- The period of fellowship suspension is from the day 6 weeks before the expected date of birth to the day the child reaches the age of three. Approval is granted on a daily basis. (With regard to multiple pregnancies or stillborn births, please refer to "Program Guidelines.")
- The period of suspension is not included in the period of the Fellowship.

### 6. Suspending and resuming Fellowship for injury and illness

- Applicable to Fellows who have been diagnosed as being unable to devote themselves to their research for one month or longer.
- The period of suspension is to be one month or longer, and approved on a daily basis, as determined based on the period stated in a medical certificate.
- Maximum period of suspension is 12 months in total during the visit period. There is no upper limit to the number of suspensions.
- The fellowship cannot be suspended if the period of suspension exceeds the maximum period stated above.
- The period of suspension is not included in the period of the Fellowship.

# 05 | FAQ & Others



## FAQ 1

**Q. There are forms that require the signature of a Fellow or host researcher. Is it acceptable for the signatures to be electronic?**

A. For this Fellowship program, the following electronic signatures are accepted as valid. These documents must be of image quality and their contents fully readable by JSPS.

- An electronic file of a photographed or scanned paper form with the signature of the Fellow/ host researcher.
- An electronic file with a signature created by a method generally referred to as an electronic signature (e.g., an electronic signature using Adobe Acrobat's digital ID).

You can also use an image file of a signature created using a stylus pen or fingertip on a tablet computer or smartphone, or an image file of a signature written on paper media, etc., However, in order to ensure the authenticity of the signature, please make sure that the entire form, including the signature, is undatable.

If the above does not apply in your case, or if you are not sure about how to decide, please contact JSPS.

## FAQ 2

### Q. How is the selection process for the Overseas Research Fellowship conducted?

A. This selection process is conducted by a review panel consisting of front-line researchers in Japan's scientific community. Applications are divided into groups based on a combination of review categories related to the contents of their application form. Multiple, but identical, review panel members (in principle, six reviewers per application) independently conduct a two-stage document-based review of multiple applications within the same review set. Ultimately, the top applicant in the first stage of the document review and the top applicant in the second stage of the document review are selected as the successful applicants.

In the case of RRA applicants, the successful applicant is determined based on the results of the document review in the first stage.

#### Screening Policy for Overseas Research Fellows

1. The applicant must have sufficient potential to become an outstanding researcher who will play a leading role in the future of science as a consequence of his/her research experience abroad.
2. Priority is given to applicants with research plans that aim to change their research environment and take on new research challenges by conducting research at overseas research institutions, or with research plans that are expected to significantly advance the research being conducted by the applicant prior to his/her overseas visit. (\* For RRA, omit "change research environment")
3. The research plan must be concrete, and the applicant and overseas host researcher must have conducted sufficient negotiations in advance. It is desirable for the applicant to have adequate language skills for conducting research activities in the receiving country.

## FAQ 3

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**Q. What if the funding provided via the Overseas Research Fellowship is not sufficient to meet the minimum wage standard of the host institution.**

A. In such cases, it is possible to receive funding from organizations other than the research funds from the host institution. Please refer to slide 03-3. “Notice on receipt of funds from other sources” for details on funds that can be received. If this issue applies to you, please consult with your host institution.

## FAQ 4

**Q. Please provide specific examples of funds provided by the host research institution, etc., in line with circumstances such as the continuation of one's research activities as an Overseas Research Fellow, compliance with regulations related to acceptance procedures at the host institution, or the need to obtain a visa.**

A. For example, it is possible to receive the following funds to assist the Fellow in carrying out his/her research project. However, please bear in mind the compliance requirements.

- Receiving funds as salary in addition to the Overseas Research Fellow's maintenance allowance in order to meet the minimum wage level of the host institution/the host country, the salary level required to obtain a visa, etc.
- Receiving additional payment to cover accommodations and other expenses from the Fellow's affiliated institution in Japan. (Please be aware of restrictions, such as duplicate receipt of funds from other sources, at your affiliation institution.)
- Receiving fellowships and similar funds from academic societies or private organizations, whether domestic or foreign . (Please refer to 03-3. "Notice on receipt of funds from other sources, Receipt of funds other than research funds.")



## FAQ 4 (Continued)

### Specific examples of fellowships and similar funds, etc. from academic societies or private organizations

**Case 1:** An Overseas Research Fellow who is currently conducting research at a research institution in Category A area has received an offer for an overseas XX fellowship, under which he/she is expected to receive a total payment in the amount of 10 million yen per year.



**A:** Not allowed as it would be a duplicate receipt of funds because the amount is more than the Fellow's annual allowance of approximately 8 million yen in Category A area. If you wish to receive the XX fellowship, you will need to shorten the period of your Overseas Research Fellowship.

## FAQ 4 (Continued)

### Specific examples of fellowships and similar funds, etc. from academic societies or private organizations

**Case 2:** An Overseas Research Fellow who is currently conducting research at a research institution in Category A area has been accepted for an overseas study grant from YY Foundation in Japan (not funded by the government). A grant of 3 million yen per year will be provided as the allowance. The grantor has confirmed in writing or by e-mail that the main activity of the grantee is to carry out his/her research project under the JSPS Overseas Research Fellowship and that it is possible to receive the grant in duplicate with the Fellow's allowance under the Fellowship.



**A:** Yes, you may receive the grant from YY Foundation because it is less than the A area category maintenance allowance. Please submit the documents/e-mails from the grantor to JSPS.

## FAQ 4 (Continued)

### Specific examples of fellowships and similar funds, etc. from academic societies or private organizations

**Case 3:** An Overseas Research Fellow who is currently conducting research at a research institution in Category A area has received an offer for an overseas ZZ fellowship. Under it, he fellow is scheduled to receive an annual stipend of 8 million yen, of which 7 million yen is salary and 1 million yen is a research grant, according to the grantor. In addition, the grantor has confirmed in writing or by e-mail that the main activity of the grantee is to carry out his/her research project under the Overseas Research Fellowship and that it is possible to receive the salary under the overseas ZZ fellowship in duplicate with the Fellow's allowance under the Overseas Research Fellowship.



**A:** Yes, you may receive the XX fellowship because the amount of salary payment under it is less than the Fellow's allowance in Category A area. (If the category is other than A, it would not be acceptable because the amount of the ZZ Fellowship is more than the allowance.) Please submit to JSPS documents from the grantor or the host institution (if the host institution manages the ZZ fellowship) certifying the amount of salary equivalent and research grant, along with documents, e-mails, etc. from the grantor.

## FAQ 5

### Q. Please provide specific examples of statuses other than Overseas Research Fellowship that can and cannot be obtained.

A. Specific examples are listed below. Even when these cases are acceptable, please pay attention to the conditions and compliance requirements, such as that the status must be for the purpose of contributing to the implementation of your research project under the Overseas Research Fellowship.

Examples of acceptable statuses	Examples of Unacceptable statuses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status issued to obtain an ID for using facilities</li><li>• Status needed to obtain a visa</li><li>• Status needed to receive research funds (status to meet grant application qualifications)</li><li>• Status to receive funds from the host institution, etc. (status to receive salary or to establish an employment relationship) in order to carry out your research activities under the Overseas Research Fellowship.</li><li>• Status needed to receive remuneration, obtain the job title specified by an employer (for example, a title required to work at an affiliated hospital of the host research institution)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To take a position as a professor, associate professor, etc. who independently operates a laboratory and conducts research overseas</li><li>• To take a position as a postdoctoral fellow, etc., requiring work that makes it difficult to carry out your research plan under the Overseas Research Fellowship</li><li>• For assuming a position overseas with no fixed term</li></ul>

## FAQ 6

### Q. What is the number of Fellowships awarded so far?

	FY2021		FY2022		FY2023		FY2024	
	Applied	Adopted	Applied	Adopted	Applied	Adopted	Applied	Adopted
Humanities	44	8	27	9	25	4	32	6
Social Sciences	42	5	34	9	31	7	19	5
Mathematical and Physical Sciences	123	19	95	20	79	15	89	21
Chemistry	37	7	30	8	28	6	26	7
Engineering Sciences	70	16	38	11	33	9	47	12
Information	12	3	11	2	8	2	13	5
Biological Sciences	105	22	71	22	92	27	78	21
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	66	10	41	10	32	11	41	13
Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Sciences	260	57	217	58	182	54	242	75
Total	759	147 (19.4%)	564	149 (26.4%)	510	135 (26.5%)	587	165 (28.1%)

\* The figures in parentheses in the "Total" column indicate the percentage of successful applicants.

## FAQ 7

### Q. To where have Fellows been dispatched under the Fellowship so far?

Host country \ Year	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total
USA	89	82	83	81	102	437
UK	16	15	17	12	13	73
Germany	9	11	15	7	11	53
Canada	7	7	8	6	10	38
France	8	10	6	3	4	31
Swiss	5	6	0	5	3	19
Australia	1	2	2	4	5	14
Austria	3	4	3	2	2	14
Netherland	4	2	2	2	2	12
Sweden	1	1	1	2	5	10
Italy	3	1	1	2	2	9
Spain	2	2	2	0	2	8
Singapore	1	1	2	1	0	5
Denmark	1	0	0	1	1	3
Finland	0	1	0	1	1	3
Portugal	0	0	2	1	0	3
Israel	1	0	0	1	0	2
Ireland	1	0	0	1	0	2
Taiwan	1	0	0	1	0	2
China	0	1	0	1	0	2
New Zealand	0	1	0	0	1	2
Others	2	0	5	1	1	9



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