Report & Questionnaire

Report
All the participants are requested to submit a research report before August 17th.

The participants’ reports on the results of their two months of research in Japan will be compiled into a booklet. Copies of the booklet will be distributed to our overseas partners (NSF, British Council, CNRS, DAAD and the Canadian Embassy in Japan), all the host researchers, host institutes and related Japanese academic organizations. You also will receive a copy in about six months after the program ends. Also, to introduce the program to potential candidates for next year, we would also like to post your research report on JSPS’s Website.

Reports should be prepared in the manner prescribed below. Please note that if your report does not follow these instructions, we may need to edit the layout (though we will not change the contents).

- Use the format downloadable from the following address:
- Keep the length of your report within 2 pages.
- Leave enough lower margins (for page numbers).
- Prepare your report using MS-Word format.
- A black-and-white booklet of Fellows’ reports will be printed.

Please submit your report using both of the following methods.
1) E-mail to the following address before August 17th: sp2012@simul.co.jp
   Please be sure to include your ID number in the title of your e-mail (example: Report from SP99999). Please submit your report in MS-Word or PDF format.
2) FAX a printed report to the following number before August 17th: +81-(0)3-3524-3135
   This is to assume we can read your report if the emailed text is garbled.
*If you should be unable to submit your research report by August 17th, please bring it on a CD or a USB flash memory and a printed copy to the Research Report Presentation Session to be held on August 21st. The CD or the USB flash memory will be returned to you on that day.

Questionnaire
Please hand in the questionnaire at the Research Report Presentation Session. Your comments and suggestions will be helpful to us in planning the program for the next year.

Use the format downloadable from the following address:
1. Name: (ID No.: SP12)

2. Current affiliation:

3. Research fields and specialties:
   Humanities    Social Sciences    Mathematical and Physical Sciences
   Chemistry     Engineering Sciences    Biological Sciences
   Agricultural Sciences    Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Sciences
   Interdisciplinary and Frontier Sciences

4. Host institution:

5. Host researcher:

6. Description of your current research
7. Research implementation and results under the program
   Title of your research plan:

   Description of the research activities:

8. Please add your comments, including any cultural experience during your stay in Japan (if any):

9. Advisor’s remarks (if any):
| **1. Name:** Isaac S. NEWTON (ID No.: SP12511) |
| 2. Current affiliation: University of Cambridge |
| 3. Research fields and specialties: Mathematical and Physical Sciences |
| 4. Host institution: Hanzomon University |
| 5. Host researcher: Prof. Taro GAKUSHIN |

6. Description of your current research

Write in Times New Roman 12pt font (if possible).
7. Research implementation and results under the program
(As much as possible, describe the contents and results of your research in a manner that is easily understandable to a non-specialist in your field.):

Title of your research plan:

Description of the research activities:

8. Please add your comments, including any cultural experiences during your stay in Japan (if any):

9. Advisor’s remarks (if any):

Note:
Your research report will be compiled with those of the other participants in a black-and-white booklet. To publish the booklet, we need the research reports to be prepared in MS-Word and PDF format. Keep the length of your report within 2 pages and leave enough lower margins (for page numbers). Your report should be submitted by August 17th. First e-mail your report to: sp2012@simul.co.jp and then fax its printout to: +81-(0)3-3524-3135
Questionnaire

*Please return this questionnaire to the front desk at the Research Report Presentation Session to be held on August 21st.*

*Please type or write in block letters.*

1. Nominating authority
   - □ NSF  □ British Council  □ CNRS  □ DAAD  □ Canadian Embassy

2. Research fields and specialties
   - □ Humanities  □ Social Sciences  □ Mathematical and Physical Sciences
   - □ Chemistry  □ Engineering Sciences  □ Biological Sciences
   - □ Agricultural Sciences  □ Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Sciences
   - □ Interdisciplinary and Frontier Sciences

3. Current status
   - □ Master Course  □ Doctor Course  □ Postdoctoral Researcher

4. Gender  □ Male  □ Female

5. How did you learn about the program?
   - □ Through announcement by a nominating authority
   - □ Through announcement by JSPS
     Please specify: □ Through JSPS's Website
     □ Through a JSPS poster or pamphlet
     □ Through an advertisement by a JSPS overseas office
   - □ From a previous participant
   - □ From your current advisor or colleague
   - □ From a Japanese host researcher
   - □ Other, please specify:

6. What is the primary motive for your participation in the program? (Choose one answer only.)
   - □ To gain specific knowledge related to your current research
   - □ To work with a particular researcher or at a particular lab
   - □ To work in a particular research project
   - □ To acquire international research experience
   - □ To experience life in Japan

7. Were the pre-departure communications useful to you in preparing to participate in the program? (ex. 'Terms and Conditions' sheet, arrangement of your airline tickets, pre-departure seminar in your country, etc.)
   - □ useful  □ not useful
   Please explain why you chose useful or not useful.
8. Was the information provided in the orientation at Sokendai sufficient?
   □ sufficient  □ not sufficient
   If you chose ‘not sufficient,’ what other information would you like to have received?

9. Were the Japanese language classes appropriate and effective?
   □ yes  □ no
   If you chose ‘no,’ please explain.

10. Were you satisfied with the introductory program to Japanese culture (incl. homestay experience)?
    □ satisfied  □ unsatisfied
    If you chose ‘unsatisfied,’ please explain.

11. How did you find the research environment at the host institution? Please answer each of the items below.
    1) Research guidance given by your host researcher:
       □ Excellent  □ Good  □ Satisfactory  □ Unsatisfactory

    2) Frequency of communications with your host researcher:
       □ Daily  □ Often  □ Occasionally  □ Seldom

    3) Research facilities (both adequacy and accessibility to them should be taken into account):
       □ Excellent  □ Good  □ Satisfactory  □ Unsatisfactory

    4) Frequency of communications with Japanese colleagues other than your host researcher:
       □ Daily  □ Often  □ Occasionally  □ Seldom

    If you chose ‘unsatisfactory’ or ‘seldom’ with regard to the above questions, please explain.
12. How do you evaluate the degree to which you achieved your research objective?  
   □ Beyond expectation  □ Fully accomplished  □ Satisfactory  □ Unsatisfactory  
   If you chose ‘Unsatisfactory,’ please explain.

13. Was this research experience in Japan useful in your professional development?  
   □ yes  □ no  
   If you chose ‘no,’ please explain.

   If you answered ‘yes,’ in what respect? (More than one answer may be checked.)  
   □ Knowledge or information acquired during the program  
   □ Contacts established with Japanese collaborating researchers  
   □ International research experience  
   □ Experience of living in a foreign country

14. What aspects of the program were the most interesting or valuable to you?

15. When you experienced any problems associated with living in Japan (excluding research-related matters), where did you go to seek assistance or advice? (More than one answer may be checked.)  
   □ Host researcher  □ Colleagues at the host institution  □ Host institution  
   □ Nominating authority  □ JSPS  
   □ Other, please specify:

16. How do you evaluate the overall program?  
   □ Excellent  □ Good  □ Satisfactory  □ Unsatisfactory

17. Having now experienced research and life in Japan, what do you think the possibility is of your conducting future research in Japan?  
   □ Have already / am planning to  
   □ Would like to create opportunities  
   □ If a favorable opportunity arises  
   □ Not interested
18. If you are interested in the future research in Japan, do you intend to come to Japan again by using the JSPS fellowship programs? 
☐ yes  ☐ no

19. Are you interested to participate in a community which consists of former JSPS fellows?
☐ Very interested  ☐ Interested  ☐ Not interested

20. If you have any advice (incl. cultural difference or research life in Japan) for future fellows of this program, please add your comments (the comments may be posted on JSPS Summer Program webpage anonymously): 

21. Please add your comments (if any): 

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.
Mailing Address for Future Contact

Your research report will be complied with those of the other participants into a booklet, which will be sent to you after the program. Please fill in the following in block or typed letters so that we can mail you a copy of the booklet and our newsletter, “JSPS Quarterly.” If you plan to move within six months, please let us know your new address.

Your Name: ID No.: SP12 _ _ _

□ Office □ Another contact address:

Name of institution:

Position title:

Address:

Tel: Fax:

E-mail address:

* The information provided above may be given to the JSPS alumni association.

□ Yes □ No

You may be assured that the information you provide will be used solely for compiling the alumni database, not for any other purpose.

JSPS Alumni Follow-Up Activities

Over the past 20 years, more than 7,500 researchers from all over the world have come to Japan under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Foreign Researchers Program. Considering those former fellows to be valuable assets in advancing research between Japan and its counterpart countries, JSPS places great importance on follow-up activities aimed at retaining contact and communication with and among them. Please visit our home page!

URL: http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-plaza/20_alumni.html

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