

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

BRIDGE Fellowship

**Screening Criteria**

1. Alumni member's contribution to boost India-Japan relations and to spread the awareness of JSPS, his interest to increase collaboration between India and Japan would be the main criteria.
2. For considering the Bridge Fellowship, Indian JSPS Alumni Member should have minimum 5 year gap for retirement.
3. IJAA will consider the members who is working in India for minimum 5 years after returning back from Japan.
4. While submitting his/her application for the Bridge Fellowship, Alumni member should submit a separate application form created by IJAA, to assess the applicant's contribution to IJAA activities as well as India-Japan relations.
5. Applicant should submit "No Objection Certificate" from his institution, saying that, if he/she receive the Bridge Fellowship, then the institution will allow him to take up the fellowship. Persons who will not submit this form will not be considered.
6. JSPS alumni member's contribution to his/her research field will assess before providing Bridge Fellowship.

Name of Alumni Association: Indian JSPS Alumni Association

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Alumni Association Chair's Name:

Prof. D. Sakthi Kumar



(date) Feb 2, 2026

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Nominating Committee Chair's Name:

Prof. D. Sakthi Kumar



(date) Feb 2, 2026

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Name of JSPS overseas office Director\*:

Prof. Yoshio Otani



(date) Feb 2, 2026

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\*If there is no JSPS overseas office in the country of your alumni association, the designated official in the Japanese Embassy. (The name of the official will be sent to you separately.)

<Instruction>

Alumni associations, in coordination with JSPS offices\*\*, are to establish criteria for application screening (with reference to the examples provided below) and submit them to JSPS for approval before convening the selection committee.

\*\*For alumni associations without a JSPS overseas office in their country, coordination is carried out with “the JSPS-designated embassy official.”

(BRIDGE Fellow Eligibility)

- Be a researcher who is employed as an active researcher working at a university or a research institute.
- Be a researcher who has experienced research in Japan under a JSPS program and who is currently a regular member of an officially recognized JSPS alumni association.
- Agreement by host researcher to all seven items of support in Form B (Agreement by Host Researcher).

(Examples of other screening criteria)

- 1) Contribute to creating, sustaining and/or strengthening scientific networks between applicant’s home country and Japan.
- 2) Visit expected to advance research and/or contribute to creating, sustaining and/or strengthening scientific networks.
- 3) Good pre-visit communication between applicant and proposed host researcher and a concrete activity plan established between them.
- 4) In addition to the host institution, visits will be made to several other institutions for the purpose of engaging in discussions, giving lectures, or conducting other activities. Education-oriented activities may be included such as exchanging views with young Japanese researchers.
- 5) As much as possible, no preference is to be given to the applicant’s age, specialty or destination institution.

Note: In conducting these screening, care should be taken not to leak the applicant’s personal information.