

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

**FAQ on JSPS International Fellowships for Research in Japan**

Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan  
Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan

This FAQ consists of two parts, one written in Japanese and the other in English. If any differences in wording or interpretation should occur between the two parts, the Japanese part will take precedence.

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**Entire Program**

Same for all fellowships

Q1001: From when to when does the fellowship period cover?

A: It covers the period from the day a fellow coming from abroad arrives at an airport in Japan, which is day the fellowship starts, to the day that the fellow departs from an airport in Japan, which is the day the fellowship ends. (This does not apply to fellows who reside in Japan before or after the fellowship period.) If, however, the fellow's departure flight takes off at or after 12 midnight, the previous day may be considered as their fellowship ending date.

If fellows remain in Japan after their fellowship ends to continue or conclude their research, the extended period is not included within the fellowship period.

## **Application Procedures**

### **Same for all fellowships**

Q2001: When applying for a fellowship, how do host researchers get issued (reissued) the ID and password needed to access the JSPS Electronic Application System for International Program?

A: They should apply to the admin office of their affiliated research institution.

The issuance and reissuance of the ID and password of which registrations are obtained on the JSPS Electronic Application System for International Program

([https://www-shinsei.jsps.go.jp/topkokusai/top\\_kokusai.html](https://www-shinsei.jsps.go.jp/topkokusai/top_kokusai.html) (only in Japanese)) are entrusted to the admin office of their affiliated research institution. Note that the ID and password for International Program differs from those of the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI), Research Fellowships for Young Researchers, and Leading Initiative for Excellent Young Researchers.

Q2002: If I, as a host researcher, am already hosting a fellow, may I also apply to host another fellow?

A: Yes, you may. There is no limit placed on the number of individual fellows that a researcher may host. However, the hosting of multiple fellows should be done in a way that is not disruptive to the hosting system. As many researchers must be supported under the program with limited financial resources, limits are placed on the number of applications that may be submitted at one time. Please check the Application Guideline in advance.

Q2003: May the host researcher or fellow apply for another program and receive a research grant under it?

A: The Program “International Fellowships for Research in Japan” places no limitations on overlapping JSPS programs (except for fellowships) nor on programs carried out by other organizations (except for fellowships). (Please check the application qualifications and duplication limitations of the other programs.) If it does not impede the implementation of their research under this and the other program and if the host, fellow and host institute continue to fulfil their obligations stipulated in the Program Guidelines, they may apply for another program. However, they should first thoroughly discuss and come to a mutual understanding on applying for the other program or research grant.

Please note that fellows are not eligible to apply for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI).

Q2004: May the fellow be funded by another fellowships?

A: Fellows under this program may not accept another fellowship during their tenure because it may interfere with the research performance of on JSPS fellowship program. If you have accepted another scholarship or grant, please contact JSPS to check if receiving such support is considered neither to have effect on the obligation to concentrate on fellowship program nor to fall under the double payment of expenses.

Q2005: Can JSPS introduce overseas researchers to host researchers or potential hosts in Japan?

A: No, JSPS doesn't have the ability to make such introductions.

For your information, "researchmap" (<https://researchmap.jp/?lang=en>), "J-GLOBAL" (<https://jglobal.jst.go.jp/en>), " Database of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKEN)" (<https://nrid.nii.ac.jp/en/>) or "JSPS Researchers Network (JSPS-Net)" (<https://www.jsps-net.isps.go.jp/>) will help you to find host researchers or potential hosts in Japan.

#### **Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan (Standard)**

Q2201: How do I (host researcher) go about applying for a Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows?

A: After being selected for the fellowship, the host researcher may, as the Principal Investigator, apply for this Grant-in-Aid. Note that the application period differs with the timing of the fellow's arrival in Japan. Please see the below JSPS website for details.

(<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-grants/index.html>)

#### **Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan (Short-term (PE))**

Q2301: If when applying for a fellowship I do not receive a notice of my selection result, may I (host or fellow) apply again for the same fellowship?

A: Yes, you may. When, however, two applications are selected, only one of them will be supported and you should decline the others.

## **Eligibility of Host Researchers and Fellows**

### **Same for all fellowships**

Q3001: Do I satisfy the application requirements for hosting an overseas researcher, and does the overseas researcher satisfy the eligibility conditions to become a fellow?

A: The host institution should confirm each fellowship program's application requirements and eligibility conditions based on the Application Guideline. In doing so, if there are any questions about the interpretation of the eligibility requirements, the institution should contact JSPS.

Q3002: Regarding host researcher eligibility, can emeritus or guest professors be considered as "full-time" researchers or the equivalent thereof?

A: Each host institution is to decide on eligibility. To host an overseas researcher however, the applicant must be able to take responsibility to carry out the fellowship program continuously during the period of the fellow's tenure.

Q3003: Before the fellowship starts or during the fellowship period, either the host researcher or the fellow are scheduled to lose our eligibility. Will an application need to be filed to withdraw from the fellowship?

A: No. In such case, please refrain from applying. Under this program, only applications that comport to the specified purpose and period of the fellowship are accepted.

Q3004: I have more than one nationality. How would this be handled?

A: In judging whether you meet the eligibility conditions for becoming a fellow and when filling out your application, please select the nationality of the passport you will use when entering Japan. After that, continue to use the same nationality for your processing in Japan.

### **Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan (Standard, Short-term (PE), Short-term (PA))**

Q3101: If I have Japanese citizenship or permanent residency, can I apply for a Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan?

A: No you may not. If, however, you meet its eligibility conditions, you may apply for a JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists.

Q3102: May a person with dual nationality that includes Japanese nationality apply?

A: A person who plans to adopt a foreign nationality and renounce their Japanese nationality by the time they arrive in Japan may apply. The person will need to prove that they have renounced their Japanese citizenship no later than the day before the fellowship begins.

Q3103: May a person apply who has received a professional degree in Japan or an MD or JD in the US?

A: No, as these degrees are not awarded in doctoral courses. You may apply, however, if you obtain a

separate doctoral degree (e.g. Ph.D.) or equivalent.

Q3104: I have more than one doctoral degree. Which degree will be used to calculate the number of years that have passed since I was awarded my degree?

A: It will be the date that you received your latest degree.

Q3105: I understand that I must submit a copy of my Certificate of PhD Award or a copy of my Degree Diploma before starting my fellowship. What considerations, if any, should I keep in mind when submitting these documents?

A: It is necessary to submit a copy of the Certificate or a copy of your Diploma no later than the day before your fellowship begins. However, if you need an onward travel ticket, please submit the Certificates of Ph.D. Award as far in advance as possible, as the ticketing procedures for onward travel will be initiated upon submission of the Certificates of Ph.D. Award for the Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan (Standard). For the Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan (Short-Term (PE), Short-term (PA)), ticketing procedures for onward travel will be initiated upon submission of the Certificates of Ph.D. Award or Certificate of Expected Degree Acquisition. Even when you have satisfied all the requirements for obtaining your Ph.D., some universities may not issue your Certificate of Ph.D. Award in time to submit it by the day before your fellowship starts due the scheduling of a degree approval. In such a case, check in advance to see whether the Certificate can be issued and submitted to JSPS by no later than the day before the end of the period specified for arrival in Japan in each recruitment round of the subject fiscal year. If it should be difficult to submit the Certificate by that date, please contact JSPS.

The Certificate of Ph.D. Award should not be a certificate written by an advisory faculty member, but should be an official document issued by the university. Regarding the content of the Certificate, it should be written in such a way as to attest that your doctoral degree will be issued at the latest by the day before your fellowship starts. A certificate that just shows the last date of your doctoral course or the date you finished defending your dissertation will not be accepted.

For the Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan (Standard), the fellow's roundtrip air tickets are issued based on the receipt of this Certificate, so it should be submitted as early as possible.

#### Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan (Standard)

Q3201: When submitting my application, I will hold a JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC). Would I be eligible to apply for a Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan (Standard)?

A: Yes, if you satisfy the eligibility conditions for the postdoctoral fellowship. If this is the case, please contact JSPS.

Q3202: May I submit my application through the same professor and laboratory (institution) where I obtained my doctoral degree in Japan?

A: Yes, you may apply through the same host professor and institution. However, you should ask another researcher who knows your research well to write the letter of recommendation.

**Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan (Short-term (PE), Short-term (PA))**

Q3301: I hold citizenship/permanent residency status in an eligible counterpart country and have received a doctorate from a graduate school in Japan. May I apply for this fellowship?

A: No, you may not. If you have received a doctoral degree from a Japanese university, you may try to apply for a Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan (Standard).

Q3302: When will I need to submit evidence that I am a citizen/permanent resident of an eligible counterpart country?

A: After you are selected, you will need to submit a document that shows you are a citizen/permanent resident of an eligible country.

Q3303: Is the UK eligible for this program after separating from the EU?

A: The UK remains eligible under this program.

※Q3303 applies only to Short-term (PE)

Q3304: I understand that to apply for this fellowship a person who is not a citizen or permanent resident of an eligible country must be in the process of continuously conducting research over a period of 3 or more years at a university or research institution in an eligible country. How are these years counted?

A: The only years counted are those in which the applicant continuously conducted research while affiliated with a university or research institution in an eligible country.

The following years are not counted:

- (1) When an applicant lived in an eligible country but was not affiliated with a university or research institution in it or when they were affiliated with a university or research institution in an eligible country but did not conduct research at it.
- (2) When an applicant was affiliated with and conducted research at a university or research institution in an eligible country, interrupted their research in that country to do research in a non-eligible, then continued their research in an eligible country. Only the applicant's most recent research period in an eligible country is counted.

Examples of short-term (PE) fellowship applicants for the first FY2024 recruitment round (JSPS deadline: 29 September 2023).

- This example satisfies the requirement (3 or more years had been spent in a doctoral course at time of application)

History	Period	Years counted
XX University (USA) Taking doctoral course	Oct 2018-Sep 2023 (present)	5 years
Continuous research in eligible countries		5 years

• This example doesn't satisfy the requirement (Not affiliated with a university or research institution in an eligible country at time of application)

History	Period	Years counted
XX University (USA) Completed doctoral course	Apr 2020-Mar 2023	3 years
No affiliation (USA)	Apr 2023-Sep 2023 (present)	Not counted
Continuous research in eligible countries		None

• This example doesn't satisfy the requirement (Continuous research in eligible countries interrupted)

History	Period	Years counted
XX University (USA) Completed doctoral course	Apr 2017-Sep 2020	3 years and 5 months
△△ Research Institute (Australia) Researcher	Oct 2020-Oct 2021	Not counted
XX University (USA) Researcher	Nov 2021-Sep 2023 (present)	1 year and 11 months
Continuous research in eligible countries		1 year and 11 months

#### Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan

Q3501: May persons (overseas researcher) who have already received an Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan apply again for this program?

A: Yes, they may. However, from the perspective of supporting many researchers with a limited financial resources, from FY 2022 each invited fellow may only come to Japan (start a fellowship) one time per fiscal year. Accordingly, candidates (invited overseas researchers) selected under the first recruitment for either a short- or long-term Invitational Fellowship for Research in Japan may not apply for short-term fellowship under the second recruitment of the same fiscal year.

## **Preparing an Application**

### **Same for all fellowships**

Q4001: Is a certain language specified for filling out the application?

A: Except for places where otherwise instructed, the application should be filled out in either Japanese or English. Proper names and technical terms can be an exception to this rule. When appropriate, supplement them with Japanese or English.

Q4002: When filling out an application on the Electronic Application System, is it possible for me (host researcher/fellow) to use the writing (characters) of the fellow's country of registration in inputting their name and address?

A: In this case, please use English letters because the Electronic Application System does not use the other kanji sets than JIS level-1 and level-2, external characters, and special characters. The name entered on the application will be printed in the Award Letter issued when the fellow is selected. If after the letter is issued, the Immigration Bureau should require the fellow's name to be printed in the characters of their country when conducting pre-departure processing (e.g. visa application processing), please consult with JSPS.

Q4003: Is altering the application form (WORD format) allowed?

A: No, it is not. Neither the margins of the form, number of pages, order of items, nor page format are to be altered. For details, see the Instructions for the application forms.

Q4004: Are the font size and number of characters specified for each item in the application form (WORD format)?

A: No, they are not. Please use a font size (12 point or larger) that is easy for the reviewers to read and take care that the spacing between words and lines is not too tight. For details, see the Instructions for the application forms.

### **Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan (Standard, Short-term (PE))**

Q4101: If the electronic signature on a letter of recommendation appears using the applicant's PC but cannot be correctly displayed or printed when using a third party's PC, can the letter be submitted?

A: Yes, but please note that the screening will include any defect in the application.

### **Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan**

Q4501: May I prepare the form L-2 and S-2 both in Japanese and English? If that is the case, which format (Japanese or English) should I use?

A: Yes. You can write either in Japanese or English to fill in the application forms except for the items to which language instructions are given. While the form L-2 and S-2 are provided both in Japanese and English, you can choose accordingly.



Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan (Long-term)

Q4601: My fellowship tenure is scheduled to be for five and a half months. May I input the number of days on my application?

A: Application are only made on a monthly basis. A fellowship period noted in an application on a daily basis will need to be adjusted: Please convert the days into months and shorten the period appropriately by submitting the “Application for Schedule Change” after you are selected.

**Procedures from Award Letter through the completion of Fellowship Tenure  
(excluding allowances)**

**Same for all fellowships**

Q5001: May I change my host researcher or host institution before my fellowship starts or during my fellowship tenure?

A: As a rule, you may not. Your selection under this program is based on the joint research stated in your application to be conducted with your host researcher at your host institution and on arrangements made by your host institution to accommodate you. Under special circumstances, however, changes may be approved. In such cases, please contact JSPS.

Q5002: May per diem (daily allowance) be paid to fellows?

A: Fellows are not allowed to receive per diem regardless of the reason or funding source. (Per diem is already included in the fellows' maintenance allowances paid by JSPS.)

However, researchers under Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan (Short-term) may receive per diem during overseas travel. If such travel is directly related to implementing their research plan, per diem may be paid from the research support allowance.

Q5003: May fellows receive payment for travel and lodging when making domestic and overseas research-related trips?

A: Yes, they may. Fellow may be paid from research support allowance. See Q5002 as to the use of per diem.

Q5004: May I change the fellowship starting date entered in the application form and/or other documents submitted after receiving the Award Letter?

A: If the change is made before submitting the "Notice of Acceptance and Pledge" (Postdoctoral Fellows) or "Notice of Agreement and Acceptance" (Invitational Fellows), you may enter the new starting date on these forms and submit it. If the change is made after submitting the Notice of Acceptance and Pledge or Notice of Agreement and Acceptance or was changed in the past, Postdoctoral Fellows should contact JSPS via their host institution and Invitational Fellows should submit the "Application for Schedule Change".

Q5005: For a fellow to pursue their research project at an organization other than the host institution, say for the purpose of using its research facilities, is it possible acquire formal status (unrelated to employment (etc.)) in that organization?

A: Yes, it's possible.

Q5006: If a host researcher should lose their eligibility to host a fellow (other than death of the host), or if the fellow should lose their eligibility (other than death), what should be done?

A: Please contact JSPS right away.

If the loss of eligibility occurs on or after the date of the Award Letter and before the date that the fellowship is scheduled to start, processing to withdraw the fellowship is carried out. JSPS will pay no allowances, or will require allowances already paid to be refunded. Fellows will be required to pay their own related expenses, such as airline cancellation fees.

If the loss of eligibility occurs during the fellowship, processing is to be carried out to shorten the fellowship to the date that the fellowship period ended due to the host and/or fellow losing their eligibility. For this purpose the “Notice of Fellowship Completion (Shortening)” (Postdoctoral Fellows) or “Application for Schedule Change” (Invitational Fellows) is to be submitted. JSPS will only pay allowances for the approved period of the shortened fellowship. Already paid allowances rendered inapplicable by the shortened period must be refunded. Fees for flight changes (etc.) are to be paid by fellows themselves. In the case of invitational fellows, however, if the shortening of the fellowship results in a period with fewer days than the minimum stipulated by the program, a fellowship withdrawal is to be processed. In this case, JSPS will pay no allowances, and already paid allowances rendered inapplicable by the shortened period must be refunded. Fees for flight changes (etc.) are to be paid by fellows themselves.

If the “Research Support Allowance Expenditure Report” is not submitted by the host researcher and fellow, a proxy should be asked to prepare and submit them.

#### Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan (Standard, Short-term (PE), Short-term (PA))

Q5101: May postdoctoral fellows work as a part-time lecturer at an organization other than the host institution during their tenure?

A: No, they may not.

Q5102: My spouse is an overseas postdoctoral fellow. May I declare them as my dependent? Can JSPS prepare a certificate for that purpose?

A: Please check with the employment section of your institution. JSPS does not issue a certificate related to dependents. Please consult your institution as to whether they can issue the certificate using as reference a copy of the “Certificate of Financial support” and a sample of the certificate contained in the Guidelines.

Q5103: The fellow had acquired a post in their own country (other than Japan) before the starting date of the fellowship period and is receiving a salary from that research institution. During their fellowship tenure, may they continue to receive that salary?

A: If it does not violate the “obligations of the fellows” stipulated in the Guidelines, the fellow may receive a salary from the other institution. However, they may not if the institution is located in Japan or if they acquired the post on or after the first day of the fellowship period, even if the other institution is located overseas.

Q5104: May I set the final day of my fellowship tenure as being during a temporary leave away from Japan?

A: No, you may not. As the last day of your tenure is the day you depart Japan, you must be in Japan on the last day of your fellowship. (If a fellow remains in Japan after the end of their tenure under this program for the purpose of continuing the planned research, it may not be necessary for them to depart Japan on the last day of the fellowship.)

Q5105: Must I depart Japan on the last day of my fellowship?

A: Only for the purpose of finishing up one's research under this program, a fellow may receive permission to remain in Japan for up to two months after the final day of your tenure. For details, please see the Section "Remaining in Japan after the Fellowship period ends" of the Program Guidelines.

Q5106: When writing the research report may I change my research title from that entered in my fellowship application?

A: No, you may not. If the title is not an exact match, your report will not be accepted.

Q5107: It's stated that a leave of absence is not permitted during the period within 30 days of the end of the fellowship. Is it permitted when the leave is needed to participate in a scientific meeting?

A: There are cases when an exception is allowed based on fellows' need to take the leave to, for example, participate in a conference, pursue their research, or give a research presentation. If such is the case, please contact JSPS.

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Q5501: When an invitational fellow gives a lecture or performs similar activities, may they receive honoraria paid by funds other than from the research support allowance?

A: Yes, they may. However, it must be in the form of an honorarium, not salary. (Fellows must not be hired to conduct these activities.)

Q5502: Are fellows obligated to leave Japan on the day of expiration of their fellowship?

A: Yes, they are. In exceptional cases, a continuous stay in Japan after expiration of fellowship due to the requirements for research activities may be approved. Please read the Section "Continuous Stay in Japan after Expiration of Fellowship" of the Program Guidelines for further details.

Q5503: When preparing the research report (form 7), is it possible to change the research title from the one stated in the application documents?

A: No, you can't. Only the research report that bears exactly the same research title will be accepted.

## **Allowances (Maintenance Allowance, Research Support Allowance and Travel Allowance)**

### **Same for all fellowships**

Q5002: May per diem (daily allowance) be paid to fellows? [written again]

A: Fellows are not allowed to receive per diem regardless of the reason or funding source. (Per diem is already included in the fellows' maintenance allowances paid by JSPS.)

However, researchers under Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan (Short-term) may receive per diem during overseas travel. If such travel is directly related to implementing their research plan, per diem may be paid from the research support allowance.

Q5003: May fellows receive payment for travel and lodging when making domestic and overseas research-related trips? [written again]

A: Yes, they may. Fellows may be paid from research support allowance. See Q5002 as to the use of per diem.

Q6001: What kind of funding is the maintenance allowance?

A: It covers the cost (travel expenses) of fellows' daily living while carrying out research activities in Japan. Concretely, it is funding to cover the fellow's lodging and daily expenses (including the cost of meals and travel within the same area). Note that double funding is prohibited.

Q6002: What kind of funding is the research support allowance?

A: The allowance is to be used to cover costs directly related to the implementation of the joint research/surveys and compiling/reporting the results. The host researcher applies for this allowance. Within the parameters of the rules for using the research support allowance, the host should consult with the fellow and reach an agreement on how the allowance will be used and, then, take responsibility for the proper use of the funds in line with the objectives of the research project. Based on its rules and regulations, the host institution is to manage and execute the research support allowance on behalf of the researchers.

Q6003: What in specific are the rules for using the research support allowance?

A: Matters not specified in the rules for using the research support allowance in the Program Guidelines should be supplemented by the host institution based on its own rules and regulations and on the following directives: "Guidelines on the Management and Audit of Public Research Funds at Research Institutions (Implementation Standards)" (Adopted by the MEXT on 15 February 2007; Revised on 1 February 2021), "Guidelines for Responding to Research Misconduct" (Adopted by the MEXT on 26 August 2014), and "Measures Against Misconduct in Research Activities and Misuse (etc.) of Research Funds" (Rule #19, Adapted by the JSPS on 6 December 2006).

Q6004: In the rules for using the research support allowance, how are such costs as “Consumables” and “Facilities and equipment” defined?

A: Please use the rules established by the host institution.

Q6005: How should we determine what cost items are under the research support allowance?

A: Please use the rules established by the host institution.

Q6006: When can we begin using the research support allowance?

A: As a rule, on or after the day that the fellowship period starts. If, however, preparation is needed to carry out the research project under this program and the fellow agrees on the use of the funds, the allowance may be used before the fellowship’s starting date.

Q6007: Who may use the research support allowance?

A: Under the responsibility of the host researcher, both they and the fellow may use the allowance at their own discretion. If the host researcher and fellow approve, items purchased by them may be used by other researchers to carry out research activities.

Q6008: May the research support allowance be used by fellows for travel on the days of their arrival in and departure from Japan?

A: Yes, they can. However, the allowance may only be used for travel between the airport in Japan and the host institution. The fellow’s domestic travel allowance is used for that purpose.

Q6009: During the continuous stay in Japan after expiration of fellowship, can host researcher and fellow receive the project-related delivery of goods and provision of services paid for from the research support allowance?

A: No, they can’t. Such goods and services must be concluded by the end of Fellows’ tenure.

Q6010: May I use my research support allowance for commuting to the lab?

A: No, you may not.

**Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan (Standard, Short-term (PE), Short-term (PA))**

Q6101: Are there any document that I’ll need to submit to receive my air ticket to Japan?

A: Yes, you will need to submit the following documents: PhD diploma or other documentation to certifying that you meet the requirement, Form A (Notice of Acceptance and Pledge), Form 1 (Notice of the Schedule for Fellowship Commencement) and Form2 (Notice of Bank Account). If you have not yet obtained a visa, your tickets cannot be issued.

Q6102: Are there any document that I’ll need to submit to receive payment of my initial allowances?

A: You will need to submit the above listed documents (Question 6101). If you are not already residing in Japan, you must also have been issued your air ticket to Japan.

Q6103: If I wish to have my allowances from the 4th month onwards paid into a bank account other than my own, do I need to submit any documents?

A: You will need to submit a power of attorney for your allowances to be deposited into that account and a receipt after each deposit. For the power of attorney form, fellows should contact JSPS.

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Q6501: The fellows' air ticket is used for flights between the country of their affiliated research institution and Japan. If a fellow has business in a third country immediately before arriving in or departing from Japan, can JSPS provide them with an air ticket to the third country?

A: If the organization with which the fellow has business cannot provide the tickets, JSPS may pay for them. In this case, the host institution should contact JSPS before the fellow books flights with the JSPS's designed travel agency. Please note that JSPS covers up to the equivalent of the airfare between the international airport nearest to the institution to which a fellow is currently affiliated and the international airport nearest to their host institution in Japan. The fellow is responsible for paying the difference should that occur.

## **Overseas Travel Insurance (while in Japan)**

Fellows should consult with the insurance company or insurance agent for individual cases.

Q7001: Would fellows need to apply for insurance?

A: No. When filing a claim, fellows should consult the designated insurance agency directly.

Q7002: When would the “Overseas Travel Insurance (Open policy): Insured Card” be issued?

A: Once the Notice of Fellowship Commencement is received, the insured card will be issued by the agent from the beginning of the following month, and will be mailed to the host institution. The fellow may keep the card anywhere.

The insurance card cannot be issued before the fellowship starts. If, during that period, fellows must show that they are enrolled in the insurance during their fellowship, they should do so using the Program Guidelines or the Guide to Insurance Policy for JSPS Fellows, which accompany the Award Letter.

In principle, the insured card is not issued for fellows whose stays are for 3 months or shorter.

Q7003: What period is the insurance valid?

A: It is valid from 0:00 midnight JST of your first tenure date, till 24:00 JST of your last tenure date.

During this period, there could be cases where injury/sickness before arrival to Japan or after leaving Japan may be covered.

Q7004: If an English insurance certificate is necessary for visa application, could it be issued?

A: The insurance company would issue an English certificate for you. If this is the case, please contact the insurance agent.

Q7005: If the fellow comes to Japan with family, could the family apply for the overseas travel insurance? Also, if the fellow remains in Japan after tenure, could the insurance be extended?

A: It would be possible if the contractor is Japanese. However, insurance premiums would have to be self-paid. For further procedure, please consult the insurance agent.

Q7006: If the fellow temporary leaves Japan during tenure, would insurance be valid?

A: If the trip is for work, it would be valid. However, if the designated country is the departed country before coming to Japan, and 30 days have passed, the insurance would temporary be invalid (Insurance would start again once re-entered to Japan.) If tenure ends without re-entry, insurance will expire at end of tenure.

Q7007: If an injury occurred during research activities such as fieldwork or natural science experiments, would it be covered under insurance?

A: Yes. However, injury from radiation contamination or projection accidents are not covered. If the



fellow accidentally started a fire and burnt an equipment, the accident's compensation would fall under liability during (work) job duties, thus would not be covered under insurance.

Q7008: If the fellow caused someone's injury, would it be covered under insurance?

A: Yes. However, as the case of Question 7007, if the accident falls under liability during (work) job duties, it would not be covered.

Q7009: Would dental care or hospital visits for treating chronic diseases be covered under insurance?

A: No, they would not be covered.