

**2. [Research Plan]** Provide a concise statement using conceptual diagrams, etc. as necessary. The maximum length of this section is one (1) page. You must not change the format or add extra pages.

**(1) Positioning of the Research**

Describe the positioning of the research that you will pursue as JSPS Research Fellow, including the current trends, issues, and other background information on the relevant research area, and how you came to conceive your research plan.

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**[Research Plan] (Continued)** Provide a concise statement using conceptual diagrams, etc. as necessary. While there are no limitations to the number of words for each item, the maximum length of this section is two (2) pages in total. You must not change the format or add extra pages.

**(2) Research Objectives, Description, etc.**

- (i) State the objectives, methods, and details of the research in the research plan you will pursue as JSPS Research Fellow.
- (ii) Give a specific description of your research plan, what you aim to establish, and to what extent. This should be in line with the funding category (the range of total budget) you choose for Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows (See the remark\* below).
- (iii) Explain also, the features and uniqueness of your research (comparison to prior studies, etc., expected impacts upon completion of the research, future prospects, etc.).
- (iv) If your research plan is positioned as part of the research activities of your affiliated laboratory, identify the portion you will be responsible for.
- (v) If you plan to engage in research at research institutions other than the host research institution (including overseas research institutions, etc.) during the research plan period, provide the specifics of the plan.

\*If the research period for Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows is 3 years (DC1 only), the total budget shall be: maximum 2.4 million yen for [Funding Category A]; over 2.4 million yen and up to 4.5 million yen for [Funding Category B]. If the research period is 2 years, the total budget shall be: maximum 1.6 million yen for [Funding Category A]; over 1.6 million yen and up to 3 million yen for [Funding Category B]. If the research period is 1 year, the total budget shall be: maximum 800,000 yen for [Funding Category A]; over 800,000 yen and up to 1.5 million yen for [Funding Category B]. (Funding Category B can be selected only if you need extra budget to carry out your research plan.)

*(Note) Delete this line and the explanation below in italics and the diagram when completing this Application Form.*

- *All applicants must describe their research plan for Funding Category A. Then, if you have specific needs to exceed the maximum total budget for Funding Category A in order to carry out your research plan for Funding Category B, give a short description of how your plan is different from the research plan for Funding Category A (details of additional research to be conducted).*

(Example) If you are a DC2 Fellow to be carrying out a project under Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows for a research period of two years

<p><b>Category A</b></p> <p>A research plan to be carried out with a maximum total budget of 1.6 million yen (The research plan which will become the basis of your research as JSPS Research Fellow) (*Must be provided by all applicants)</p> <p>Only if you have specific needs to exceed the maximum total budget of 1.6 million yen in order to carry out your research plan, give a short description on how your plan is different from the research plan for Funding Category A (details of additional research to be conducted) (*Only applicants who choose Funding Category B)</p>
<p><b>Category B</b></p>

(Example) If you are a DC1 Fellow to be carrying out a project under Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows for a research period of three years

<p><b>Category A</b></p> <p>A research plan to be carried out with a maximum total budget of 2.4 million yen (The research plan which will become the basis of your research as JSPS Research Fellow) (*Must be provided by all applicants)</p> <p>Only if you have specific needs to exceed the maximum total budget of 2.4 million yen in order to carry out your research plan, give a short description on how your plan is different from the research plan for Funding Category A (details of additional research to be conducted) (*Only applicants who choose Funding Category B)</p>
<p><b>Category B</b></p>

- *Your choice of [Funding Category A or B] will affect neither the selection of Research Fellows nor the review for Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows.*
- *Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows has become a multi-year fund starting from the FY2023 call for proposals.*
- *You should highlight your plans, if any, to collaborate with global researchers or to engage in research abroad or participate in overseas training.*

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**3. Protection of Human Rights and Compliance with Laws and Regulations** The maximum length of this section is one (1) page.

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Use this column to describe the actions and measures you will implement if your [2. Research Plan] includes research activities that require actions based on guidelines, laws and regulations, etc. (including guidelines, laws and regulations, etc. of the countries/regions in which joint international research may be conducted), including research that requires obtaining consent and/or cooperation of counterparts, research that requires special attention in the handling of personal information, and research that requires actions related to bioethics and/or biosafety.

Provide specific information on the status of the approval process, as this will apply to surveys, research, experiments, and other activities that would require approval by an internal or external intelligence committee, ethics board, or other review boards, for example, questionnaire/interview/behavioral surveys involving personal information (including personal histories and videos), surveys, etc. of domestic and foreign cultural heritage sites, use of donated specimens, research of invasive nature, human genome analysis, genetic recombination experiments, and animal testing.

Indicate “not applicable” if this does not apply to your research plan.

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**4. [Self-analysis on applicant's ability to conduct research]** While there are no limitations to the number of words for each item, the maximum length of this section is two (2) pages in total. You must not change the format or add extra pages.  
Provide specific statements on (1) your strengths in research, and (2) qualities that you think you will need to acquire for further growth as researcher, each in the relevant research area and in relation to your past engagements in research activities, etc., including the Research Plan proposed in this Application.

*(Note) Delete this line and the explanation below in italics when completing this Application Form.*

- *In entering your statements for (1) and (2) below, be specific in describing your strengths/qualities in research, e.g., from the perspective of independence, inspiration, problem-solving abilities, breadth/depth of knowledge, technical/communication/presentation skills, etc. Try to be creative in how to present them, for example, by itemizing the strengths/qualities as necessary.  
Also indicate any impact to the research which is worth noting that occurred due to suspension of research activities.*

### **(1) Your strengths in research**

*(Note) Delete this line and the explanation below in italics when completing this Application Form.*

- *Describe your strength, listing the outcome (papers, etc.) of past research activities, if any, to evidence your statement.*

*In showing the outcome (papers, etc.), provide sufficient information so that the works can be identified.*

*(Example) Academic papers (Indicate whether the paper has been peer-reviewed. Only selected peer-reviewed publications can be marked "reviewed.")*

*Provide the title, author(s), name of journal, volume, pp (first page number-last page number), and year of publication.*

*(Example) Publication of research findings (Indicate oral presentation or poster, and whether the presentation has been peer-reviewed.)*

*Provide the author(s), title, name of conference, identifier/code of your paper, etc., venue, month and year of the conference. (Do not include presentations that are planned to be published, unless the application for presentation has already been accepted.)*

### **(2) Qualities that you think you will need to acquire for further growth as researcher**

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**5. [Ideal figure of researchers, etc.]** While there are no limitations to the number of words for each item, the maximum length of this section is one (1) page in total. You must not change the format or add extra pages.

The JSPS Research Fellowship Program aims to foster and recruit creative researchers who will become future leaders of scientific research in Japan. In light of this objective, provide a statement on (1) what you consider an ideal figure of researchers, and (2) the positioning of research activities to be conducted during the fellowship tenure to become an ideal researcher figure.

**(1) What you consider an ideal figure of researchers** \*Include in your statement what qualities you should acquire to become an ideal research figure.

**(2) Positioning of research activities to be conducted during the fellowship tenure to become an ideal researcher figure stated above.**