



Programme Information

JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Overseas Researchers (Standard)

I. The programme

The JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Overseas Researchers (Standard) provides opportunities for young and excellent postdoctoral researchers from other countries to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions. The program allows such researchers to advance their own research while contributing to the progress of research in Japan and the counterpart countries.

II. Financial provisions and duration of fellowships

The amounts of the awards indicated below are subject to change.

- 1) A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS regulations)
- 2) A monthly maintenance allowance of ¥ 362,000
- 3) A settling-in allowance of ¥ 200,000
- 4) Overseas travel insurance

Note:

- For the candidate who has been living in Japan (and has a mailing address) before his/her fellowship starting date, a settling-in allowance will not be paid and only the airfare for the return flight will be paid.
- A research grant, „Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Research Fellows” is available to cover cooperative research-related expenses. Application for this grant is made by the host researcher through his/her institution. For details, please see the application guidelines for the Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Research Fellows.

Additional benefits granted by **the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation** for all research fellows selected by the Foundation for a research fellowship sponsored by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science:

- **reintegration allowance** for attending job interviews or participating in important career-promoting conferences in Germany;
- a **return fellowship** may be granted for a maximum of twelve months immediately following the research stay abroad. It allows fellows to continue cooperation with their hosts in association with a research institution in Germany;



- **alumni sponsorship** following a successful stay abroad, especially financial assistance for participating in conferences and for short-term visits from or to members of the Humboldt Network abroad (or in Germany when living abroad).

PERIOD: From 12 -24 months (full months). The duration of the fellowship may not be divided into multiple stays.

STARTING DATE: Fellows must start their fellowship in Japan during the period of 1 April -30 November of the respective budget year.

III. Application requirements

1. HOST RESEARCHERS AND HOST INSTITUTIONS IN JAPAN:

- Candidates must arrange in advance a research outline for their stay in Japan with their host researcher.

- Host researchers must satisfy the following two conditions at the time of application, at the time of selection, and during the fellowship period:

- 1) Be affiliated with a research institution specified in Article 2(*) of the Procedure for the Handling of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI), issued by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) (*), be eligible to apply for a KAKENHI grant, and wish to host an overseas researcher.
- 2) Be a full-time researcher. However, researchers who are not employed full-time may be eligible if the host institution judges them able to execute their responsibility to carrying out the program uninterruptedly throughout the fellow's tenure including providing him/her a suitable research environment (e.g., laboratory, space, facilities and personnel) in the same way that a full-time researcher would be able to do.

* Eligible host institutions specified under the above MEXT procedure are as follows:

- 1) Universities and inter-university research institutes
- 2) MEXT-affiliated institutions engaged in research
- 3) Colleges of technology
- 4) Institutions designated by the Minister of MEXT

For a detailed list of host institutions please refer to:

[List_of_Eligible_Host_2025.pdf](#)

- A fellow's host researcher may not be changed during the fellowship tenure. Therefore, if it is known at the time of application that the host researcher will retire, due to reaching retirement age or other reason, during a candidate's fellowship tenure, s/he should not be a host researcher.



2. FIELDS OF RESEARCH:

All fields of research

3. ELIGIBILITY:

Each candidate for the Fellowship must:

- 1) Possess either the nationality, citizenship or must be a permanent resident of the nominating country or meet the Humboldt Foundation's criteria for the Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship Programme.
- 2) Hold a doctorate degree when the Fellowship goes into effect, which must have been received no longer than six years prior to 1 April of the respective budget year (1 April to 31 March). Maternal and/or parental leave may be taken into account. In this case, additional submission documents are required. Please consult the Humboldt Foundation for further information.
- 3) Have arranged in advance a research outline with his/her Japanese host.

Note:

- Those who have previously been awarded and started a fellowship under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan (Standard Program (P) and Pathways to University Positions Program (PU)) are not eligible. Former Fellows of the JSPS Summer Program and the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan (Short-term) are eligible to apply.
- Multiple applications for the same program through overseas nominating authorities in the same fiscal year are not allowed.
- Persons of Japanese nationality are not eligible to apply nor are those of dual nationality if one is Japanese. Also those who have permanent residency in Japan are not eligible.
- MD (Medical Doctor) holders without a PhD degree are not eligible.
- If it becomes known even after being selected that a candidate does not possess application eligibility, the applicants' selection is to be cancelled or eligibility terminated during the fellowship period. In such cases, the candidate is required to reimburse JSPS the already-paid allowances

The Humboldt Foundation assumes that candidates will abide the [Rules of Good Scientific Practice](#) and the legally binding principles of scientific ethics during the application and sponsorship periods. For further information on this, please refer to section D of the [Guidelines and Information for Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships](#), which also include further details pertaining to the fellowship and to the research stay.