



JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Overseas Researchers (Standard)

Programme Information

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 accident and sickness insurance coverage

Note:

The amounts of the Awards indicated above are subject to change. If the Fellow were already residing in Japan before his/her fellowship started or had resident status before/after the date his/her award letter was issued, the above-mentioned air ticket to Japan and settling-in allowance will not be provided.

A research grant, „Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research“ (Tokubetsu Kenkyuin Shorei-hi) of up to ¥ 1,500,000 per year (total of 3,000,000 yen for two years) is available to cover cooperative research-related expenses. Application for this grant is made by the host researcher through his/her institution.

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)

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 have arranged in advance a research outline for their stay in Japan with their host researcher.
- Host researchers must, in principle, be a researcher who is employed full-time at a university or research institution as 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). However, there are cases when a researcher not employed in a full time position may be eligible. Such persons must be eligible to apply for a KAKENHI grant-in-aid and his/her affiliated institution must judge them able to implement the project and to provide an appropriate research environment (e.g., laboratory, equipment, personnel) for it.

* 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:

https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-summer/data/list_of_host_institutes_2020.pdf

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.
- 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).
- 3) Have arranged in advance a research outline with his/her Japanese host.

Note:

- Those who have previously been awarded a fellowship under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Overseas Researchers (excluding the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (Short-term) for North American and European Researchers and Summer Program) are not eligible.
- Those who do not meet the above nationality/citizenship requirement may apply for the program only if they meet the Humboldt Foundation's criteria.
- 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.

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 Fellows](#), which also include further details pertaining to the fellowship and to the research stay.