

JSPS Summer Program 2027
Organized by JSPS and SOKENDAI in Cooperation with Overseas Partners:
CNRS, DAAD, Embassy of Canada to Japan, NRC and STINT

JSPS Summer Program 2027 Application Guidelines

1. Objectives

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) provides a fellowship for young foreign researchers, namely the Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan. This fellowship offers opportunities for these researchers to pursue collaborative research at Japanese universities and research institutes, thereby allowing them to advance their own research while promoting scientific progress in both Japan and their respective countries.

The JSPS Summer Program is implemented as a component of the Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan. It provides opportunities for young pre- and postdoctoral researchers from North American and European countries to receive an orientation on Japanese culture and research systems, and to pursue research under the guidance of host researchers at Japanese universities and research institutes for a period of two months during the summer.

The secretariat for this program is the Overseas Fellowship Division within the JSPS International Program Department. It is assisted by the Graduate University for Advanced Studies (SOKENDAI) in conducting the online kickoff meeting and the face-to-face orientation programs.

2. Overseas Partner Institutions: Nominating Authorities

JSPS seeks cooperation from the following overseas partners in recruiting and nominating candidates for the program:

- Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France)
- Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (Germany)
- Embassy of Canada in Japan/ National Research Council Canada (Canada)
- The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (Sweden)

*As for the participants from the US, Canada (excluding those nominated by NRC), and the UK, the JSPS Washington Office and the London Office recruit them, respectively.

3. Fields of Research

All fields of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences are included under in this program.

4. Program Elements

- Before coming to Japan, an online kickoff meeting, which will include speeches by organizers, a talk session with former participants who studied in Japan will be held around April or May 2027.
- After arriving in Japan, an orientation session, including Japanese language lessons, cultural experiences and a poster presentation conducted by SOKENDAI, will be offered. After the orientation program, the successful candidates (hereinafter referred to as “fellows”) will have an internship or a collaborative research opportunity at a research facility, such as a university laboratory or a scientific research institution. The homestay program

on weekend will be also offered.

5. Duration of Program

Fellowships are awarded for a period of two months, from June 14 through August 24, 2027. A tentative schedule is provided below, though it is subject to minor changes. Fellows will be informed of the final program schedule.

Dates	Location	Housing (Tentative)	Activities
April - May, 2027	Online	-	- Online kickoff meeting
June 14	Narita/ Haneda, Tokyo	Hotel at Narita/Haneda Airport	Arrival in Japan
June 15	Hayama, Kanagawa Pref.	Accommodation of the Shonan Village Center	- Move from Narita/ Haneda to Hayama by chartered bus - Opening ceremony - Reception
June 16- June 17	Hayama, Kanagawa Pref.	Accommodation of the Shonan Village Center	Orientation session by SOKENDAI
June 18	Host institution	Housing facility of the host institution	Move to host institution
June 19- August 22	Host institution	Housing facility of the host Institution	-Research activities at the host institution -Homestay program on weekend (Optional)
August 23	Tokyo	Hotel in Tokyo	-Move to Tokyo -Research report presentation - Farewell party
August 24	Narita/ Haneda, Tokyo		Departure from Japan

6. Candidate Eligibility (Requirements may differ by country)

(1) Nationality

Candidates must be citizens of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Canada, or Sweden. Applicants from other countries with equivalent status may apply if approved by the nominating authority in one of the above-mentioned countries. Candidates with dual or multiple nationalities may not apply through more than one nominating authority.

Note 1: Individuals who have a residential address in Japan as of the time of the application deadline set by

nominating authority, including those holding a Japanese residence card, are not eligible.

Note 2: Individuals with Japanese nationality are not eligible, even if they hold resident status in any of the countries listed above.

(2) Academic Status

At the time the program begins, candidates must meet fulfill one of the following conditions:

- Be enrolled in a university graduate program.
- Have obtained a doctoral degree within the past six years (i.e., on or after April 2, 2021).

Note 1: Whether or not the candidate is employed in a full-time position is not considered.

Note 2: Researchers who obtained their PhD within six years minus time taken for maternity and/or parental leave. (Every four weeks of leave is counted as one month, with any remaining weeks also counted as one month. These months are subtracted from the number of years elapsed since the researcher's PhD was received.) In this case, separate submission of attestation is required. Please consult with JSPS in advance via the nominating authority.

Note 3: Individuals who hold a professional degree, such as a Japanese professional degree or JD/MD in the United States, is not eligible to apply for this fellowship. (If the person also holds PhD degree, they are eligible to apply.)

(3) Candidates must obtain prior acceptance from their host researcher.

(4) Candidates must aspire to become researchers in the future.

Note: Those who have previously been awarded a fellowship under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan are not eligible.

(5) Candidates must be able to commit to arriving in Japan and departing according to the schedule designated by the Summer Program.

Note: As the allowances that JSPS pays fellows are to cover their living costs as needed to support their research activities in Japan during their tenures, fellows are, in principle, obliged to reside in Japan continuously during the period of their fellowships. With regard to temporary absences from Japan, including how to calculate the aggregate number of days away from Japan, please refer to the Program Guidelines. If it is judged that a temporary absence is taken without JSPS's permission, the fellow's allowances may be terminated.

* If it becomes known after being selected that a candidate does not possess application eligibility, their selection may be cancelled or eligibility terminated during the fellowship period. In such cases, the candidates may be required to reimburse JSPS their already-paid allowances.

7. Host Researcher Eligibility

Host researchers must meet the following two conditions at the time of application, at the time of selection, and throughout 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 Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research; and be willing to host an overseas researcher.
 - (2) Be a full-time researcher. However, researchers who are not employed full time may also be eligible if their host institution determines that they are capable of fulfilling all responsibilities associated with the program throughout the fellowship tenure, including the provision of a suitable research environment (e.g., laboratory, space, facilities, and personnel) equivalent to what a full-time researcher could provide.
- (*) 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

Fellow's host researchers may not be changed during the fellowship tenure. Therefore, if it is known at the time of application that a host researcher will retire—due to reaching retirement age or for any other reason—during the fellowship tenure, they should not be a host researcher.

8. Terms of Financial Support * Subject to change

- (1) International Travel (Round-trip air ticket)

In principle, JSPS will provide the fellows with a round-trip air ticket on the most common and economical route from an airport in the country where one of the following places is located to Haneda or Narita Airport in Japan. Fellows are not given a choice of the airline to be used as flight arrangements are made by JSPS's designated travel agent based on JSPS regulations. The departure point to Japan and the return point are, as a rule, the same both ways.

- (a) The institution to which fellows were affiliated at the time of application
- (b) The home address stated in fellow's fellowship application
- (c) A major city within the fellow's country of nationality

However, the fellow who stays in Japan for more than 120 days (including the fellowship tenure) may not be provided either their outward air ticket or their homeward air ticket.

- (2) Maintenance Allowance (JPY 534,000)

JSPS provides maintenance allowances to cover living expenses and domicile costs related to fellows' stay in Japan for the purpose of carrying out research activities in collaboration with their Hosts.

*JSPS will cover the following expenses separately from the maintenance allowance: accommodation and meals charges on arrival day (June 14), during the orientation session (June 15-17), closing ceremony (August 23) and departure day (August 24).

(3) Insurance

Under the Overseas Travel Insurance Policy in force between JSPS and the designated insurance company, all JSPS fellows are insured collectively during their fellowship tenures in Japan and are eligible to receive accident and sickness benefits under the policy.

(4) Research Support Allowance at the Institution (Up to JPY 158,500)

A research support allowance of up to JPY 158,500 is available to the Host for the purpose of covering research-related expenses.

9. Application Procedure for Candidates

Applications for this program must be submitted to JSPS through an overseas nominating authority. The application process is as follows:

- (1) Candidates who wish to conduct cooperative research in Japan make contact with their prospective host researchers.
- (2) Candidates need to submit, through their host researchers, Compliance Requirements for Host Institution from JSPS regarding post-selection hosting arrangements.
- (3) Candidates submit an application to a nominating authority.
- (4) The nominating authority conducts a scientific evaluation, select candidates, and nominates them to JSPS.
- (5) JSPS notifies the host institutions and the nominating authorities of the selection results. Candidates receive selection results through their nominating authorities

Note 1: JSPS does not find or introduce host researchers or institutions.

Note 2: Application deadlines and selection procedures differ by each nominating authority.

10. Application and Selection Procedures for the Nominating Authorities

(1) Nomination

JSPS receives applications for this program only through its nominating authorities, which are CNRS, DAAD, Embassy of Canada, NRC, STINT, JSPS Washington Office and JSPS London Office. They are invited to make nominations to JSPS as soon as they decide upon their nominees.

(2) Selection

JSPS asks the prospective Institutions whether they will officially accept the nominees; and upon confirmation, selects the successful applicants, and then notifies the nominating authorities of the results. Concurrently, JSPS sends a formal letter of invitation to each successful applicant through the designated

nominating authorities. It should be noted that it takes about two months for JSPS to process the nominations once received.

* Please note that JSPS does not accept individual inquiries on the selection.

(3) Forms to be submitted

- 1) A list of nominated candidates for the program*
- 2) FY2027 Application form (Summer Program) written by each candidate
- 3) A letter of acceptance/invitation from the nominee's prospective host researcher in Japan, stating that they accept the candidate at their institution. The letter should be signed by the host themselves and preferably on letterhead paper.
- 4) A letter of reference/recommendation from the candidate's current or previous supervisor (not from their prospective host researcher in Japan). * If submission is possible

* Please use JSPS Format.

** All documents must be in English. When the original document is in another language, please be sure to attach an English translation (which does not need to be an official translation, but may be done by the host or nominee).

*** Image data of nominee's signature pasted on the form is acceptable.

NOTICE

1. False information etc., in the application form

Should JSPS determine any information in an application to be falsified, plagiarized or otherwise flawed, including a forged signature, the application will be rejected or, if already awarded, the fellowship withdrawn.

2. Response to acts of research misconduct and funding misuse

Measures such as the termination of application screening, cancellation of selection decisions, requirement to refund part or all of already allocated funding may be taken when researchers or others are determined to have done the following: misused research funds or committed specific research misconduct (forgery, falsification, plagiarism) when conducting research activities; committed any form of human rights violation (e.g., racial discrimination, gender discrimination, sexual harassment, academic harassment, power harassment, abuse of authority, neglect); violated laws; made false statements in an application (including an unauthorized diversion of signature).

Please refer to the following for JSPS's "Rules for Responding to Misconduct and Misuse of Funds in Research Activities" (Enacted on December 6, 2006 (Rule No. 19 of 2006)).

<https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-kousei/sochi.html>

3. System for implementing the "Guidelines for Responding to Misconduct in Research"

When making proposals to JSPS and conducting research activities, research institutions are to follow the "Guidelines for Responding to Misconduct in Research" (adopted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), August 26, 2014). If MEXT judges via the results of an inspection that a research institution's system is inadequate or defective, it or an independent administrative institution under MEXT's jurisdiction may cut or reduce the indirect budget allocation of the institution's competitive funding.

Please refer to the "Guidelines for Responding to Misconduct in Research" in the following website:

https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/jinzai/fusei/

4. Research ethics education coursework

To promote the proper conduct of research activities and prevent misconduct in advance, it is first necessary to raise the level of researcher ethics within research institutions. Host institutions (host researcher's institutions) are therefore to establish educational courses for fellows to take in research ethics.

(References) Learning materials on avoiding misconduct in research activities

- 1) For the Sound Development of Science—The Attitude of a Conscientious Scientist—by Editing Committee of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science;

<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-kousei/ethics.html>

- 2) e-Learning Course on Research Ethics [eL CoRE];

<https://elcore.jsps.go.jp/top.aspx>

- 3) APRIN e-learning program (eAPRIN)

<https://www.aprin.or.jp/en>

- 4) Research ethics courses conducted by institutions based on the “Guidelines for Responding to Misconduct in Research” (Adopted by MEXT, August 26, 2014)

5. Handling of personal information

Personal information contained in application materials will be strictly controlled in accordance with the “Act on the Protection of Personal Information” and JSPS’s own regulations for protecting personal information. JSPS uses such information exclusively for the purpose of implementing its program (JSPS may use personal data when disseminating information about its operations and programs, and it may entrust personal data to external companies for the purpose of conducting electronic processing and management of the data.)

If selected for a fellowship, candidates should note that their name, nationality, title and affiliated organization, research theme, fellowship tenure, host institution, host researcher’s name and title, and research reports may be given public access.

For researchers located within the European Economic Area including the EU and, in the UK, their agreement is to be obtained to follow the above-stated “handling of personal information” in line with the “General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)”

Personal Information Protection Commission

<https://www.ppc.go.jp/enforcement/infoprovision/EU/>
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2016/679/contents>

The above also applies when providing personal information to JSPS overseas offices in countries with nominating authorities, SOKENDAI and JSPS-commissioned travel agencies and when providing personal information to external companies commissioned to conduct data processing and data management.

6. Use of Generative AI

Using generative AI when preparing your application risks an unintentional infringement of copyrights and leakage of personal or confidential information. It is the applicant’s responsibility to consider this risk when deciding whether to use generative AI.

7. Ensuring Research Integrity Against New Risks as a Consequence of the Globalization and Openness of Research Activities

In order to promote the augment of science, technology, and innovation in Japan, we must continue to enhance overseas joint research with various partners based on the principle of open science. Concurrently, the new risks as a consequence of the globalization and openness of research activities have been possible to impair the basis of research environment such as openness and transparency, and to unknowingly involve researchers to take risk of a conflict of interest or a conflict of responsibilities. In such climate, it is vital for our country to build a globally reliable research environment to protect the values that constitute the basis of research environment while encouraging necessary global collaboration and international exchanges.

Therefore, universities and institutions are required to establish regulations/rules and control management related to the conflict of interest and the conflict of responsibility based on “Policy on Measures to Ensure

Research Integrity Against New Risks as a Consequence of the Globalization and Openness of Research Activities (April 27, 2021, Decision of Council for Science, Technology and Innovation).” It is significantly essential for researchers and universities/institutions to proactively ensure the research integrity in each research activity.

From this standpoint, JSPS may, when necessary, contact your affiliated institution to confirm its compliance with the requirement to maintain internal regulations and systems for identifying and managing relevant information.

8. Issues relevant to human right protection and legal compliance

When the proposed research involves issues such as a requirement to obtain the research subject’s consent or the cooperation of a third party, or consideration in the handling of personal information, or actions related bioethics and/or biosafety (including guidelines and policies used by the counterpart country in conducting international joint research and by the countries/regions in which the research will be implemented), describe the measures and actions planned for handling such issues.

This applies to research activities that require approval by an internal or external information committee or ethics jury, such as for research involving questionnaire surveys, interviews and/or behavior surveys (including personal histories and images), surveys of domestic or overseas cultural properties, research involving personal information, the handling of donated specimens, invasive properties, human genome analysis, recombinant DNA, and experimentation with animals. In such cases, describe concretely the status of your processing and procedures in the application.

9. Ability to conduct international joint research activities, feasibility

Applicants who are or have carried out international joint research activities should clearly specify those activities if their content is related to the current application for JSPS Summer Program 2027.

If the counterpart country has travel restrictions, etc., please prepare your application to include specific plans for travel overseas and to Japan based on the best possible assumptions given the situation of travel restrictions at the time of application.

10. Security trade control (preventing technology leakage outside Japan)

Much research on cutting-edge technology is being conducted in Japan’s research institutions. Along with Japan’s advancing internationalization, there has been an increase in the number of foreign students and overseas researchers residing in Japan. This has increased the risk of advanced technologies and research materials and equipment leaking out and for them to be used in the development and production of weapons and other military-related systems. Therefore, when research institutions conduct research activities of any kind, including the contracted program, they should take systematic measure to keep research results and products that can be diverted to military use out of the hands of those involved in the development of weapons, terrorist groups, and other persons whose activities are suspect.

In Japan, export controls (*1) are carried out under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Act No. 228 of 1949) (hereinafter referred to as “FEFTA”). Therefore, in principle, in order to export (provide) goods and technologies regulated by the FEFTA, it is necessary to obtain permission of the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry. Starting with the FEFTA, Fellows must follow all of Japan’s pertinent laws and ordinances, guidelines, and directives. In addition to complying with the Foreign Exchange Act and other Japanese laws, guidelines, and notices, as well as the rules established by your affiliated institution

concerning security export control, you are also expected to make efforts to have a firm grasp and clear understanding of the corresponding laws, guidelines, notices, and regulations in the countries, regions, and research institutions involved in your international joint research. If research is conducted in violation of these laws and ordinances, measures and penalties prescribed in them may be enforced along with the termination of the fellow's research funding or their scheduled allocation of research funding.

(*1) Export controls

Japan's Security Export Control System established on the basis of international agreements mainly consists of (1) "List Control" which requires permission of the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry in principle when exporting goods or providing technologies that carry specifications and/or functions higher than certain levels, such as carbon fiber and numerically controlled machine tools, etc., and (2) "Catch-all regulation" which requires permission of the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry when exporting goods or providing technologies that are not subject to regulation under the List Control but do fall under certain regulatory requirements (application requirements, consumer requirements and/or informed requirements).

Not only export of goods but also provision of technologies can be subject to regulation under the FEFTA. When providing a "List Control" Technologies to nonresidents (including residents in the Specific Categories (*2)) or providing it in a foreign country, prior permission for the provision is required. "Provision of technologies" includes not only providing technical information such as design drawings, specifications, manuals, samples, and prototypes via storage media such as paper, mail, CD, USB memory, but also providing work knowledge and technical assistance at seminars through technical instruction, skill training etc.

Researchers should be aware that there may be case in which technologies subject to regulation under the FEFTA are involved when mentoring foreign students and/or doing joint research activities with overseas groups. Please also bear in mind that the provision of technologies acquired in the contracted program or the provision of technologies already in possession with the use of the contracted program may also be subject to restrictions.

In addition, foreign students who receive funding for studying abroad from foreign governments may, even if they have residence status, fall under specific categories of residents subject to export control regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act. Therefore, host institutions should appropriately assess the status of scholarships and other financial support provided to international students.

(*2) The term "Specific Categories" refers to the types of residents that are heavily influenced by nonresidents. It also indicates the specific types of residents who fall under the clauses in 1 (3)Sa ① thru ③ of the "Notification for Transactions or Acts of Transferring Technology Requiring Permission pursuant to Article 25 (1) of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA) and Article 17 (2)-(4) of the Foreign Exchange Order (FOE)."

In accordance with FEFTA, a security export control structure must be established when exporting List Control Goods or providing List Control Technologies to a foreign country. (*3) For this reason, prior to entering into a contract (when the grant decision is made), fellows may be asked if they have any plans to export goods and/or technologies that are subject to export restrictions under the FEFTA as a result of this

contracted program and, if there is an intent to export, they will be asked whether or not there is a management system in place to control such exports.

(*3) Exporters are mandated to comply with the "Compliance Requirements for Exporters" set forth in Article 55-10 (1) of the FEFTA. The security export control structure here refers to an organization's internal control system to prevent unauthorized exports and other acts by appropriately exporting List Control Goods or providing List Control Technologies to foreign countries, based on the control system in the "Compliance Requirements for Exporters".

For details on Security Export Control, please see the following websites.

○Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry: Security Export Control (General)

<https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/ampo/englishpage.html>

○Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry: "Handbook on Security Export Control"

<https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/ampo/seminer/shiryō/handbook.pdf>

○Center for Information on Security Export Controls

<https://www.cistec.or.jp/english/index.html>

○"Guidance for the Control of Sensitive Technologies for Security Export for Academic and Research Institutions 5th Edition"

<https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/ampo/daigaku/guidance5.pdf>

https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/ampo/law_document/tutatu/t07sonota/t07sonota_jishukanri03.pdf

(Japanese only)

○Notification for Transactions or Acts of Transferring Technology Requiring Permission pursuant to Article 25 (1) of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act and Article 17 (2)-(4) of the Foreign Exchange Order

https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/ampo/law_document/tutatu/t10kaisei/ekimu_tutatu.pdf (Japanese only)

11. Strict enforcement of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2321

Regarding the strict implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions, a request has been made via the document "Strict Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2321" (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, International Affairs Division, Administrative Notice, dated June 25, 2024). Paragraph 11 of Resolution 2321 stipulates, as a general principle, the suspension of scientific and technological cooperation involving individuals or organizations that are officially supported by or represent North Korea.

When writing internationally co-authored papers involving multiple countries, there is a possibility of unintended co-authorship with North Korean researchers, even when there is no direct collaboration between researchers affiliated with your institution and those from North Korea. Therefore, ensure that thorough verification is carried out during the manuscript drafting stage and before paper submission, and take appropriate measures accordingly.

For information on UN Security Council Resolution 2321, please refer to the following link:

<https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/files/000211409.pdf>

12. Undergoing External Verification in accordance with the Basic Guidelines for Proper Conduct of Animal Experiments

Research institutions such as universities that conduct animal experiments are required to comply with the "Basic Guidelines for Proper Conduct of Animal Experiments at Research Institutions" (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Notification No. 71, 2006, hereinafter referred to as the "Basic Guidelines"). In particular, the Basic Guidelines emphasize the proper conduct of

animal experiments based on the 3Rs principle: use of alternatives (Replacement), reduction in the number of animals used (Reduction), and refinement of procedures to minimize pain and distress (Refinement).

In particular, the Basic Guidelines stipulate that the head of a research institution shall ensure transparency in the implementation of animal experiments by regularly inspecting and evaluating the institution's compliance with the Basic Guidelines. Additionally, it's stipulated that effort should be made to have the results of these inspections and evaluations verified by external parties outside the institution. If when applying for this program your research involves animal experimentation, ensure that your affiliated research institution undergoes external verification. If only certain facilities within your affiliated research institution have undergone external verification, ensure that the institution as a whole undergoes the verification process.

Basic Guidelines for Proper Conduct of Animal Experiments at Research Institutions (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Notification No. 71, 2006)

https://www.mext.go.jp/b_menu/hakusho/nc/06060904.htm

13. Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS)

In view of the situation of TB cases in Japan, Pre-Entry TB screening will be introduced to nationals of countries with a particularly large number of TB cases in Japan, who intend to enter Japan and stay for a medium- to long-term, to ensure that they do not have active TB before traveling to Japan.

TB screening will apply to nationals of countries (the Philippines, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Nepal, Myanmar, and China*) with a large proportion of foreign-born cases diagnosed with TB during their stay in Japan who intend to enter and stay in Japan as a "mid- to long-term residents"*** (excluding re-entry permit holder) or under the provisions of Notifications No. 53 (Digital Nomad) or No. 54 (Spouse or Child of Digital Nomad) "Designated Activities."

* As of April 2026, TB screening commencing date for the nationals of Indonesia, Myanmar and China are under coordination. Commencing date will be announced when start date is confirmed.

** "Mid- to long-term residents" refers to individuals specified in Article 19-3 of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (foreign nationals who are residing in Japan with a status of residence, excluding those who fall into one of the following categories: (1) a person who has been granted a period of stay of not exceeding three months; (2) a person who has been granted the status of residence of "Temporary Visitor" ; (3) a person who has been granted the status of residence of "Diplomat" or "Official"; and (4) a person prescribed by Ministry of Justice Order as being equivalent to a person mentioned in (1) through (3)).

For more information about JPETS, please visit the website of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan.

<https://jpets.mhlw.go.jp/jp/>

14. Approximate number of fellowships awarded and amounts of financial support

The approximate number of fellowships awarded and amounts of financial support are subject to change for budgetary reasons.

15. Obligations and procedures after being provisionally selected

Fellows, host researchers and host institutions should read the "Program Guidelines" enclosed with the award letter for information on their obligations under the program, procedures to be carried out, and rules to be followed (e.g., conditions for taking temporary leaves of absence, for using the research support allowance). Particularly in view of the time required for the issuance of the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE), fellows are encouraged to confirm promptly with each host institution whether or not

a visa is required. You may refer to the previous Program Guidelines posted below:

JSPS Summer Program 2026 PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

<https://www.jsps.go.jp/file/storage/>

[j-fellow_summer2026/Guidelines/JSPSSummerProgram2026PROGRAMGUIDELINES.pdf](https://www.jsps.go.jp/file/storage/j-fellow_summer2026/Guidelines/JSPSSummerProgram2026PROGRAMGUIDELINES.pdf)

16. FAQ

FAQ on this program is provided on the following websites. Please refer to it if there is something unclear to you with regard to making an application or procedures to follow after you are selected.

<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/faq.html>

Obligation of the Candidates, Host Researchers and Host Institutions

(Including Measures against Misconduct and Misuse of Funds)

The host researchers, candidates and host institutions should bear the following ten points in mind when applying for the program, and should observe them if selected for a fellowship. After selection, they will be expected to observe the regulations and procedures stipulated in the Program Guidelines for JSPS Summer Program. If either of the candidate or the host researcher should fail to do so, the fellowship may be withdrawn, allowances (including airfares) stopped, and already-paid allowances (including research grants) reclaimed.

- (1) So as to allow the smooth progress of the candidate's research in Japan, before submitting an application, the host researcher is to fully inform the candidate of conditions at the host laboratory, including their status under the fellowship, and ascertain the candidate's agreement to accept those conditions.
- (2) Host researcher will, in cooperation with the administration office of the host institution, provide a suitable arrangement for the candidate to pursue their joint research and other research activities. The host researcher will also assist the candidate, when needed, with immigration processing (including applying for a "Certificate of Eligibility"), securing domicile and other matters related to their stay in Japan.
- (3) During the fellowship tenure, the host researcher is advised not to commit such acts equivalent to human rights violations (e.g., discrimination, gender discrimination, sexual harassment, academic harassment, power harassment, abuse of authority or neglect), and should be particularly careful not to say or do anything that could be interpreted as committing such acts. If a researcher should commit such an unethical act and be punished via measures imposed by the host institution, they will be restricted from applying for the JSPS International Fellowship for a period of five years starting from the day that the punishment is administered.
- (4) During fellowship tenure, candidates shall not, either in or outside the host institution, infringe in any way on the human rights of others, including racial or gender discrimination or other forms of abuse.
- (5) As a rule, candidates are to stay in Japan continuously during the tenure of their fellowships, concentrating on their research and not engaging in other work*, neither paid nor unpaid, during their tenures.
- (6) Host researchers and candidates shall follow the rules established by the host institution and JSPS prohibiting acts of research misconduct, (e.g., fabricating or falsifying research results) and the misuse of research funds.
- (7) The candidates must submit a research report using prescribed format before the deadline set by JSPS.
- (8) When presenting or publishing the content or results of research conducted under the fellowship, the JSPS fellowship should be acknowledged.

(9) Host institution shall inform both the host researcher and the candidate of the rules that it and JSPS have established to prevent research misconduct (e.g., fabricating or falsifying research results) and of the penalties for violations. It shall take action to see that these rules are obeyed.

(10) Host institution is to take primary responsibility for the candidate's actions, so it must be proactive in preventing any human rights violations, research misconduct or misuse of research funds on the part of the candidate during their tenure. If any such problems should occur, the host institution will endeavor to resolve them. If requested by JSPS, it is to report such problems.

(*) Types of activities that are not included in above-noted "other work"

Only the following activities 1)-4) are allowed to be carried out as a part of the candidates' research activities during their tenure. However, candidates must not be hired for conducting these activities.

Before conducting these activities, candidates must obtain approval from their hosts, ensuring that the activities will not hinder the performance of their research.

1) Activities such as research-related teaching to students at Institutions.

2) Participating in a research project closely related to the candidate's research title.

3) Taking part in outreach activities that are relevant to the candidate's research title.

4) Taking part in events organized by JSPS for candidates.

Other Point to Bear in Mind

- Obtaining Host's Informal Acceptance

To facilitate the selection process, applicants should obtain in advance of applying the informal acceptance of their host researchers.

Applicants need to submit, through their host researchers, Compliance Requirements for Host Institution from JSPS regarding post-selection hosting arrangements.

- Lodging Arrangements

As the allowance provided to fellows under the program is to cover their subsistence and lodging costs over the entire 2 months period, fellows are strongly advised to ask their host researchers in advance to arrange accommodations such as international students' lodges or dormitories of the host institution, for them.

- Pre-departure Consultation with Host

Before coming to Japan, fellows should discuss with their host researchers both their research plan and life in Japan. It is also requested to receive instructions from their Host on how to get to their Institutions from the nearest Japanese international airports and on the time they should arrive.

- Resident Status

Before departing for Japan, fellows are to consult with their Host and Host Institution as to whether or not they will need to obtain a visa. (Some Japanese research institutions require all foreign researchers to acquire a visa.) If you are asked to have a visa, please apply by yourself and obtain a visa that coincides with your purpose and length of stay in Japan. Hosts and Institutions are asked to apply for the fellows' Certificate of Eligibility and to assist them in applying for and obtaining a proper visa. Please note that JSPS does not answer inquiries or help to process visa applications for fellows and their family members.

Regarding the need to obtain a visa by fellows from Countries and Regions for Visa Exemptions as specified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Immigration Services Agency informs us that there is no set policy as visa handling is done on an individual basis since foreign researchers reside in differing places and ways while in Japan.

- Change of Fellowship Tenure

In principle, neither shortening nor lengthening of the fellowship tenure is allowed, except in some cases when due to unavoidable circumstances the fellow must return home early. (In such cases, the unused portion of the fellow's maintenance allowance must be returned to JSPS.)

Other Relevant Issues

(1) Cooperation in carrying out site surveys and questionnaires

Site surveys are carried out on host institutions for the purpose of verifying the program's implementation system and the management, execution and auditing of program funding. Host researchers and fellows are asked to cooperate in these surveys. Also, questionnaires are carried out for the purpose of improving JSPS programs. Host researchers, fellows and host institutions will be asked to fill out these questionnaires.

(2) Promotion of "Open Access" to the research papers supported by JSPS International Fellowships for Research in Japan

It is JSPS's policy to provide open access to research papers. Beginning with research supported by a KAKENHI Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research and other JSPS funding, research papers should, as a rule, be given open access. Note that open access is not mandatory if there are justifiable reasons for deferral such as copyright-related issues, or insufficient repository infrastructure at the research institution. The open access implementation policy of JSPS is described on the following webpage:

https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-policy/open_science/index.html

(a) [Reference 1: What is "Open Access"]

"Open Access" refers to the basic idea that research papers published in peer-reviewed journals should be made freely accessible by anyone.

(b) [Reference 2: Different Routes to Open Access]

There are three main ways of open access implementation:

- 1) Opening access to articles published in conventional subscription fee type academic journals after a certain period of time (Embargo) (*1) (for example 6 months later) by opening the final manuscript to an Institutional Repository (*2) established by the research institution to which the author belongs, or by opening the final manuscript to the website, etc. established by the researchers (self-archiving) (*3).
- 2) Opening access to articles by posting them on a Web established by the research community or public institution.
- 3) Opening access to articles immediately by paying the publication fee (APC: Article Processing Charge) by the author of the article.

***1: "Embargo"**

The predetermined period from the time an article is published in an academic journal to the time it is released so that it can be posted on an online open-access archiving system (repository).

***2: "Institutional Repository"**

An online archiving system created by a university or research institution for storage and dissemination of intellectual products. Institutional repositories play important roles in the reform of academic information distribution by enabling researchers to register their own articles. They also allow the transmission of research and education achievements of research institutions, PR for both the research

institution and the researcher, guaranteeing the accountability of research and education activities toward society, and long-term conservation of intellectual products.

*3: “Self-archiving”

Self-archiving refers to online posting of articles published in academic journals, dissertations, or data by those other than the publisher (the researcher or research institution) generally on their institutional repositories.

(3) Management of Research Data

JSPS has established a policy that stipulates JSPS’s basic principles regarding the storage, management, and publication of research data generated during research activities funded by research grants provided by JSPS.

Researchers selected for JSPS projects are required to comply with the data policies and other regulations of the research institutions with which they are affiliated. They must also prepare a Data Management Plan (DMP) that describes the policies and plans for the storage, management, disclosure, and non-disclosure of research data generated as a result of their research activities. Researchers must conduct their research activities in accordance with their prepared DMP for the storage, management, and disclosure of their research data.

Please refer to the following website for JSPS's basic policy on the handling of research data.

https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-policy/open_science/

https://www.jsps.go.jp/file/storage/open_science/policy_open_access.pdf

(4) Acknowledging research results

When announcing research results obtained under this fellowship, please indicate the support you’ve received through the program.

Please provide an acknowledgment in research papers. Below is an example of how to write one.

“This work was supported by JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan.”

(5) Registration of the Researcher Information in researchmap

“researchmap” is, as a general guide to Japanese researchers, Japan’s largest researcher information database. Registered information on research results can be openly disseminated over the Internet using researchmap. As research map is linked to e-Rad and many university faculty databases, it allows registered information to be accessed by other systems. Furthermore, the Japanese Government plans to further utilize researchmap, so please register your researcher information on the researchmap site.

<http://researchmap.jp/>

(6) Registration on JSPS-Net

JSPS Research Network (JSPS-Net) is a social networking service oriented to researchers who have experienced participating in JSPS programs. It supports the networking of researchers who carry out activities across national borders and the creation of researcher communities.

In addition to supporting researchers in the similar fields, JSPS-Net provides a platform for establishing communities and networks among researchers carrying out activities in different fields and among researchers conducting activities in the same region—communities and networks that can also include other researchers and research-support people who are interested in those activities. In such ways, JSPS-Net works to promote future international collaborations and to advance international joint research while assisting each registered researcher in carrying out their activities on the world stage.

JSPS-Net also provides information for Japanese researchers who wish to host early-career Japanese researchers or overseas researchers, as well as for early-career researchers seeking a host.

JSPS looks forward to the fellows in this fellowship program registering on JSPS-Net. JSPS hopes that it will be interesting and useful to all fellows.

<https://www.jsps-net.jsps.go.jp/>

(7) Registration on LinkedIn

LinkedIn is the world's largest professional networking platform with more than one billion registered users in over 200 countries and regions. It serves as a hub for professionals around the world to share and exchange job and career information and generate financial opportunities.

Information about JSPS is also available on LinkedIn. We hope you will follow the JSPS International Academic Collaborations on the platform if you have experienced participating in any of JSPS programs.

○LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/jsp-international-academic-collaborations>

(8) Data Disclosure in the Life Science Field

In the MEXT document “Enhancing Research Capability in the Life Sciences (Interim Summary)”, dated July 31, 2024, it is noted that as data-driven research continues to advance in the life sciences, it is important to promote data sharing in line with global trends and to develop database platforms for life science research. Based on this intent, for the databases that will be newly developed in the life sciences under this program, as well as the data they contain, we ask for your cooperation in registering them with the integrated tools listed below and making them publicly available through those tools, in order to promote shared use and broader utilization in life science research.

No.	Data type	Releaser	Releaser's URL
1	Summary of constructed, publicly open databases	Integbio Database Catalog	https://catalog.integbio.jp/dbcatalog/en/

2	Data contained in constructed, publicly open databases	Life Science Database Archives	https://dbarchive.biosciencedb.jp/index-e.html
3	All types of research output data derived from studies using human samples, including genomic sequence data	NBDC Human Database	https://humandbs.dbcls.jp/en/

(9) National BioResource Project (NBRP)

The National BioResource Project (NBRP) has contributed to the advancement of life science research in Japan by strategically collecting and preserving important bioresources that serve as the foundation for basic and fundamental life science studies. These resources are stored at NBRP's core facilities and provided to universities and research institutions. To continue contributing to the advancement of life science research in Japan, it will be necessary to continuously collect valuable bioresources. Therefore, we ask for your cooperation in contributing to NBRP's collection efforts by depositing* any bioresources developed through this program that can be made available (limited to those targeted by NBRP) For bioresources already maintained by NBRP (including animals, plants, microorganisms, cells, genetic materials, and information), it is encouraged that they be used from a perspective of conducting research efficiently.

*Depositing: This is a procedure that allows the use (storage and provision) of relevant resources within this program without transferring any associated rights. By specifying detailed provision conditions in a deposit agreement, restrictions on usage, citation requirements in publications, and other usage conditions can be imposed on users.

NBRP Core Facility Upgrading Program – List of Targeted Bioresources and Representative Institutions
<https://nbrp.jp/resource/>