



FY2027 (1st Call) JSPS London Pre/Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan (Short-term) Guidelines for Completing your Application

1. Before Completing the Application Forms:

Please download all the application materials from our website for the correct call and read through each document so you are aware of the entire application submission procedure and to ensure that you are able to provide all the documentation required for a complete application.

You should have the following documents:

- Award Information for Applicants
- Guidelines for Completing your Application
- Compliance Regulations for Host Institutions
- Abstract
- Subject Area Form for the Humanities and Social Sciences **or** Subject Area Form for Computer, Engineering, Life, Natural and Physical Sciences (please select as appropriate)
- Application Form
- Sample Invitation Letter from Host Institution
- Notes for Referees
- Reference Form (two references must be provided)
- List of Eligible Host Institutes
- Application Checklist

Please also make sure you are able to provide copies of the following documentation:

- Evidence of correspondence with host researcher in Japan (not more than 10, A4 pages)
- A photocopy of photo page of passport
- If you are permanent resident of the UK, please provide either a screen shot of settled status confirmation via the UK Visas and Immigration Services website or copy of a Biometric Residence Permit or passport endorsement- stamp or visa vignettes, all are acceptable.
- If you are not a UK national, please provide a photocopy of your eVisa
- A photocopy of your PhD certificate (if applicable). If not already written in English, please provide a translation.
- Document certifying PhD acquisition Status (from non PhD holders only).
- Document to prove name of employer and period of employment (from postdoctoral researchers who are not nationals or permanent residents of the UK, EU, Norway, Switzerland, USA or Canada. A copy of an employee ID card or any document with the above information is acceptable).

2. Completing the Application Forms:

Please note that all submitted materials should be **typed** and not handwritten as your application may be prejudiced if it is unreadable in whole or in part. Handwritten applications, no matter how neatly written, will **not** be accepted. Be sure to use the form for the FY2027 programme.

Please do not send documents that are password protected or with any encryption that prevents them from being merged with other application documents.

2.1. The Abstract Form

The abstract is intended to be a lay summary of your proposed research plan. As well as providing a summary of your research plan, you should briefly explain the potential impact or wider benefits for your research to your research community and/or society. The abstract should be approximately 150 words, including spaces and symbols

2.2. The Subject Area Form

Please select the areas that most closely reflect your field of research as this will enable us to allocate your application to the correct reviewers. One to three fields may be selected.

2.3. The Application Form

The applicant is to himself/herself fill out the form. Please read how to fill in each section of the application form carefully.

Note that you cannot make any changes to the format of each field in the form, such as enlarging or reducing the frames, creating undesignated new fields, omitting fields or deleting notes, or changing the number of pages allocated to each item. Please also leave blank pages as they are. Note that you should fill in all fields except the coloured columns. The type of font used when making entries on the form is optional. However, please use a font size of 12 points or larger and Times New Roman and Arial Fonts are preferable. Errors in completing the application form can cause difficulties in the processing and/or evaluation of your application.

3. Filling in your Application Form

Please refer to the following instructions when filling in your application form.

“Proposed Tenure of JSPS Fellowship”

Please enter the time period of your proposed visit to Japan. The Fellowship starts on the date the successful candidate arrives in Japan.

Successful candidates must begin their fellowship in Japan between
1st June 2027 to 31st March 2028.

Grants are awarded for a period of 1 to 12 months. Please note that the length of the fellowship must be for a whole number of months (i.e. 2 months, 3 months, 4 months etc).

At the time of submission, it is permissible for your tenure start and end dates to be tentative. However, the period of time you wish to do research in Japan must be accurate.

“Proposed Research Title”

Please enter the full title of your proposed research project, maximum 100 letters including spaces and symbols.

Section 1: Full Name

Please write your full name as it appears in your passport, entering family name in upper case letters. Type only in alphabetic letters and please do not use letters with marks, i.e. umlauts.

Section 2: Nationality

Please enter your nationality as it appears in your passport. To be eligible to apply through JSPS London you must be a **national or permanent resident of the UK, EU, Norway, Switzerland, USA or Canada and be ordinarily based in the UK or Ireland for research purposes as of 1st April 2026**. Nationals of other countries are eligible to apply to JSPS London if they have been engaged in PhD or Post Doctoral research continuously for a period of at least three years as of 1st April 2026 at a university or research institution in the UK or Ireland.

PhD students undertaking a formal distance learning PhD degree and are based outside of the UK or Ireland are not eligible. Nationals of Japan are not eligible. If you have dual citizenship please enter both here but if one of these is Japanese, you are not eligible to apply.

Section 3: Date of Birth

Please enter your date of birth.

Section 4: Gender

Please select either male or female. The information entered will be used for data statistics and the international travel insurance application.

Section 5: Current Appointment

Please state the title of your present position, your current department, the institution/company name of your current appointment and the country where you are based. If you are a doctoral student please enter "PhD student". If you have no current affiliation please enter "N/A".

Section 6: Academic Degree

Please provide details of your doctorate degree.

Type	e.g. Ph.D, D.Eng, D.Phil etc.
Dates	Please give in dd/mm/yyyy format
Field	Your general academic area of expertise
Institution	The awarding institution
Country	Country of awarding institution

If the date of obtaining your PhD is unknown, please enter the first day of the anticipated award month.

Note: You are not eligible to apply for this fellowship with only a professional degree, such as J.D or M.D. You must in addition either hold a PhD or be enrolled in a PhD programme of research.

Sections 7 and 8

These sections should be self-explanatory.

Section 9: Contact Information

Please select “Office” or “Home.” If you choose “Office” please include the name of your department and institution in the mailing address. Please also include a phone number and an e mail address that can be used continuously before, during and after your stay in Japan.

Section 10: Proposed Host Researcher/ Host Institution

Please provide details of your host researcher in Japan, taking care to ensure you complete all of this section accurately.

Section 11a: Higher Education

Please provide information regarding your higher education qualifications starting with the latest one. Please list all higher education qualifications including undergraduate and master’s degrees. If you have received a PhD degree from a Japanese University you are not eligible to apply to this scheme.

Section 11b: Other Professional Qualifications

Please provide details of any other qualifications you may have gained starting with the latest one. This can include professional qualifications or recognised extra-curricular examinations/certificates.

Section 12: Previous Employment

Please provide a record of your employment history relating to your research starting with your current appointment. Please list a maximum of three positions held in the last three years.

Section 13: Academic Awards

Please provide information of any academic awards you have received and include the title of the award, the institution granting the award, and the year the award was received. This section can include details of research grants held and prizes/awards won.

Section 14: Language Ability

Please give an indication of your language abilities in English and Japanese and any other languages you use for your research on a scale of 5 to 1.

- 5: Advanced
- 4: Upper Intermediate
- 3: Intermediate
- 2: Elementary
- 1: Beginner/none

Please note that it is not a requirement set by JSPS for applicants to have any knowledge of the Japanese language. If you use languages that are necessary for research other than Japanese and English please include and rate these in this section as well.

Section 15: Past/Present Stay in Japan over 3 months

This section should be self-explanatory.

Section 16: Past Research and Achievements

Please include in this section a brief outline of your research to date and details of any outstanding achievements. You may include here information about conferences at which you have presented.

Section 17: List of Major Publications

Please provide a complete publication record of **your own** publications starting with the latest one. Please only include completed work that has been printed or accepted for publication. It is not necessary to give details of book reviews.

NOTE: This section is **not** for listing the main publications you intend to use during your stay in Japan.

Section 18: Research Plan in Japan

This section forms the main part of your application and should, at least, detail your present research and how it relates to your proposed research in Japan, the programme of research in Japan to be followed if an award is offered, the methodology to be used, the timetable for its accomplishment and an indication of the proposed outcome. Please also include an assessment of the merits of your proposed research and a statement of your reasons for undertaking the research in Japan. Please bear in mind that your application will be scanned and distributed to our review panel. Therefore, if you are including diagrams or photos, please be sure that these are of a format that will still be clear. One additional A4 page may be added to this section and any referenced work should be listed within the total space limit.

Section 19: Details of your Academic Goals and Career Prospects

Please briefly outline your present plans for and after your stay in Japan. Please indicate where you will go (or would like to go) and what you will work on (or would like to be working on) and comment on how your experience in Japan will benefit your future plans.

Section 20: Details of other Grants you are Currently Applying for:

Please provide information of any non-JSPS academic awards or grants you are applying for, including a brief description of the research the award will be used for, the institution granting the award, the period the award will cover and when the funding decision is likely to be made.

Section 21: Referee's Details

Please give contact details for two referees who have indicated their willingness to support your application and provide a reference. Please also state your relationship to that person in this section. If the candidate is a PhD student, one of these referees should be the PhD supervisor.

NOTE: More than two references for any one application should not be submitted and if more than two are received JSPS will not evaluate which is the most beneficial. Only two referees may be cited on the application form and only references from those referees will be submitted with the application to our review panel. The references must be written in English and your proposed host in Japan can not act as a referee.

Section 22: Correspondence

The completed application form should be accompanied by evidence of correspondence between the applicant and host in Japan. Evidence of correspondence can be in the form of e mails and letters and should not be more than 10, A4 pages and arranged in a single column on each page. Duplication of e mails should be avoided.

Section 23: Invitation Letter from the Host Researcher

The completed application form should be accompanied by an invitation letter from the host researcher, please use the sample provided.

Between the invitation letter and e mail correspondence with the host, please make sure the following points are covered:

- types of facilities and support the host researcher can provide
- what is hoped to be achieved through collaboration
- how both sides will benefit from the results produced

- plans for longer term or expanded collaboration.

This information is an integral part of the application, and our reviewers will consider it with a high level of importance.

Section 24: Document Certifying PhD Acquisition Status (Non PhD Holders)

This document should include the date you are expected to be awarded your PhD and be issued and signed by an officer of your university/ research institution's registration services and include their official stamp and/or watermark. If this document is not already written in English, please provide a translation. This letter should be issued within the last three months.

Section 25: Copy of current employment contract at a university or research institution in the UK or Ireland

This document should be provided by postdoctoral researchers who are not nationals or permanent residents of the UK, EU, Norway, Switzerland, USA or Canada. This is required to show the candidate has been doing research continuously for a period of at least three years as of 1st April 2026 at a university or research institution in the UK or Ireland.

Section 26: Required Conditions

Please read this section carefully. If you can not agree to all statements, your application will not be considered further. Modifying these conditions is also not allowed.

Finally...

Please date, print your name and sign the declaration on the application form. Your digital signature is acceptable.

Please note that signing the application form constitutes as confirmation that the information provided is complete and accurate. Subsequent discovery of any deliberate falsehood will automatically render the application invalid. In such instances where an award has been made, JSPS may require a full refund of any allowances already paid.

Please refer to the **Application Check List** to ensure you submit all the required documentation.

Completed applications should be submitted by **09:00 on Monday, 9th November 2026 (UK time)** by e mail to:
lon-short-termfellowship@overseas.jsps.go.jp

Applicants are asked to submit only the requested documents. Additional papers or copies of CVs will be removed from the application regardless of whether they have been referenced to in the proposal.