

## **Follow-up Research Fellowship Application Guidelines for Fiscal 2018**

The passage of fiscal 2018 budget bill is prerequisite for this recruitment.

### **1. Purpose**

The Japan Student Services Organization (“JASSO”) provides the Follow-up Research Fellowship for Former International Students in Japan to researchers who have previously come to study in Japan from a developing country, region, etc., and are currently active in education, research, or government in their home country, region, etc. (“former international students”). The fellowship extends to those researchers an opportunity to conduct short-term research with academic advisors at universities (except junior colleges) in Japan, and is intended to assist the development of education, research, and public administration in developing countries, regions, etc., and to advance the academic/scientific research and international exchange for Japanese universities.

### **2. Qualifications**

Former international students who wish short-term research in this fellowship program must satisfy all the following conditions (1)-(10).

- (1) To have nationality of a country/region listed in the attachment.
- (2) To belong to a university or other educational or governmental institute in the relevant country or region, and be currently working in education, research, or government in their home country. (Employees of private businesses are not eligible.)
- (3) Previous resident status in Japan was a “College Student.”
- (4) To have completed master/doctoral course in a Japanese university or obtained all the necessary credits before graduation (coursework doctor).
- (5) Age is 45 or younger as of April 1, 2018 (i.e., born on April 2, 1972 or after).
- (6) At least 1 year has passed since they returned home after studying in Japan as of April 1, 2018 (i.e., returned home on March 31, 2017 or before).

**Note:** If the candidate has stayed for more than 90 consecutive days in other countries/regions after returning to his/her home country, the length of that

stay must be excluded from the total length of period after returning home.

(7) There is a research advisor for the follow-up research fellowship program at the host Japanese university. Such a research advisor conducted research activity of a former international student during his/her study in Japan and also is currently a full-time worker in a Japanese university (except Japanese junior college).

1) If the teacher has transferred, the individual can be accepted at the new location.

2) If the teacher has transferred or resigned, the individual can be accepted by a teacher that was involved in instruction at the time or a teacher who has taken over supervision of that laboratory.

(8) To have been accepted by the president of the host university as foreign researcher in accordance with the aims of this fellowship program.

(9) To be certainly able to obtain a visa to enter Japan if it is required.

Note: If the acquisition of the visa is not certain as of November 1, the acceptance of the application may be voided.

(10) To have never been a recipient of this fellowship in the past.

### **3. Period of Fellowship**

The length of stay for this fellowship applicable to former international student ("recipient") is 60-90 consecutive days between July 1st, 2018 and March 31, 2019.

1) The period must be at least 60 days, excluding any days during which the recipient must unavoidably return home.

2) The number of days may not be increased from the period of stay indicated on the application.

### **4. Number of Fellowships**

Fellowships will be awarded to approximately 45 recipients. (The result in the Fiscal 2017: 45 appointees).

(The number of fellowships to be awarded will be determined in accordance with the budget for Fiscal 2018.)

## **5. Fellowship Benefits**

JASSO will bear the following expenses: (1) Round-trip airfare and (2) Daily allowance for the recipient and (3) Remuneration for cooperation for the research advisor.

### **(1) Round-trip Airfare**

JASSO provides an economy-class round-trip air ticket to the recipient for the most economical route between the international airport nearest to the recipient's university in his/her home country/region and the airport nearest to the Japanese host university.

Note: The airline company and travel route shall be selected from among those specified by a travel agency contracted by JASSO.

### **(2) Daily allowance**

JASSO provides living allowance of ¥11,000 to the recipient for each day of the recipient's stay.

### **(3) Remuneration for cooperation**

JASSO will provide the fixed ¥50,000 to research advisor as remuneration for cooperation in receiving the recipient.

### **[Notes regarding financial support]**

#### **1) When travel expenses are not provided.**

Travel expenses will be withheld if any of the following conditions apply to the recipient.

(1)The recipient receives the travel expenses from other institutes other than JASSO (applicable to round-trip airfare).

(2)When the recipient goes home to his/her country/region during the follow-up research fellowship program (applicable to round-trip airfare).

(3)If the recipient does not go home to his/her country/region immediately after the completion of the follow-up research fellowship program (applicable to airfare for returning home).

(4)Acceptance to this program has been revoked.

#### **2) When daily allowance is not provided.**

All or part of the daily allowance will be withheld if any one of the following conditions apply to the recipient.

(1)The recipient receives the daily allowance from other institutes other than JASSO.

(2)The duration of the follow-up research fellowship program is changed due to illness or other personal reasons.

(3)Acceptance to this program has been revoked.

When the above conditions apply, the president of JASSO is to demand the return of the daily allowance for the duration of the applicable time if it has already been paid to the recipient.

### 3) Other

Be aware that an airline cancellation fee may be charged if the application is withdrawn immediately before the departure date.

Be aware that the amount paid for the return airfare may need to be returned if the departure or return airline ticket is changed without first applying for such a change with JASSO.

Be aware that an acceptance period of under 60 days disqualifies the recipient and the amount paid for the recipient's daily allowance and return airfare may need to be returned.

## 6. Method for Application

The president of the Japanese university who wishes to accept a recipient in Japan through this fellowship program recommends him/her to the president of JASSO with the following documents (1)–(3).

(1) Answer Sheet for Follow-up Research Fellowship for Fiscal 2018 (Form 1)

(2) Application Form for Follow-up Research Fellowship for Former International Students for Fiscal 2018 (Form 2-1/2-2)

(3) Recommendation Form for Follow-up Research Fellowship for Former International Students for Fiscal 2018 (Form 3)

**Note:** Submit Form1 (1 copy of original) and 5 printed copies of form2-1/2-2/3 listed above in addition to submitting the digital data.

### [Notes regarding application]

\* The same former international student cannot file two or more applications at a different host university.

\* Applications shall not be accepted from individuals who do not meet the requirements stipulated in Section 2. "Qualifications."

\* Be aware that the airport listed on the application form cannot be changed at a later date.

## 7. Deadline for Application

Applications must be received by Thursday, November 30th, 2017.

## 8. Selection and Notification

### (1) Selection

The selection is made by JASSO's international student selection committee under the following examination policy after a review of individual written documents.

### [Examination policy]

- 1) For considering the purpose of International Student Exchange Program, the recipient is to visit not only the host university, but others as well to widely engage in discussion with local researchers, exchange opinions, and attend lectures. The application must be designed to address educational matters such as the promotion of exchange with young researchers. In a review of individual written documents, the priority is given to those who perform the above activities. (Form2-2/Form3 No.34 to 40)
- 2) The application is to contribute to progresses of education, academic research, and administration of developing nations, regions, etc., and academic research and international exchange at universities in Japan. (Form2-2/Form3 No.44)
- 3) The invitation extended to the recipient can be expected to further advance research activities. (Form2-2/Form3 No.44)
- 4) Conditions of advance negotiation and so on between the recipient and the research advisor are clear and activity plans are detailed. (Form2-2/Form3 No.45 to 47)
- 5) In concerning privately financed international students, priority shall be given to prior recipients of Monbukagakusho(MEXT) Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students. (Form2-2)
- 6) There should be diversity in the nationality of the recipient, host university, and areas of expertise.

**Note:** The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students is a scholarship program implemented by JASSO for international students in Japan.

### (2) Notification

The president of the host university will be notified of the result of selection in writing by JASSO.

Notification schedule: the beginning of April, 2018 (planned)

The recipient will be notified of the result by the host university. No individual inquiries about the selection result will be accepted.

[Note regarding selection]

Application forms with errors will not be received by the selection committee.

#### **9. Cancellation/Refusal of Acceptance**

- (1) When falsehoods have been included in the application
- (2) When the period of stay is shortened to less than 60 days
- (3) Be aware that an airline cancellation fee may be charged if the application is withdrawn immediately before the departure date.

#### **10. Obligation of recipient and research advisor**

(1) The research advisor, with help from the host university's administration director, makes necessary preparations for the recipient for the follow-up research fellowship activities. If necessary, the research advisor advises the recipient on his/her entry into Japan, finding lodgings, and other activities in Japan.

(2) After the completion of the follow-up research fellowship, the recipient and the research advisor each submit a research report and a project survey using the required form before leaving the country.

(3) When giving a lecture in this program, the recipient needs to mention that it is being given as part of the JASSO operations.

(4) During the follow-up research fellowship program, the recipient devotes himself/herself to the research work and not engage in other activities regardless of remuneration.

#### **11. Break of the supply and refund**

The president of JASSO can break off the supply of expense or make the recipient refund all or a part of it as needed when an inappropriate situation is recognized from the recipient in carrying out the follow-up research fellowship program.

#### **12. Handling of individual information**

Individual information contained in the application form will be kept confidential in accordance with the law on the protection of individual information possessed by independent administrative corporations and others

and JASSO's rules on the protection of individual information. It will be used for the execution of this work (including the supply of individual information so that an external private firm can electronically process and control data). When the application is selected, the names of the recipient, research topic, and host university that engages in the follow-up research fellowship program shall be disclosed. The name, job, and report of the research advisor shall also be released.

### **13. Applications/Inquiries**

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[http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study\\_j/exchange/tanken/boshu.html](http://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/exchange/tanken/boshu.html)

Follow-up Research Fellowship for the Fiscal 2018		Attachment
Country / Region List		
< ASIA >	< AFRICA >	< MIDDLE EAST >
Bangladesh	Algeria	Afghanistan
Bhutan	Angola	Iran
Cambodia	Benin	Iraq
China ( Included Hong Kong, Macao )	Botswana	Jordan
India	Burkina Faso	Lebanon
Indonesia	Burundi	Palestine
Korea	Cameroon	Syria
Laos	Cape Verde	Turkey
Malaysia	Central African Rep.	Yemen
Maldives	Chad	
Mongolia	Comoros	
Myanmar	Congo, Dem. Rep.	
Nepal	Congo, Rep.	< OCEANIA >
Pakistan	Cote d'Ivoire	Cook Islands
Philippines	Djibouti	Fiji
Singapore	Egypt	Kiribati
Sri Lanka	Equatorial Guinea	Marshall Islands
Taiwan	Eritrea	Micronesia
Thailand	Ethiopia	Nauru
Timor-Leste	Gabon	Niue
Viet Nam	Gambia	Palau
	Ghana	Papua New Guinea
	Guinea	Samoa
< CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA >	Guinea-Bissau	Solomon Islands
Antigua and Barbuda	Kenya	Tokelau
Argentina	Lesotho	Tonga
Belize	Liberia	Tuvalu
Bolivia	Libya	Vanuatu
Brazil	Madagascar	Wallis and Futuna Islands
Chile	Malawi	
Colombia	Mali	
Costa Rica	Mauritania	
Cuba	Mauritius	< EUROPE >
Dominica	Morocco	Albania
Dominican Republic	Mozambique	Armenia
Ecuador	Namibia	Azerbaijan
El Salvador	Niger	Belarus
Grenada	Nigeria	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Guatemala	Rwanda	Georgia
Guyana	Saint Helena	Kazakhstan
Haiti	Sao Tome and Principe	Kyrgyz
Honduras	Senegal	Kosovo
Jamaica	Seychelles	Macedonia
Mexico	Sierra Leone	Moldova
Montserrat	Somalia	Montenegro
Nicaragua	South Africa	Serbia
Panama	South Sudan	Tajikistan
Paraguay	Sudan	Turkmenistan
Peru	Swaziland	Ukraine
Saint Lucia	Tanzania	Uzbekistan
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Togo	
Suriname	Tunisia	
Uruguay	Uganda	
Venezuela	Zambia	
	Zimbabwe	