

JSPS International Fellowships for Research in Japan
Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan (Short-term (PA))
Application through Nominating Authorities

FY2026 Instructions for the Application Form

About FY2026 Application Form

Candidates are to fill out the FY2026 Application Form in English. The candidate is to fill out and submit the form. Be sure to use the form for the FY2026 program. Note that the candidates may not make any changes to the format of each field, including enlarging or reducing the frames, creating undesigned new fields, omitting fields or deleting notes, nor may the number of pages be changed. Note that the candidates should fill in all the fields except those in colored columns. The candidates may freely choose the letter fonts when filling out the Application Form. To make it easy for the document reviewers to read, a letter size of 12 points or larger is recommended. The “Signature” on the final page of the form should be candidate’s own signature.

Other important points when filling in the fields on the FY2026 Application Form

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Proposed Tenure of JSPS Fellowship

Fellowship starts from the day that a Fellow arrives in Japan.

Proposed Research Title

Enter your research title concisely in up to 100 letters in English. Each bracket and punctuation mark is counted as one letter. The space between words is counted as one letter (example: ‘research activity’ is counted as 17 letters). Note that the research title may not be changed even after you are selected.

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1. Full Name

Write in the full name that appears in your passport. Enter the family name in uppercase letters. For the first and middle names, write each first letter in uppercase letter and use lowercase letters for the rest of the name. Type only in alphabetic letters and do not use letters with marks such as umlauts. If you do not have a family name but has a first name, enter your first name in the family name field and leave the first name field blank.

2. Nationality - Permanent Residency

If applicable, enter the name of the country in which you are a permanent resident. If not, leave the field blank. If you have more than one nationality, indicate the nationality of the passport you will use when entering Japan.

4. Sex

Select either “Male” or “Female.” The information given in this field will be used for our statistics and for the application for the overseas travel insurance.

5. Current Appointment

Enter 'Ph.D. Student' in "Current Position or Status" if you are a student of the doctoral course. If you have no current affiliation or status, enter "N/A" in "Current Position or Status" and leave the "Institution", "Department" and "Country/Region" fields blank.

6. Academic Degree

Select either "Obtained" or "Expected". Enter the anticipated award date (year, month, day,) as close as possible if you have not obtained a doctoral degree yet. If the day is unknown, enter the first day of the anticipated award month. Note that a person who holds a professional degree, such as a Japanese professional degree or JD/MD issued in the United States, is not eligible to apply for this fellowship. (If you also hold a Ph.D. degree, you are eligible to apply.) Select "Ph.D." or "Equivalent". If you select "Equivalent", enter the degree that is equivalent to a Ph.D. in the adjacent space.

8. Names of other Fellowship(s) you are applying

If you are applying for other Fellowships, do not forget to check the box.

9. Contact Information

Select either "1. Office" or "2. Home." Make sure to provide your phone number and e-mail address. If you choose "Office" for your mailing address, enter the name of your department and institution in the "Mailing Address" field.

E-mail Address

Enter the E-mail address that can be used continuously before, during and after you stay in Japan.

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11. Higher Education

List all educational background, including undergraduate and master's degrees.

If you are currently a Ph.D. student, include the name of university and other information as well.

If you have received Ph.D. degree from Japanese university, you are not eligible. (see FAQ 3301.)

<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/faq.html#faq03>

12. Previous Appointments

Please fill in the field giving information about your current appointment, if you have any.

14. Language Ability

Evaluate yourself on each item with a number from 5 to 1 concerning your language skills in Japanese and English. The larger the number, the higher the evaluation. If you use languages that are necessary for research other than Japanese and English, you can name up to three of them as well.

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17. List of Major Publications

Exclude papers that are currently being peer reviewed or that have not yet been accepted for publication, list only papers that have been printed or accepted for publication.

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20. Required Conditions for Candidates under this Fellowship

Please confirm that you meet all the written conditions from 1 to 4 and sign on the form. Otherwise, you are not eligible to apply. Moreover, modifying the conditions is not allowed. If any of the conditions are modified on the application form, the application will be deemed falsified and will not be accepted. Also, if it becomes clear that you do not meet the conditions, even after you were awarded, their fellowship is to be cancelled.

(Important Notes)

Attachments

Check if you have all documents to submit with Application Form (see FY2026 Application Guidelines through Overseas Nominating Authorities, 9. MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED)

A letter certifying Ph.D. degree

If the degree has not yet been awarded at the time of application, a letter is required from your institution stating the date that you will officially be awarded the degree. It is preferable that this letter be issued by the university or institution that will award your Ph.D. When both conditions listed in (3) and (4) of “FY2026 Application Guidelines through Overseas Nominating Authorities, 9. MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED” are met, the letter of recommendation may be submitted in lieu of a letter stating the official date of the degree award.

Other conditions

Please see FAQ - 4. Eligibility of Host Researchers and Fellows for your reference.

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