

**JSPS International Fellowships for Research in Japan
Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan (Standard)
Application through Overseas Nominating Authorities**

FY2027 Instructions for the Application Form

About FY2027 Application Form

Candidates are to fill out the FY2027 Application Form in English. Type only in alphabetic letters and do not use letters with marks such as umlauts. The candidate is to fill out and submit the form. Be sure to use the form for the FY2027 program. **Note that the candidates may not make any alterations to the format of each field**, including enlarging or reducing the frames, creating undesignated 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. To make it easy for the document reviewers to read, remember not to make the character spacing or width narrower than necessary. Selecting the **font size 12 pt.** or larger than 12 pt., **Times New Roman Font** to type the text, and **Arial Font to create figures and tables** are recommended when filling out the form. The “**Signature**” on the final page (F7) of the form should be the candidate’s own signature. It can be substituted with an e-signature or a PDF file of the original signature.

Other important points when filling in the fields on the FY2027 Application Form

F1

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 research title may not be changed even after the candidate is selected.

F2

1. Full Name

Write in full the same 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 non-alphabetic letters are used, we will convert them to their standard equivalents (e.g., ä → a, å → a, ö → o, etc.). 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

If you have more than one citizenship, indicate the country in your passport that you will use for entry to Japan.

4. Sex

Select either "Male" or "Female". The information entered in this column will be used for data statistics

and the international travel insurance application.

5. Current Appointment

Enter 'Ph.D. Student' in "Current Position or Status" if you are a student of the doctoral course and have no current affiliation or status. If you have no current affiliation or status, enter "N/A" in "Current Position or Status" and leave the "Institution", "Department" and "Country/Region" field 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 degree yet. If the date 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. The candidate may not start the fellowship if they fails to submit either the photocopy of Ph.D. diploma or degree certificate by the starting date. Note that if the candidate does not start the fellowship by the deadline specified by JSPS, their fellowship will be cancelled. Please refer to the "Postdoctoral fellowships for Research in Japan Program guidelines" for details on degree certificate requirements.

https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/guideline_03.html

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

Put check the box(es) for Fellowship(s) if you are applying in a same fiscal year.

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.

F3

11. Higher Education

A candidate who is currently enrolled in a higher education institution should also fill in this field giving information about the institution. List all educational background, including undergraduate and master's degrees.

12. Previous Appointments

A candidate who is currently appointed should also fill in the field giving information about their current appointment.

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.

F5

17. List of Major Publications

Excluding 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.

F8

20. Required Conditions for Candidates under this Fellowship

Please confirm that you meet all the written conditions by putting a check in each box; 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 the candidate does not meet the conditions after they were awarded the fellowship, their fellowship may be cancelled.

Letter of Recommendation

Regarding the letter of recommendation written and signed by the candidate's doctoral supervisor or other such person, it is preferable that the letter be written on institutional letterhead paper. The letter of recommendation should be addressed to the candidate's prospective host researcher in Japan or the President of JSPS. The letter is to be signed by the recommender themselves. It can be substituted by an e-signature or a PDF file of the original signature. A signature typed in a handwriting style font will not be accepted.

The writer of the letter must be a person other than the candidate's prospective host researcher in Japan. If the host researcher is the candidate's doctoral supervisor, another person who is closely familiar with the candidate's research, such as a faculty member who has conducted reviews of the candidate's papers, should be asked to write the letter.

(Important Notes)

Attachments

Check if you have all documents to submit with Application Form (see 2027 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 "2027 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.

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