

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

**FY2023 Nominating Guidelines**

**Nominating Authority's Role**

JSPS asks its overseas counterpart organizations to act as nominating authorities for JSPS programs. The main objective of these partnerships is to further scientific relations between Japan and its counterpart countries, while securing and fostering highly-qualified researchers in these countries. To this end, the overseas nominating authorities are asked to cooperate with JSPS by nominating researchers from their respective countries to participate in JSPS Fellowship programs.

**1. Steps to be carried out by Nominating Authorities**

- 1) Announce JSPS Fellowship recruitments in your country.
- 2) Candidates are to be selected using a scientific screening process, the method of which is left up to the nominating authority.
- 3) Nominate the candidates to JSPS by the deadline, **July 31, 2023.**

Note: **Please be sure that your nominations are submitted at least three months prior to the nominee's requested fellowship starting date.** (JSPS issues a final notice of selection to both the nominee and nominating authority approximately three months after receiving the application form from the nominating authority.) As long as this submission timeline is observed, nominations may be submitted one by one.

**2. Materials to be sent to JSPS by Nominating Authorities**

- 1) A list of nominated candidates for the program (Format 1). If nominations are submitted separately, please attach a Format 1 to each of them.
- 2) Application form for (FY2023, Standard) written by each nominee
  - When setting the fellowship starting date, adequate time should be allowed for application processing (including screening by the nominating authority (may differ by each authority), selection decision-making by JSPS and pre-departure procedures, including visa application, by successful nominees (Fellows).
  - The proposed tenure of a JSPS fellowship (the starting day and the period (months) should be written.
- 3) A letter of acceptance/invitation from the nominee's prospective host researcher in Japan, stating that he/she accepts the candidate at his/her institution (copy is also acceptable). The letter should be signed by the host himself/herself. It is preferable that the letter be written on letterhead paper.
- 4) A letter of reference/recommendation (copy is also acceptable) from the candidate's current or previous supervisor (not from his/her prospective host researcher in Japan).
- 5) A copy of the nominee's PhD degree diploma or PhD certificate. If the PhD degree has not yet been awarded, a letter is required from the nominee's institution stating the date that he/she will officially receive the degree.
- 6) Supplementary documents attached to the application form (if any)

\* All documents must be in either English or Japanese. 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).

\*\* The application form in PDF format is acceptable.

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

3. **Please note that we do not accept substitute applications when nominee declined the fellowship on or after the date the Award Letter is issued.**
4. **Please note that if JSPS Tokyo Headquarters does not judge a nominated candidate to satisfy the application eligibility requirements, his/her application may not be accepted. Nominating authorities are asked to double check whether candidates meet the program's eligibility requirements before submitting application documents to JSPS.**

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

- (1) Be a citizen of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. (JSPS treats Taiwanese and Palestinian researchers in this manner.)
- (2) Candidates must have obtained their doctoral degree within six years of the date the fellowship goes into effect (on or after 2 April 2017).

Note 1: Those who have previously been awarded a fellowship under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan ([Standard (P)] and [Pathway to University positions in Japan (PU)]) are not eligible.

Note 2: Japanese nationals and foreigners who have permanent residency in Japan are not eligible.

Note 3: 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 documents are required. Please consult with JSPS in advance via the nominating authority.

Note 4: If it becomes known even after being selected that a candidate (Invited Overseas Researcher) does not possess application eligibility, his/her selection may be cancelled or eligibility terminated during the fellowship period. In such cases, the candidate (Invited Overseas Researcher) may be required to reimburse JSPS his/her already-paid allowances.

5. **Nominating authorities are kindly asked to communicate with the nominees and act, when necessary, as a liaison between the nominees and JSPS Tokyo office until the nominees finally receive the Fellowship award notice.**