

JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme

Introduction

We are privileged to announce that JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme will be launched from 2002. It will be jointly organized by UNU and JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science). It is designed to provide opportunities for promising, highly qualified, young researchers to conduct cooperative research under the leadership of their host researchers of Japanese universities and research institutions especially in the fields relevant to the main thematic focus of UNU/IAS (Institute of Advanced Studies) and UNU Centre.

UNU will act as a nominating authority of the Programme, and UNU/IAS administers the programme on behalf of UNU in the nominating process. Candidates apply to UNU/IAS using a prescribed application form with necessary documents attached: a recommendation letter, and a certificate of his/her Ph.D. degree, etc. It is necessary for applicants to indicate the prospective host researcher at the time of submitting the application. List of the prospective host researchers and their areas of specialization is available at website of UNU/IAS as an example. (It is not necessary to obtain confirmation of acceptance from the prospective host researcher at this stage.) After screening the candidates, UNU will assist receiving acceptance from the host researchers for the short-listed candidates. After the host researcher is secured for each short-listed applicant, UNU will make nomination to JSPS. The final award decision will be made by JSPS and Awards Letters will be issued by JSPS to the fellowship awardees. An advisor for each fellowship awardee will be selected for the period of research in Japan from among the UNU (UNU/IAS) faculty members after consultation with the host researcher.

Fields of Research

All fields of the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, particularly those related to the main thematic focus of UNU's programme activities with emphasis on policy issues as follows. Research topics should relate clearly to one of the following current research areas of UNU/IAS and UNU Centre.

- (1) Biotechnology, Biodiversity, and Sustainable development (Policy Oriented Research on Biosafety, Genetic resources, Access & Benefit Sharing -See <http://www.ias.unu.edu/research>)
- (2) Science and Technology Pathways to development (S & T Policy for Sustainable Development of Developing Countries -See <http://www.ias.unu.edu/research>)
- (3) Information Technology for the Environment (Development of Curriculum and Modules for Delivery in a Virtual University - See <http://www.ias.unu.edu/research>)
- (4) Ecosystems and Socio-Economic Dimensions (Estimation of Global Sustainability Indices for Ecosystems Benchmarking- See <http://www.ias.unu.edu/research>)
- (5) Urban Ecosystems (Application of the Ecosystems Approach for studying Urban Transition, Vulnerability, Environment, Health - See <http://www.ias.unu.edu/research>)

- (6) Multilateralism and the Global Ecosystems (Studying Inter-linkages among MEAs for Policy Effectiveness; Disenfranchisement and Participation in Global Environmental Decision-making - See <http://www.ias.unu.edu/research>)
- (7) Peace and Governance (United Nations and International Order, Conflict and Security Studies, Human Rights and Ethics, Policy and Institutional Frameworks -See <http://unu.edu/p&g>)
- (8) Environment and Sustainable Development (Natural Resource Management, Global Environmental Governance, Water Crises, Sustainable Development - See <http://unu.edu/env>)

Eligibility

- (1) Citizens of UN-member countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan. (Japanese nationals that have not citizenship or permanent residency of foreign countries are not eligible.)
- (2) Holders of a doctoral degree when the Fellowship goes into effect, which must have been received within six years prior to April 1 of the Japanese fiscal year in which the Fellowship commences.

Those who have research experience (at least 10 months) after receiving doctoral degree are encouraged to apply.

JSPS and UNU cannot accept nominations for persons who have in the past been awarded either a “JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship” or “STA (Japan Science and Technology Corporation) Fellowship (Long-term)” for a term of 12 months or more.

Duration of the Fellowship

Fellowships are awarded for a period of 12 to 24 months.

Terms of Award

- (1) A round-trip air ticket
- (2) A monthly maintenance allowance of 392,000 yen
- (3) A settling-in allowance of 200,000 yen
- (4) An annual domestic research travel allowance of 58,500 yen
- (5) Overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage
- (6) A research grant of up to 1,500,000 yen (900,000 yen on average) per year is available to cover collaborative research-related expenses. Application for this grant is made by the host researcher.

Eligible Host Institutions in Japan

Eligible host institutions in Japan are Universities, university-affiliated institutions, national laboratories, and other institutions designated by JSPS.

Nomination of Candidates

- (1) UNU will act as a nominating authority of the Programme, and application should be submitted to UNU/IAS.
- (2) UNU will try to inform the applicants of the results of the nomination until middle of August.
- (3) JSPS takes about 2 months after receiving the nominations to process its award decision.

Starting Dates and Application Deadlines

The JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme begins in 1 November 2002 and selected fellows are expected to be in Tokyo by this date.

The closing date for applications is 15 May 2002 for fellowships beginning in 1 November 2002.

Application for JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme

< Application should be typed or printed. >

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| 1. Name in full | | | 漢字名 | |
| FAMILY | First | Middle | | |
| 2. Date of birth: / / Day Month Year | | 3. Nationality/Citizenship | | 4. Permanent resident |
| 5. Current appointment and/ or status | | | | |
| 6. Academic degree (Ph.D.) | | | | |
| Type | | | Date obtained / / | |
| Field | | | Day Month Year | |
| Institute | | | (Country) | |
| 7. Higher education | | | | |
| Name of school | Location | Degree | Field | Completion date (Month, Year) |
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| 8. Past employment and research experience | | | | |
| Name of institution | Location | Position | From – To | |
| | | | | |
| 9. Academic awards (please indicate title and year) | | | | |
| 10. Field of specialization | | | | |
| 11. Name of proposed host researcher and host institution: | | | | |
| 1) Host researcher: | | | | |
| 2) Host institution: | | | | |

3) Do you like to be assisted by UNU (UNU/IAS) in finding out other host researchers in case that the acceptance by the proposed host researchers is not obtained? Yes:[] No: []

12. Brief research title in Japan

Please indicate which of these research areas are related to your research in Japan:

- Biotechnology, Biodiversity, and Sustainable development
- Science and Technology Pathways to development
- Information Technology for the Environment
- Ecosystems and Socio-Economic Dimensions
- Urban Ecosystems
- Multilateralism and the Global Ecosystems
- Peace and Governance
- Environment and Sustainable Development

13. Proposed tenure of JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship: (day/month/year)

From: to: Total: months

14. Research plan in Japan [Please include at least the following items: 1) present research, 2) proposed research, 3) expected outcome of the proposed research]

15. Research plan in Japan (continued)

16. List of main publications

| 17. Language ability (evaluate your ability using excellent, good and fair) | | | |
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| | Writing | Reading | Speaking |
| English | | | |
| Japanese | | | |
| Other () | | | |
| Other () | | | |
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| 18. Past stay(s) in Japan | | | |
| Place: | Year: | Purpose: | |
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| 19. Name(s) of other fellowship(s) for which you are now applying | | | |
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| 20. Mailing addresses | | | |
| 1) Office: | | 2) Home: | |
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| Tel: | | Tel: | |
| Fax: | | Fax: | |

21. Will you be accompanied by immediate family members? If so, please indicate their names and relationship to you.

Name

Relationship

Please note we will not guarantee accommodation for those accompanied.

Note: The following documents in English must be received by the UNU/IAS by 15 May 2002. A failure to include these documents will render your application invalid. Additional relevant material may also be included.

- 1) Certified copies of academic transcripts
- 2) Two publication samples (if unavailable, please send two chapters from your dissertation)
- 3) Two original supporting letters of reference
- 4) Evidence of English language proficiency if Ph.D. was not submitted in English (eg. TOEFL score, certificate of proficiency)

I certify the above information to be accurate and correct.

Date:

Signature:

All applications must be received by mail or fax on or before **15 May 2002** to the following address. Applicants are encouraged, in addition to the mailed or faxed hard copy, to also submit application electronically as an email attachment. These electronic applications represent a supplement to the hard copies that are either mailed or faxed to the UNU/IAS, and they do not replace mailed or faxed hard copy. All parts of this form must be completed in English. Uncompleted parts may result in the application being rejected. This form can also be viewed and printed from the UNU/IAS web site (<http://www.ias.unu.edu>) or obtained through email from (fellowship@ias.unu.edu).

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