

**Instructions for the FY2020 Application Form of  
JSPS International Fellowships for Research in Japan  
Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan  
Application through Nominating Authorities**

**About FY2020 Application Form**

Candidates are to fill out the FY2020 Application Form in English. The candidate is to himself/herself fill out and submit the form. Be sure to use the form for the FY2020 program. Note that the candidates may not make any changes 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. 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 11 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 FY2020 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 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.

**5. Current Appointment**

Enter ‘PhD Student’ in “Current Position or Status” if you are a student of the doctoral course and has 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 PhD

degree, you are eligible to apply.) Select “PhD” or “Other”. If you select “Other”, enter the degree that is equivalent to a PhD in the adjacent space. The candidate may not start the fellowship if s/he fails to submit either the photocopy of PhD diploma or the original copy of degree certificate by the starting date. Note that if the candidate does not start the fellowship by the deadline specified by JSPS, his/her fellowship will be cancelled. Please refer to the “Postdoctoral fellowships for Research in Japan Program guidelines” for details on degree certificate requirements.

[https://www.jsp.go.jp/english/e-fellow/guideline\\_03.html](https://www.jsp.go.jp/english/e-fellow/guideline_03.html)

### **9. Candidate Contact Information**

Select either ‘1.Office’ or ‘2.Home’ to receive your award letter. The contact address is for receiving the award letter and other related documents mailed by international mail service. Write the address where you can receive documents sent from JSPS. Do not use a P.O. Box, otherwise the package will not be delivered to you. Enter all of your contact information in alphabetic letters. (Do not use umlauts or other marks.) 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 you can receive messages after you are awarded the fellowship.

### **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.

#### **12. Previous Appointments**

A candidate who is currently appointed should also fill in the field giving information about his/her 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**

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

### **F8**

#### **20. Required Conditions for the candidates under this Fellowship**

Please confirm that you meet all the written conditions; 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 s/he was awarded the fellowship, his/her fellowship may be cancelled.