

Honjo International Scholarship Foundation
Young Researcher's Fellowship 2012
Guideline for Application

[Overview of the Young Researcher's Fellowship]

The purpose of the Young Researcher's Fellowship program is to support promising research projects and nurture highly qualified young researchers. The Fellowship is aimed at students enrolled in a Master's/Doctor's/Postgraduate Course at a graduate school, as well as researchers affiliated with a research institute.

[Individuals Eligible to Apply]

1. Students enrolled in a Master's/Doctor's/Postgraduate Course at a graduate school in Japan.
2. Researchers affiliated with a university or research institute inside or outside Japan.

[Number of candidates to be accepted]

Up to 5 students/researchers

[Terms of Eligibility]

1. Graduate students attending a graduate school in Japan.
2. Researchers affiliated with a university/research institute inside or outside Japan.
However, researchers or their research projects must be relevant to Japan. In addition, researchers must be able to prepare and submit their research proposals in Japanese.
3. There is no restriction on nationality.
4. Individuals born after March 31, 1971.
5. Individuals that take a leading role in research projects conducted at a graduate school or research institute for a set period, and are able to prepare and submit research proposals and result reports.
Individuals that take a leading role in research projects currently being conducted and those that will take a leading role in research projects that will be carried out are eligible.
6. Individuals that exhibit an understanding of international friendship and can actively participate in or help with events held by the Honjo International Scholarship Foundation.

[Other Notes]

1. Individuals that have received other scholarships or fellowships in addition to the Young Researcher's Fellowship must make this fact known to the Honjo International Scholarship Foundation when applying for or while receiving the Fellowship.
2. It is possible to simultaneously apply for other 2012 scholarship programs offered by the Honjo International Scholarship Foundation. However, in the event multiple scholarships are awarded, only one can be accepted.

[Amount and Duration of the Fellowship]

1. Up to ¥2,000,000 per year for a period of 1 year (April 2012 to March 2013)
2. The Foundation's Selection Committee will determine the actual amount of the Fellowship provided, taking into consideration the desired amount indicated by the successful applicant.

[Selection Process]

1. Application period: October 1 to November 30, 2011 (postmark date).
2. First screening: The documents submitted by each candidate are reviewed. Candidates will be notified of the results of the first screening by January 31, 2012.
3. Second screening: Selected candidates are invited to Tokyo for an interview. Interviews will be held between February 1 and 15, 2012.
*The detailed schedule will be sent directly to candidates that pass the first screening.
*For candidates that live overseas, interviews will be held via video conference.
4. Final selection: Mid-March 2012.

[How to Apply]

- Access the Foundation's website and fill in the Web Application Form to obtain an application number.

Web Application Form to obtain an application number:

<http://www.hisf.or.jp/scholarship/researcher.html>

- Make sure to enter the application number you receive in the upper right corner of the Application Form and CV, and send them to the Administration Office by postal mail together with the required documents list below.
 1. Fellowship Application Form (specified by the Foundation). Write down the application number you receive and attach a picture of yourself.
 2. CV (specified by the Foundation).
 3. Research proposal (Please prepare the proposal in Japanese. The proposal should describe the material you intend to study, the aims of your research, and your actual achievements. There are no style or length restrictions.)
 4. Letter of recommendation. This letter must be prepared by your research project mentor/supervisor or some other individual qualified to objectively evaluate your research project. (There are no style or length restrictions.)
 5. A certificate of enrollment or a letter of admission.
- Application period: October 1 to November 30, 2011 (postmark date).
- Applications will not be returned.
- The personal information listed on your application will not be used for any purpose other than determining those whom the Foundation's scholarship and fellowship will be awarded. However, please be aware that certain items of personal information may be provided to the following

groups and individuals:

[1] Your application may be provided to the Selection Committee for the purpose of document examination or selection.

[2] A list bearing the names of selected candidates may be provided to universities and groups providing scholarships in order to check whether a candidate selected to receive the scholarship/fellowship already holds another scholarship/fellowship award.

- Be aware that the required documents you submit will be considered ineligible if they are incomplete.
- The application numbers of candidates that pass the first screening (document examination) will be posted on the Foundation's website on January 31, 2012.

[Provision of the Fellowship]

1. The fellowship will be given directly to the candidate or to the institute to which he/she is affiliated, beginning in April, 2012.
2. The fellowship money does not need to be repaid.
3. Each fellowship recipient is required to submit an interim and final progress report to the Foundation. In these reports the fellowship recipient must describe how they are conducting their research project, as well as how they are using the fellowship money.
4. If the recipient's research project is terminated prior to completion, or if he/she is found to have used the fellowship money for dubious purposes, he/she may be requested to return the money he/she has already received to the Foundation, depending on the decision made by the Directors' Board.

[Submit application documents to the following address:]

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