

**Instructions for the FY2019 Application Form of  
JSPS International Fellowships for Research in Japan  
Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan  
Application through Nominating Authorities**

**1. About FY2019 Application Form**

Candidates are to fill out the FY2019 Application Form in English or Japanese. The candidate is to himself/herself fill out and submit the form. Be sure to use the form for the FY2019 program. Note that you cannot make any changes to the format of each field in the form, such as enlarging or reducing the frames, creating undesignated new fields, omitting fields or deleting notes, or changing the number of pages. Note that you should fill out all fields except the colored columns. The type of font and font size used when making entries on the form is optional. However, using a font size of 10 points or larger is recommended. “Signature” on the final page of the form should be signed by the candidate.

**2. Other important points when filling in the fields on the FY2019 Application Form**

**“Proposed Research Title”**

The entry must be around 100 letters including spaces and symbols.

**“Current Appointment”**

Enter ‘PhD Student’ in “Current Position or Status” if you are a student of the doctoral course and has no current appointment or status. If you have no current appointment or status, enter “N/A” in “Current Position or Status” and leave “Institution”, “Department” and “Country/Region” field blank.

**“Academic Degree”**

Select either ‘Obtained’ or ‘Expected’. Enter the anticipated award date 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 you are not eligible to apply for the fellowship with the professional degree, such as a Japanese professional degree or JD/MD issued in the United States. (If you also hold a PhD degree, you are eligible to apply.) Select “PhD” or “Other”. If you select “Other”, enter the next field with the PhD equivalent degree. A Fellow cannot start the fellowship if s/he failed to submit either the photocopy of PhD diploma or the original copy of degree certificate by the starting date. Note that if the fellow did not start the fellowship by the deadline specified by JSPS, his/her fellowship will be cancelled. Please refer to “Postdoctoral fellowships for Research in Japan Program guidelines” for the details on the requirements of the degree certificate.

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

**“E-mail Address”**

Enter the E-mail address that you can email and receive messages after you obtain the fellowship.

**“Higher Education”**

The candidate who is currently enrolled in a higher education institution should also fill in the field by giving information about the institution.

**“Previous Appointments”**

The candidate who is currently appointed should also fill in the field by writing about his/her current appointment.

**“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 other languages as well.

**“List of Major Publications”**

Papers that are currently peer reviewed or have not yet been accepted for publication are excluded. Only those that have been printed or accepted for publication should be listed.

**“Required Conditions for the Applicants of this Fellowship”**

Please confirm that you meet all the written conditions unless otherwise you are not eligible to apply. Moreover, modifying the conditions is not allowed. If any of the conditions is modified on the application form, it is deemed to be a false application and will not be accepted. Also, if it becomes clear that the fellow does not meet the conditions after s/he was awarded, his/her fellowship may be canceled.