

Only Japanese nationals or permanent residents of Japan are eligible to apply to PD / RPD.

Notice of the call for FY2026 JSPS Research Fellowships for Young Scientists
(PD・DC・RPD)

- ※Note that each category (PD・DC・RPD) has a different deadline for submission. **Please request your evaluator to prepare the “Evaluation Report” well in advance.**
- ※**Applicants who wish to apply for the PD category must transfer the research institution to which you belong.** The host institution needs to be different from the institution where you have obtained the doctoral degree, and the host researcher of PD needs to be different from your doctoral supervisor..
- ※ **【Important】 Application for the Envisaged Budget for the Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows should be completed at the same time of applying for JSPS Research Fellowship. Please make sure to complete the application for the Grant-in Aid at this time.**

1. Outline of Application Procedure

1－1. Contact regarding application (the department to which applicants apply)

To issue ID and password for the JSPS Electronic Application System (hereafter “the System”), to ask questions about application or revisions after submission, **please contact to the department to which your host researcher belongs.**

【Reference】 List of contact points for ID requests and procedural inquiries about JSPS Research Fellowships, at each department of Kyoto University:

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/research/recruit/scholar/jsps> (English/Japanese)

Please scroll down to the bottom and open a PDF file named 「部局コードおよび担当者連絡先一覧(PDF)」.

※In case of applicants for DC1 category who plan to continue her/his studies at another university, s/he should contact to the department (graduate school, etc.) that s/he is enrolled at the time of application.

1－2. Schedule (for details, see “2. General Flow of the Application Procedure”)

事項	RPD	PD・DC
①Request ID & password of “the System”	Anytime	
② Download and fill application content files	Anytime	
③Start entering on “the System”	Mid March (TBD)	Early April (TBD)
④ Internal deadline for administrative check (optional)	Wednesday, April 9, 9:00 AM	Friday, May 2, 9:00 AM
⑤Administrative Check will be return to the applicant	Thursday, April 17 (TBD)	Monday, May 19 (TBD)
⑥ Final deadline for submission (all applicants) ※sharp final deadline※ Be sure to submit online and confirm the	<u>Thursday, May 8, 9:00 AM</u>	<u>Thursday, May 29, 9:00 AM</u>

status of “申請機関受付中” on “the System”.		
⑦Submit to JSPS by the Office of Research Acceleration ※No more applications and changes※	Monday, May 12, 13:00 (*1)	Tuesday, June 3, 13:00 (*1)

(*1) Applications will be submitted in batches by the Office of Research Acceleration. Before the final submission, you will see the status “申請機関受付中” on “the System”.

2. Flow of the Application Procedure

Please check the application guidelines on the JSPS website first to see if you are eligible to apply ([DC](#)・[PD](#)・[RPD](#)). (English version will be available in March at the following site : https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-pd/pd_sin.html#u20230706120538.)

2 – 1. Obtain ID for the JSPS Electronic Application System

You should obtain an ID for the JSPS Electronic Application System (for research fellowship programs). Please note that the ID is different from the IDs for JSPS general KAKENHI or International Programs. [Click here](#) for login page.

○Applicants who have already obtained ID for research fellowships before
ID obtained in the past can be used again.

○Applicants who are obtaining new one or have lost their password

Please submit “Registration Request Form for the JSPS Electronic Application System (for research fellowships programs)” by e-mail to the “application” department (to which the host researcher to be (or academic supervisor in the case of DC category) belongs)

※This ID for research fellowship programs can also be used for the application for Overseas Research Fellowships (including RRA) and Overseas Challenge Program for Young Researcher. Please obtain a separate ID, if the department to which applicants apply specified for each program is different. (For Overseas Research Fellowships, etc., you should apply from **the department where the applicant belongs (or from the department where the student is enrolled in)**).

2 – 2. Prepare the application documents

Please carefully read through the “Procedures for Preparing the Application Document ([DC](#)・[PD](#)・[RPD](#) (English version will be available in March.))” and the relevant [Operation Manual for the JSPS Electronic Application System](#) to prepare the application documents.

I. Fill in the application content file and enter “Application Form Information”

Download the prescribed format from the JSPS website and prepare the application content file (This is ready for you to work now).

After “the System” is activated (see 1 – 2 ③ for schedule), log in to the system and enter the application information.

※Please carefully check and confirm that you enter correct information in “the System”. The information you enter in the sections of “Host Researcher to-be” and “Evaluator” in case of PD category, or the section of “Current Research Supervisor” for DC category, and the section of “Evaluator” for RPD category will be automatically saved in the evaluation report. If you modify those sections after the evaluation report has been submitted, the evaluation report must be resubmitted. Please refer [here](#) for information on items that will affect the evaluation report if corrected or changed.

II. Request "Evaluation Report"

After you enter "Application Form Information", you can request to prepare "Evaluation Report". After your request, an ID for creating an evaluation report will be sent to the e-mail address registered in step I. Based on the ID, the evaluator will then create an evaluation report in the System. The applicant can check the status of the preparation of the evaluation report on the System.

III. Upload application content file

Upload the application content file (I) to the System. Please make sure that there are no garbled characters, etc.

IV. Apply for Envisaged Budget for the Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows

Following on from the FY2024 recruitment, applications for the Envisaged Budget for the Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows should be completed at the same time of applying for the JSPS Research Fellowships through the same System. **Please make sure that you should apply for the Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows at this time.** To enter the budget, refer to the section II in the "Application Procedures for Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research-KAKENHI".

When applying for PD or RPD category, applicants should fill out the [Research Plan] Attachment: Envisaged Budget for Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows of the Application Documents.

V. Request of Special Measures * applicable for a few PD applicants only

Only those who wish to apply for special measures at the host institution are required to enter the section in the System.

Applicants for PD category must change the research institution (i.e., the host institution and the research institution where the applicant earned the degree must be different and the host researcher of PD and the doctoral supervisor must be different too). If s/he has an unavoidable reason, s/he can request special measures by submitting a "Statement of Reasons for Requesting Special Measures". For details, please refer to [here](#) (Guidelines for PD Application Eligibility Screening, in Japanese language only).

2 – 3. Submit Application Forms, Corrections after Submission, etc.

- Please click “確認完了・提出” (Confirmation Completed/Submission) on the system screen, and confirm the status “申請機関受付中”.
- If you wish to modify the application after the online submission, please ask the application department to reject the application. **However, no modifications can be made after the final deadline for submission (See 1 – 2 ⑥).**
- If your application status are saved on the System as “申請機関受付中” (all applications have been submitted), “申請書情報未確認” and “申請書未提出” (application form information has been entered), as of the deadline for submitting check (See 1 – 2 ④), your application forms will be checked by the administrator whether the form has been altered, whether blank fields have been filled in, etc. Your application status can be seen at the bottom of the “処理状況一覧” (Processing Status List) under “処理状況確認・申請書作成再開” (Check Processing Status and Resume Application Form Preparation) in the System.
If there are any items to be revised, the application department will contact you. If you wish to revise them, please ask the department to reject the application and **you should resubmit the application by the final deadline.**
- Administrative check is an optional service. Even if you cannot meet the internal deadline for administrative check (See 1 – 2 ④), you are able to complete the application by the final

deadline.

- Applications whose status are “申請機関受付中” as of the final deadline for submission will be submitted to JSPS from the Office of Research Acceleration. Since they must be submitted in a batch, **no additional applications are possible after the final deadline.**

3. Research Ethics Education Coursework

Anyone who is awarded the Research Fellowship must complete the coursework on research ethics conducted by Kyoto University.

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/research/research-compliance-ethics/research-integrity-rules-reporting/research-integrity-training>

4. Useful Information (internal access only)

Please refer to relevant information about applying for JSPS Research Fellowships posted on the website of the Kyoto University Office of Research Acceleration (KURA) (internal access).

- ◆ Application support for JSPS Research Fellowships (DC ・ PD ・ RPD ・ Overseas Research Fellowships) in Japanese language only
<https://www.kura.kyoto-u.ac.jp/support/seifu/gakushin/>
- ◆ JSPS Research Fellowships for Young Scientists: Overview and Application Handbook in Japanese language only
<https://ecr.research.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/cat-a/a1/1841/>
- ◆ Video interviews with selected Fellowship recipients and former reviewers in Japanese language only
https://www.kura.kyoto-u.ac.jp/support/seifu/gakushin/fellow_movie/
- ◆ 【Reference】 Guidelines for Writing KAKENHI Proposals in English
<https://www.kura.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/support/kaken/kyoukasyo/>

KURA will hold a Brush-Up Seminar: “A Little Creativity Can Change your Diagram!” in Japanese language on March 14th, 2025. For details, please check the HP below.

<https://www.kura.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/event/20250314/>

5. Employment Support Program for Young Researchers to Improve the Research Environment (※ only for PD and RPD categories)

Since FY2023, JSPS has been implementing the “Employment Support Program for Young Researchers to Improve the Research Environment” to enable the employment of Postdoctoral Fellows (PD, RPD, CPD, etc.), who previously had no employment relationship and had an unstable status, at the host research institution.

Kyoto University applied for this support program and started employment of JSPS Postdoctoral Fellows on October 1, 2023, and all of the newly adopted JSPS Postdoctoral Fellows in FY2026 will also be employed by the University in principle. For details on employment conditions, etc., please contact the administrative staff of the host department. The necessary procedures for employment will be notified separately through the person in charge of the department as soon as the candidates under the selection are disclosed.

- ◆ Employment Support Program for Young Researchers to Improve the Research Environment (JSPS

website) in Japanese language only

<https://www.isps.go.jp/j-pd/pd-koyou/>

- ◆ Employment Support Program for Young Researchers to Improve the Research Environment (Kyoto University website) in Japanese language only

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/research/recruit/scholar/jsps#a02>