



Advanced Research Fellowship Application

We seek applications from outstanding scholars in the social sciences who are conducting research that illuminates Japan's relations with the rest of the world in the broadest sense. We welcome applicants from anthropology, economics, history, law, political science, public health, and sociology, among other fields.

The Fellowship Grant

1. Fellows spend a ten-month period in residence at Harvard that typically begins in September.
2. Depending on need, the stipend amounts to as much as: \$44,000 and Harvard University Group Health Plan insurance coverage for one. Although these fellowships are normally reserved for scholars for whom the stipend represents their sole source of support, the Program will consider supplementing other grants.
3. Awardees must complete all requirements of their doctoral degree to receive a fellowship. If a successful applicant has not already earned a Ph.D. at the time of his or her application, the applicant's advisers must submit a formal letter to the effect that he or she "has completed all the requirements of the Ph.D." by August 1. The letter must include that precise wording, and no mitigating circumstances will be considered. Because advisers may not be prepared to confirm this until they have collectively approved the dissertation and all required changes have been made to put it in its final (deposit) form, we strongly urge you to schedule your defense, if it is still pending, by July 1. No funds can be disbursed until such a letter is received, and the fellowship will be reduced by one-tenth for each month's delay. Depending on the length of the delay, a prospective fellow may be asked to begin the Program in the second semester, and in extreme cases, the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations reserves the right to revoke the fellowship altogether.

Eligibility

1. Candidates must hold a doctoral or other terminal degree in a discipline bearing on the Program's research areas. Research projects that focus on Japan or Japan's international role from a comparative, historical, or global perspective are welcome. A knowledge of the Japanese language is not required.
2. Because a major aim of the fellowship is to provide talented researchers based outside Japan with an opportunity to carry on a dialogue with the Japanese scholars, officials, businesspeople, and journalists who join the Program each year, preference will be given to non-Japanese.

The Application Process

1. Submit a curriculum vitae and the application form along with one or two short sample publications (preferably publications relevant to the proposed research).
2. Submit letters of recommendation from three people, at least one of whom is based in the United States, who are knowledgeable about the applicant's scholarly work.
3. Brief statement (up to a page) on your teaching interests, and on your ideas about a few undergraduate courses you might teach, with a sentence or two on how you might approach each if you were to offer it. We are especially open to courses in the social sciences that are framed more broadly and that are not limited to Japan. (e.g., Environment and Public Policy; War Memory; Gender and Culture; Industrial and Postindustrial East Asia; Urban Worlds in Asia; East Asia in the International Political Economy.) Applicants are encouraged to list several course titles, in the event that their preferred topic does not correspond with departmental priorities. Successful applicants will be asked to submit course descriptions at a later date.
4. Complete applications must be submitted by January 15 to:
Associate Director
Program on U.S.-Japan Relations
61 Kirkland Street
Cambridge, MA 02138-2030
U.S.A.
5. Awards will be announced in mid-February.

Responsibilities of Advanced Research Fellows

1. Fellows are expected to take part in all Program activities throughout the academic year.
2. Fellows are required to present their research findings at a Program seminar and to submit a 40- to 50-page research paper on a relevant topic for possible inclusion in the Program's Occasional Papers series. This does not preclude publication of the same research elsewhere.
3. During their term of appointment, Advanced Research Fellows will be expected to contribute to the teaching program at Harvard, normally by offering one undergraduate course during the fall or spring semester of the academic year. Broader courses that include, but are not limited to, Japan are especially encouraged.
4. Because fellows are expected to devote themselves full-time to a major research project, working elsewhere during one's tenure at Harvard is not permitted.

Harvard University
Application for the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations

This form should be typed in English.

1. Family name: _____
Given name: _____ Middle initial: ____

2. Date of birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

3. Sex: _____ 4. Nationality: _____

5. Office address: _____ _____ _____ telephone: _____ fax: _____ e-mail: _____ Preferred mailing address: office _____ home _____	Home Address: _____ _____ _____ telephone: _____ fax: _____ e-mail: _____
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6. Date Ph.D. (to be) earned: _____

7. Proposed research project: _____

8. Proposed tenure at Harvard (normally September – May):
beginning month/year: _____ ending month/year: _____



9. *For non-native English speakers* — All activities of the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations are conducted in English, and all Associates carry out research projects requiring a mastery of English. Please rate your English-language skills below.

	excellent	good	fair	limited
reading				
writing				
listening				
speaking				

excellent = able to handle sophisticated discussions in most fields near the level of a native speaker

good = able to carry on sophisticated discussions in one's own field of specialization

fair = able to carry on basic conversations

Please describe your English-language training: _____

10. *For non-native Japanese speakers* — Although knowledge of Japanese is not required, please rate your skills using the scale above.

	excellent	good	fair	limited
reading				
writing				
listening				
speaking				

Please describe your Japanese-language training: _____

On separate sheets of paper, please answer the following questions, retyping the question at the beginning of each reply.

11. Summary of proposed research — Discuss why you became interested in your research topic, its significance, and the specific questions you want to explore.
12. Plan of research — What do you plan to do at each stage of your research at the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations? What types of resources (e.g., books, documents, interviews) do you intend to use at each stage?
13. Are there particular resource materials at Harvard that you intend to use? Are there specific individuals here or elsewhere in the United States whose views you hope to seek out while in residence at Harvard?
14. What do you plan to do with the results of your research?