Government of India
Department of Science and Technology

JSPS Invitation Fellowship and Postdoctoral Fellowship Programmes for Indian Researchers in Japan 2003–04

Department of Science & Technology (DST), is a Recommending Organization (RO) in India for the following Fellowship Programmes of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

i) JSPS Invitation Fellowship Programs (short term/long term) for Research in Japan.
ii) JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Japan for Foreign Researchers.

DST invites applications for FY 2003–04 from promising and qualified Indian scientists/technologists/researchers for the above fellowships to conduct research in Japan at Japanese Universities and other Institutions as mentioned below.

Host Researchers and Host Institutions in Japan:

Candidates have to arrange in advance, a research plan for their stay in Japan with their host researcher and obtain consent from them. The host researchers should be employed full-time at the institution of one of type listed below:

1) universities,
2) inter-university research institutions,
3) research institutions or scientific research corporations under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, Sports, Culture, Science and Technology (MEXT)
4) other research institutes and scientific research corporations as per the list given with the application material. Latest list of these institutes may also be seen from the JSPS website: http://www.jsps.go.jp/e-home.htm.

Fields of Research: All fields of science, technology, engineering and medicine.

A. Invitation Fellowships – Short-term (14 to 60 days)

Purpose: To invite senior scientists to participate in discussions which may lead to joint research project formulation.

Eligibility: The applicants should be a citizen of India and should be employed in a regular permanent/quasi-permanent position with an Indian university/deemed university/scientific institute or laboratory under Central/State Governments (but not from a defense laboratory or establishment). Only senior scientists, university professors, and other researchers with substantial professional experience can apply.

Coverage of Fellowship: The exact terms offered by JSPS would be given in the Fellowship Award letters to the selected candidates. At present, the JSPS provides the round-trip air ticket, per diem (Yen 18,000), domestic travel allowance (Yen 150,000) and overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage.

Slots available: Up to 8

Starting date of Fellowships: Between 1 May 2003 and 31 March 2004.

B. Invitation Fellowships – Long-term (61 days to 10 months)

Purpose: To invite scientists to Japan for co-operative research work with scientists at Japanese research institutes and universities.
Eligibility: The applicants should be a citizen of India and should be employed in a regular permanent/quasi-permanent position with an Indian university/deemed university/scientific institute or laboratory under Central/State Governments (but not from a defense laboratory or establishment). The applicants should have a doctorate degree in science, technology, engineering or medicine for a period of more than 6 years as on 1 April 2003. However, professors, associate/assistant professors, research associates and other persons who do not have a doctoral degree but have substantial professional experience (minimum 9 years as on 1 April 2002) can also apply.

Coverage of Fellowship: The exact terms offered by JSPS would be given in the Fellowship Award letters to the selected candidates. At present, the JSPS provides the round-trip air ticket, monthly allowance (Yen 369,000), domestic research travel allowance (Yen 100,000), research expenses (Yen 40,000) and overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage.

Slots available: Up to 3.
Starting date of Fellowships: Between 1 May 2003 and 31 March 2004.

C. Postdoctoral Fellowship (12 to 24 months)

Purpose: To conduct collaborative research activities under the leadership of scientists at Japanese Universities and Research Institutions.

Eligibility: The applicants should be a citizen of India holding a doctorate degree awarded on or after 1 April 1997 and an affiliate of a recognized scientific institution in India but not from a defense laboratory or establishment. Researchers like Postdoctoral Fellows, CSIR/UGC RAs or in similar positions in a research project holding Ph.D. degree may also apply.

Note: Those who have previously been awarded a fellowship of 12 months or longer under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program or STA Fellowship Program are not eligible.

Coverage of Fellowship: The exact terms offered by JSPS would be given in the Fellowship Award letters to the selected candidates. At present, the JSPS provides the round-trip air ticket, a monthly maintenance allowance (Yen 392,000), a settling-in allowance (Yen 200,000), an annual domestic research travel allowance (Yen 58,500) and overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage.

Slots available: Up to 10.
Starting Date of Fellowships: Between 1 July 2003 and 30 November 2003.

Application Procedure:
The candidates have to obtain in advance an Invitation letter including a supporting statement signed by the host researcher in Japan.

The application forms may be printed from DST’s website: http://dst.gov.in and may be retyped. In case of any difficulties, the forms may also be obtained as MS word file by sending e-mail to: nvasishta@hotmail.com or nvasishta@alpha.nic.in

For obtaining a hard copy of the application material, a request may be sent in an envelope inscribed “JSPS Invitation Fellowships 2003”/“JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship 2003” along with a self-addressed unstamped envelope (slightly bigger than A4 size) to: Dr Naveen Vasishta, Senior Scientific Officer, International Division, Department of Science & Technology, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110 016.

Last date for submission of application for Invitation Fellowships : 30 November 2002
Last date for submission of application for Postdoctoral Fellowships : 31 December 2002