



**Invitation for Collaborative Research on
Public International law and Arctic/Antarctic Legal & Policy Issues
with JSPS Fellowship—Academic Year 2023**

ATTENTION

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As prestigious fellows of the **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)**, **the Polar Cooperation Research Centre (PCRC) at Kobe University** is offering to host a few scholars who are interested in collaborative research with the Director of the Centre, Professor Akiho Shibata on international law generally, as well as Arctic and Antarctic focused legal and policy issues, starting in 2023 academic year (arrival date between April 2023 and March 2024). The fellowship is conditional on the physical presence of the fellow in Japan, and, if the COVID-19 related restrictions were still in effect, the successful fellows would need to abide by all Japanese and local regulations.

There are two broad categories in the JSPS fellowship program: (1) Postdoctoral Fellowships and (2) Invitation Fellowships (please also see the table below).

(1) The Postdoctoral Fellowship [P] or [PE] is a competitive fellowship for doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers with funding for round-trip airfare to Kobe, up to ¥362,000JPY stipend per month, and other allowances. The duration of the research is 12-24 months for the STANDARD [P] type of fellowship (applicants must have already received Ph.D. at the time of arrival in Japan) and 1-12 months for the SHORT-TERM [PE] fellowship (applicants who are expecting to receive Ph.D. are also eligible. The short-term fellowship is available only for nationals/citizens of US, Canada, EU countries, UK, Switzerland, Norway and Russia). There are multiple application opportunities depending on the timing of arrival in Japan.

(2) The Invitation Fellowship [L] or [S] is also a competitive fellowship for overseas researchers in a position equivalent to a university professor or associate professor. There are LONG-TERM [L] fellowships for mid-career researchers and SHORT-TERM [S] fellowships for established researchers. The duration of the LONG-TERM [L] fellowship is 2-10 months and it provides round-trip flights costs and ¥387,600JPY per month. The duration of the SHORT-TERM [S] fellowship is 14-60 days and it provides round-trip flights costs and ¥18,000JPY per day. There is only one application opportunity per year for the LONG-TERM [L] fellowship in August, whereas there are two application opportunities per year for SHORT-TERM [S] fellowship in September 2022 and May 2023 (depending on the timing of arrival in Japan).

Please read carefully the JSPS application guidelines (links below) and check your eligibility.



Please note that the JSPS fellowship application process requires a close communication with the receiving professor well before the deadlines, involving several documents co-produced by the applicant and the receiving professor. The PCRC is looking for those applicants who have concrete plans to come to Kobe to do specific collaborative research.

Please check the type of fellowship and the deadlines for each round of recruitment on the table below. The first draft of the application prepared by the applicant must be submitted to the PCRC at least one month before the deadline of Kobe University shown in the table. Before that, it is necessary to discuss with Prof. Shibata about the research plan and the time of arrival in Japan, so please prepare for the application with sufficient time.

From the above point of view, please contact the PCRC at least 2 months before the deadline listed in the table. **Those interested in applying for the 1st recruitment of [P], [L], and 1st recruitment of [S] must contact the PCRC by July 1.**

For the initial show of interest, please provide the following information and send them to the PCRC < pcrc_apply@people.kobe-u.ac.jp >:

- (i) The type of the fellowship and the round of recruitment for which you would like to apply (after carefully checking your eligibility);
- (ii) The expected arrival and departure dates of your preferred stay in Kobe;
- (iii) Your CV, including your nationality/citizenship, birthdate, the date or expected date of your doctoral degree; and
- (iv) Your research topic, with the explanation how that topic contributes to the research undertaken at PCRC and/or by Professor Shibata.

Please refer to the PCRC website for the research activities undertaken at Kobe PCRC and for previous JSPS fellows hosted by the Centre.

PCRC website: <http://www.research.kobe-u.ac.jp/gsics-pcrc/index.html>

JSPS Application Guidelines

Postdoctoral Fellowship: <https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/application-23.html>

Invitational Fellowship: <https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv/application/2023application.html>



PCRC-hosted JSPS Fellowship Program Schedule for Academic Year 2023

Type of Fellowship, Duration		Round of Recruitment and Application Deadlines*	Result Notification	Arrival in Japan
Postdoctoral Fellow	Standard [P] 12 to 24 months	The 1st Recruitment: August 2, 2022	December 2022	April 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023
		The 2 nd Recruitment: April 6, 2023	August 2023	September 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023
	Short-Term [PE]** 1 to 12 months	The 1st Recruitment: September 6, 2022	January 2023	April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024
		The 2nd Recruitment: December 15, 2022	May 2023	August 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024
		The 3rd Recruitment: May 11, 2023	September 2023	January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024
	Invitational Fellow	Long-term [L] 2 to 10 months	August 2, 2022	December 2022
The 1 st Recruitment: August 2, 2022			December 2022	April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024
Short-term [S] 14 to 60 days		The 2 nd Recruitment: April 6, 2023	August 2023	October 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

* The date indicated here is the Kobe University deadlines. The prospective applicants should approach PCRC as soon as possible.

** Nationals/citizens of eligible countries; US, Canada, EU countries, UK, Switzerland, Norway and Russia.