



**Invitation for Collaborative Research on  
Public International law and Arctic/Antarctic Legal & Policy Issues  
with JSPS Fellowship—Academic Year 2024**

**ATTENTION**

**Those who are interested in applying for the 1<sup>st</sup> recruitment of [P], [L], and 1<sup>st</sup> recruitment of [S] must contact the PCRC by June 15.**

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 2024 academic year (arrival date between April 2024 and March 2025).

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.

See YouTube video for tips from previous successful fellows:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f512zgQUt6A> 

**(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 2023 and April 2024 (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 1<sup>st</sup> recruitment of [P], [L], and 1<sup>st</sup> recruitment of [S] must contact the PCRC by June 15.**

For the initial show of interest, please provide the following information and send them to the PCRC <kobe\_arctic\_research@diamond.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**

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

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



### PCRC-hosted JSPS Fellowship Program Schedule for Academic Year 2024

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 1, 2023	December 2023	April 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024
		The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Recruitment: April 2, 2024	August 2024	September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024
	Short-Term [PE]** 1 to 12 months	The 1st Recruitment: September 4, 2023	January 2024	April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025
		The 2nd Recruitment: December 13, 2023	May 2024	August 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025
		The 3rd Recruitment: May 14, 2024	September 2024	January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025
	Invitational Fellow	Long-term [L] 2 to 10 months	August 1, 2023	December 2023
The 1 <sup>st</sup> Recruitment: August 1, 2023			December 2023	April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025
Short-term [S] 14 to 60 days		The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Recruitment: April 2, 2024	August 2024	October 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

\* 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.