



**Invitation for Collaborative Research on  
Arctic/Antarctic Legal & Policy Issues  
with JSPS Fellowship—Academic Year 2021**

**Interest must be indicated to the PCRC as soon as possible.**

**For the second recruitment of Postdoctoral SHORT-TERM [PE] fellowship**

**Draft application must be received by PCRC no later than 4 December 2020.**

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 on Arctic and/or Antarctic legal and policy issues starting in the second half of 2021 academic year (arrival date between August/September 2021 and March 2022). The Centre particularly welcomes fellows whose stay in Kobe coincide with 14<sup>th</sup> Polar Law Symposium to be held in November 2021 in Kobe, Japan.

Please be reminded that the successful fellows will need to abide by all Japanese and local regulations relating to COVID-19 when entering Japan. The fellowship is conditional on the physical presence of the fellow in Japan.

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 (equivalent to \$3,400USD €2,900EUR), 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, Switzerland, Norway and Russia). There are multiple application opportunities depending on the timing of arrival in Japan.

**(2) The Invitation Fellowship SHORT-TERM [S]** is also a competitive fellowship for overseas researchers in a position equivalent to a university professor. The duration of the SHORT-TERM [S] fellowship is 14-60 days and it provides round-trip flights costs and ¥18,000JPY (equivalent to \$170USD, €140EUR) per day. This year, we are offering



only the second recruitment application, the deadline for which is in mid April 2021.

Please read carefully the JSPS application guidelines 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.

Those interested in applying for the JSPS fellowship for the 2021 academic year, in any category [P][PE][S], must contact the PCRC <kobe\_arctic\_research@diamond.kobe-u.ac.jp> as soon as possible, with following information:

- (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.

**For the second recruitment of Postdoctoral SHORT-TERM [PE] fellowship, after close consultation with the PCRC, the draft application must be submitted no later than 4 December 2020.**

Please refer to the PCRC website for the Arctic and Antarctic research 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 website: <[https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv\\_researchers/index.html](https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv_researchers/index.html)>



### PCRC-hosted JSPS Fellowship Program Schedule for Academic Year 2021

Type of Fellowship, Duration		Round of Recruitment and Application Deadlines*	Result Notification	Arrival in Japan
Postdoctoral Fellow	Standard [P] 12 to 24 months	2nd Recruitment: April 15, 2021	August 2021	September 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021
	Short-Term [PE]** 1 to 12 months	2nd Recruitment: December 23, 2020	May 2021	August 1, 2021- March 31, 2022
		3rd Recruitment: May 20, 2021	September 2021	January 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022
Invitation Fellow	Short-term [S] 14 to 60 days	2nd Recruitment: April 15, 2021	August 2021	October 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022

\* 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, Switzerland, Norway and Russia). For Icelandic citizens, see the JSPS application guidelines.