



**Invitation for Collaborative Research on
Arctic/Antarctic Legal & Policy Issues
with JSPS Fellowship—Academic Year 2020**

**For the first recruitments, interest must be indicated to the PCRC
as soon as possible, but no later than 30 July 2019**

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 2020 academic year (arrival date between April 2020 and March 2021). The Centre particularly welcomes fellows whose stay in Kobe coincide with 13th Polar Law Symposium to be held on 23-25 November 2020 in Kobe, 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 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 \$3,300USD €2,900EUR), and other allowances. The duration of the research is 12-24 months for the STANDARD 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 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. Please also note that Icelandic citizens may apply for the SHORT-TERM fellowship only if they have earned a master's or higher degree and continuously thereafter have been engaged in research for a period of at least three years at a university or research institution in an eligible country (US, Canada, EU countries, Switzerland, Norway or Russia) before the time their applications are submitted.

(2) The Invitation Fellowship is also a competitive fellowship for overseas researchers in a position equivalent to a university professor or associate professor. There are LONG-TERM fellowships for mid-career researchers and SHORT-TERM fellowships for established researchers. The duration of the LONG-TERM fellowship is 2-10 months and it provides round-trip flights costs and ¥387,600JPY (equivalent to



\$3,500USD €3,200EUR) per month. The duration of the SHORT-TERM fellowship is 14-60 days and it provides round-trip flights costs and ¥18,000JPY (equivalent to \$165USD, €148EUR) per day. There is only one application opportunity per year for the LONG-TERM fellowship in August, whereas there are two application opportunities per year for SHORT-TERM fellowship in August 2020 and April 2021 (depending on the timing of arrival in Japan).

Those interested in applying for the JSPS fellowship for the 2020 academic year, after carefully reading the [JSPS application guidelines](#) and checking your eligibility, must contact the PCRC <kobe_arctic_research@diamond.kobe-u.ac.jp> **as soon as possible, but no later than 30 July 2019¹**, 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.

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 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.jsp.go.jp/english/e-inv_researchers/index.html>

¹ For those applying for **the first recruitments** for Postdoctoral STANDARD TYPE, Postdoctoral SHORT-TERM, Invited LONG-TERM and SHORT-TERM. For other recruitments, please send the same information at the latest by **30 October 2019**.



PCRC-hosted JSPS Fellowship Program Schedule for Academic Year 2020

Type of Fellowship, Duration		Round of Recruitment and Application Deadlines*	Result Notification	Arrival in Japan
Postdoctoral Fellow	Standard [P] 12 to 24 months	1st Recruitment: August 20, 2019	December 2019	April 1 - September 30, 2020
		2nd Recruitment: March 31, 2020	August 2020	September 1 - November 30, 2020
	Short-Term [PE]** 1 to 12 months	1st Recruitment: September 10, 2019	January 2020	April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021
		2nd Recruitment: December 15, 2019	May 2020	August 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021
	3rd Recruitment: April 15, 2020	September 2020	January 1, 2021 - March 31, 2021	
Invitation Fellow	Long-term [L] 2 to 10 months	Only Recruitment: August 20, 2019	December 2019	April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021
	Short-term [S] 14 to 60 days	1st Recruitment: August 20, 2019	December 2019	April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021
		2nd Recruitment: April 15, 2020	August 2020	October 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021

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

** Nationals/citizens of eligible countries (US, Canada, EU countries, Switzerland, Norway and Russia). For Icelandic nationals, see the main text of the announcement.