



**Invitation for Collaborative Research on  
Arctic/Antarctic Legal & Policy Issues  
with JSPS Fellowship—Academic Year 2019**

**Interest must be indicated to the PCRC no later than 17 July 2018.**

As distinguished 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 2019 academic year (starting date between April 2019 and March 2020). The Centre particularly welcomes fellows whose stay in Kobe coincide with 2019 symposium in December and/or 2020 symposium in August.

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 €2,700EUR), 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 €2,900EUR) 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 \$164USD, €137EUR) 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 2018 and March 2019 (depending on the timing of arrival in Japan).

Those interested in applying for the JSPS fellowship for the 2019 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> **no later than 17 July 2018<sup>1</sup>**, with following information:

- (i) The type of the fellowship and the round of recruitment for which you would like to apply;
- (ii) The period for which you would like to stay in Kobe;
- (iii) Your CV; and
- (iv) Your research topic, with the explanation how that topic contributes to the research pursued under 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 “About the Centre” for the current and previous JSPS fellows hosted by PCRC.

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)>

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<sup>1</sup> However, the applicants seeking to apply for the rounds with the deadline date of August 20 (see table below in red) should contact Professor Shibata by **1 July**.



### PCRC-hosted JSPS Fellowship Program Schedule for Academic Year 2019

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: <b>August 20</b> , 2018	December 2018	April 1 - September 30, 2019
		2nd Recruitment: March 31, 2019	August 2019	September 1 - November 30, 2019
	Short-Term [PE]** 1 to 12 months	1st Recruitment: September 10, 2018	January 2019	April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020
		2nd Recruitment: December 15, 2018	April 2019	July 1, 2019- March 31, 2020
		3rd Recruitment: March 15, 2019	July 2019	October 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020
		4th Recruitment: May 20, 2019	October 2019	January 1, 2020 - March 31, 2020
Invitation Fellow	Long-term [L] 2 to 10 months	Recruitment: <b>August 20</b> , 2018	December 2018	April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020
	Short-term [S] 14 to 60 days	1st Recruitment: <b>August 20</b> , 2018	December 2018	April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020
		2nd Recruitment: March 31, 2019	August 2019	October 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020

\* The date indicated here is the Kobe University deadlines, and the prospective applicants are urged to contact Professor Shibata at least one and half month before this date.

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