JREX FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

(Invitation to Young Russian Researchers)

Program Announcement

For the year 2026

1. PURPOSE

The program is aimed at providing promising young Russian scholars, researchers, doctoral candidates and other specialists with opportunities to conduct research in Japan, thereby contributing to enhance mutual understanding and cooperation between Japan and the Russian Federation.

2. NUMBER OF PERSONS AWARDED FELLOWSHIP

A small number of persons.

3. FIELD OF RESEARCH

No restriction on the field of research (Japanese studies and Japan-Russia relations are preferred) as long as it is not problematic in relation to Japan's sanctions against Russia. In addition, research should not aim at practical skills training.

4. COUNTRY WHERE THE RESEARCH IS CONDUCTED

   Japan

5. DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships are awarded for a period of 3 months up to 1 year (no extension is allowed) with a starting date between June 2026 and December 2026.

6. COVERAGE OF FELLOWSHIP

   (1) Domestic transportation expenses within Japan (between the arrival airport /port and the nearest airport/main railway station to his/her destination/ economy class)

   (2) A monthly stipend of 250,000-300,000 Japanese yen

   *The amount includes tuition fee, housing allowance and other expenses. The awarded amount will be determined depending on the out-of-pocket tuition fees etc.

   *International air ticket and the overseas travelers' personal accident insurance (obliged) are purchased by the successful candidates.

   (3) A supplementary grant for the research up to 100,000 Japanese yen through

the period of the fellowship

7. ELIGIBILITY

Each candidate for the fellowship must:

(1) hold Russian citizenship and permanent residence in Russian Federation or in Japan;

(2) be engaged at the post-graduate (or higher) course level, be aged 40 and under, in principle;

(3) secure the necessary affiliation arrangements with the host institution by the time of application (by letter or email);

(4) have sufficient proficiency in either Japanese or English to conduct research in the host institution;

(5) have the will to continue to engage in the research or education in the field of research after the end of the fellowship period;

(6) not be receiving other grant-in-aid or scholarships etc. for study and research in Japan and will not be receiving any other grants at the same time;

(7) have physically and mentally sound health;

(8) be able to have an online interview or a face-to-face interview in Tokyo; and

(9) be not eligible, in case he/she has previously been awarded a fellowship under the JREX Fellowships for Research in Japan.

8. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

(1) Applicants must submit the following documents to the Embassy or a Consulate-General of Japan in the Russian Federation that has jurisdiction over your place of residence (applicants who stay in Japan can submit them directly to JREX)

a) Application form (attached format) with your research plans

b) Letters of reference from Russian supervisors (including the evaluation of Japanese and English proficiency)

c) Letters of reference from Japanese supervisors (including the evaluation of Japanese and English proficiency)

d) Acceptance Letter from the host institution in Japan (Email letter is also applicable)

e) Academic documents preferably in either English or Japanese (1 copy of monograph or thesis written recently and the list of other works, if any. If any works are written in Russian, their summaries in English or Japanese must

be attached to them)

f) Certificate of registration or diploma of the post-graduate course

g) Copy of Russian national passport

*Please use the same reference form for (b) and (c).

(2) Application Deadline: Friday, February 20, 2026 (by noon) to be arrived at the Embassy or a Consulate-General of Japan in the Russian Federation (or JREX if an applicant lives in Japan).
https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/over/multi.html.

(3) Notification of Result: by the end of April, 2026

9. SCREENING

(1) At the first stage: screening based on application documents. The result will be notified through the Embassy or a Consulate-General of Japan in the Russian Federation or JREX.

(2) At the second stage: interview online (applicants who stay in Japan will be interviewed in Tokyo or online). The date and time of the interview will be notified together with the result of the screening. Please note that there will be no payment for transportation expenses associated with the interview.

(3) The reason for the result will not be disclosed.

10. INVITATION PROCEDURE (after the final selection)

(1) Selected candidates must submit the following documents to JREX:

① a written oath (sent with the result of the final selection stage)

② other documents (details will be notified to the selected candidates)

(2) According to the instruction which will be sent together with the result of the final selection, selected candidates are responsible for all necessary procedures concerning visa applications, arrangements of their research plans, accommodation in Japan, etc., through contact with his/her host institutions.

11. OTHERS

(1) The fellowship may be canceled if any of the following has occurred.

① forfeiture of eligibility for the fellowship

② any false statement in the application forms and other submitted documents

③ any violation of the written oath

④ any behavior deemed unsuitable for an individual holding a fellowship

⑤ difficulty in accomplishing the proposed purpose

⑥ difficulty in continuing research due to other reasons

(2) Fellows must submit a monthly report to JREX during the whole period of stay in Japan. Also they are to submit a research report to JREX within 3 months, after the end of the fellowship period

(3) JREX may make public on its web site or by other means the following information: the fellows' name, affiliations, the host institution, research themes, activities during and after the fellowship period, scientific papers written with the support of the fellowship program, photos, etc.

(4) Depending on the unavoidable circumstances, the start of fellowship may be delayed, but if the start of fellowship is after 2026, the fellowship will be canceled in principle(unavoidable circumstances are defined as events whose effects could not reasonably be prevented or controlled by JREX or Ministry of Foreign Affairs (including Embassy and Consulate generals of Japan) but not limited to acts of God, acts of government (including local government, hereafter referred to as government), acts of government authorities (including limitations on travel or immigration enacted by the Japanese government or Russian government due to the event of infectious disease), compliance with law, regulations or orders, fire, flooding and torrential rain, earthquakes, acts of war (regardless of a declaration of war), revolt, revolution or rebellion, strike, or lockout.)

*This English translation is for reference purpose only. If there is any discrepancy between English and Japanese texts, the latter shall prevail.

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