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NIH-Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Intramural Fellowship Program for CY2013

NIH-JSPS Intramural Fellowship Program Overview

The NIH-JSPS Intramural Fellowship was created in 1995 to promote bilateral cooperation between NIH and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) foundation. This partnership-based program is co-funded largely by the JSPS Foundation. JSPS is the largest, government-supported foundation in Japan that provides fellowships to Japanese scientists. The NIH-JSPS Intramural Fellowship provides a two-year stipend to Japanese post-docs to work NIH intramural labs. This fellowship is awarded to about 15 post-docs annually.

Eligibility (Must meet ALL requirements listed below)

- Must be a Japanese citizen or permanent resident
- Must have completed a Ph.D. or equivalent at the time of application and be 34 years old or younger on April 1, 2012
- Applicants holding additional doctoral degrees in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine must be 36 years old or younger by April 1, 2012. http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-ab/data/boshu_besshi.pdf
- Must currently be or have commitment to be funded by NIH to conduct research at NIH within a year of application, authorized to work in the US, and cannot have other employment commitments including part-time work

Application

The 2012 NIH JSPS Kaitoku Program application forms (English and Japanese) can be downloaded from <http://www.jspsusa.org/kaitoku-nih.html>. Applicants must complete both forms and submit application package (Japanese and English) containing the (1) 3-page research proposal, (2) statement on previous research, and (3) statement on the significance of working in the sponsoring NIH lab. NIH sponsors must provide a letter of endorsement for their candidate. All documents must be scanned and emailed to ficjspsintramural@mail.nih.gov and original application packages delivered to FIC (NIH Main Campus, Building 31, Floor/Room B2/C39) no later than **6:00 PM ET on June 18, 2012.**

Selection and Award

Applications are reviewed by the NIH-JSPS Fellowship Review Panel comprised of 6 to 9 NIH intramural scientists appointed and chaired by Dr. Keiko Ozato. The panel evaluates and ranks the application proposals on the basis of (1) the scientific merit, (2) applicant's record, and (3) compatibility with the sponsoring lab. The Panel's recommendations are submitted to the JSPS HQ in Tokyo for a final decision on selection, which historically has honored the panel's recommendations. NIH-JSPS Intramural Fellowships will be awarded in the fall of 2012 and the fellowship can **begin on January 1, February 1, or March 1 of 2013.**

Designation and Funding

Given the competitive nature of the NIH-JSPS Intramural Program the NIH Deputy Director for Intramural Research (DDIR) has provided a blanket exception for all recipients of this competitive fellowship, under "Section O. Supplemental Funding,"* to allow NIH-JSPS Intramural Fellows to receive stipends that may exceed the stipend range for postdoctoral fellows and received benefits. Thus all NIH-JSPS fellows must be designated under the Supplemental Visiting Fellow (SF) mechanism, requiring the sponsoring NIH IC to provide health insurance benefits to the fellow and eligible family members. NOTE: JSPS Fellows retained at NIH after the JSPS fellowship has ended cannot have their stipends reduced in the third and subsequent years.

*<http://oma.od.nih.gov/manualchapters/person/2300-320-3/>

For its historic contribution to Japan's biomedical research, NIH was chosen by the foundation as a single, trial model case. Thus, the fellowship is granted to the NIH as an organization, rather than to individual scientists as fellowships are normally given. Over the years, NIH has helped Japan to advance an excellent research enterprise by training high-caliber scientists. NIH has enjoyed receiving a good supply of hardworking Japanese post-docs. While many fellows return to Japan after training, some have remained at NIH assuming advanced positions, such as Staff Scientists, and making long-standing contributions. This program has been mutually beneficial in its success.

For more information: <http://www.fic.nih.gov/Programs/Pages/japan-fellowships.aspx> or
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