

## HARVARD POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN JAPANESE STUDIES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-16

The Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University will offer several postdoctoral fellowships in Japanese studies to recent PhDs of exceptional promise, to provide an opportunity to turn their dissertation into publishable manuscripts.

### The Fellowship Grant:

1. Each fellowship will cover a 10-month period, beginning September 1, 2015, with a stipend of \$50,000, health insurance coverage for the grantee and research/travel funds.
2. Postdoctoral fellows will be provided office space, and access to the libraries and resources of Harvard University.

**Responsibilities of Postdoctoral Fellows:** Residence in the Cambridge/Boston area and participation in Institute activities are required during the appointment. Postdoctoral fellows will be expected to give a presentation at the Reischauer Institute's Japan Forum lecture series. During their term of appointment, postdoctoral fellows may have the option to teach one undergraduate course during the fall or spring semester of the academic year, or co-teach an existing course with a current faculty member. Areas of particular interest for 2015-16 tentatively include Japanese popular culture; Meiji history; Japanese imperialism/war memory; gender and politics in East Asia; political economy of Japan; and Japanese Americans in history, culture, politics, and/or society. Broader courses that include, but are not limited to, Japan are especially encouraged. Teaching is not required but may be possible.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must have received their PhD degree in 2010 or later, in Japanese studies in any area of the humanities or social sciences. Those who are chosen to receive fellowships **must** have completed all requirements for the PhD degree by July 1, 2015.

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applicants may either email one COMPLETE, COLLATED, SINGLE PDF file to <rijspostdoc@fas.harvard.edu> OR send the complete file via WE TRANSFER (<https://www.wetransfer.com/>) a free file transfer platform) to <rijspostdoc@fas.harvard.edu>.

**In the Subject line when sending an email please put RI PD APP & Applicant's Name.  
The completed application should consist of the following items in the order listed below.**

- ☐ **Cover sheet:** on a separate sheet, please provide the following information:  
(*You may also download this cover sheet from our website.*)

1. Name (First, Last and Email(s))
2. University & Dept. (of PhD)
3. Field of Study
4. Thesis title
5. Date PhD received (or, if pending, give specific timeline)
6. Names of 2 recommenders
7. Short summary (~ 40 words) of research plan at Harvard
8. Brief statement of teaching interests

9. Do you have a continuing teaching position? If yes, where?

**N.B.** If teaching, have you obtained approval from your dept. to accept a postdoctoral position (if received) for 2015-16?

10. Have you previously applied for a Harvard Postdoctoral Fellowship? If yes, when?

11. Are you currently applying for other postdoctoral fellowships at Harvard University?

- Curriculum vitae:** please include citizenship, current and permanent addresses, telephone number(s), email address; academic degrees with dates of conferral, discipline and institution.
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- List of publications** (*--this may be included in your CV*)
- Dissertation abstract and table of contents** (*up to 3 pages; be sure your name is designated at top of each page*)
- Plan of research** (*on separate sheet, up to 2 pages*): *What do you plan to do at each stage of your research during the fellowship? What particular resources do you intend to use at each stage? What are the advantages of doing your postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard; are there specific individuals you hope to seek out while in residence?*
- Brief Statement of Teaching Interests** (*up to a page*) *Your ideas about a few undergraduate courses you might teach, with a sentence or two on how you might approach each if you were to offer it. See above for areas of possible need in 2015-16. In addition, we are especially open to courses that are framed more broadly and that are not limited to Japan. (e.g., Warriors; Literature and Environment; Depressions; East Asia in the International Political Economy.) Because arrangements will need to be negotiated with the relevant departments or programs, applicants are encouraged to list several course titles, in the event that their preferred topic does not correspond with departmental priorities. Successful applicants will be asked to submit course descriptions at a later date.*
- Official transcript of grades**
- Two letters of recommendation** These must be emailed directly by the application deadline to <rijspostdoc@fas.harvard.edu>. In the email subject line, put RI PD REC and Applicant's Name

## **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Application materials (as complete and collated PDF file) accepted as:

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- (2) File Transfer via **WE TRANSFER** (<https://www.wetransfer.com/>), a free file transfer platform, to <rijspostdoc@fas.harvard.edu>. Indicate RI PD APP and Applicant's Name in Message Line.

**Direct inquiries to:** <rijspostdoc@fas.harvard.edu>

## **Application Deadline:**

**Completed, collated single PDF Application must be received by Jan. 2, 2015, 5 p.m.**

Award Announcement: After February 23, 2015

[http://rijs.fas.harvard.edu/pdfs/Postdoctoral\\_Fellowships1516.pdf](http://rijs.fas.harvard.edu/pdfs/Postdoctoral_Fellowships1516.pdf)