

2019-20 REISCHAUER INSTITUTE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN JAPANESE STUDIES

The Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies (RIJS) at Harvard University will offer several Postdoctoral Fellowships in Japanese Studies to recent Ph.D. graduates of exceptional promise, to provide the opportunity for postdoctoral fellows to turn their dissertations into publishable manuscripts. The fellowship is for 10 months, commencing September 1, 2019.

FELLOWSHIP GRANT:

1. Stipend of \$60,000; health insurance coverage for the grantee; and up to \$5,000 in research funds.
2. Postdoctoral fellows will be provided office space, as well as access to the libraries and resources of Harvard University.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS:

Postdoctoral fellows are expected to reside in the Cambridge area during the appointment term and participate in RIJS activities and events. Postdoctoral fellows will also be expected to give a presentation at the RIJS Japan Forum lecture series.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must have received their Ph.D. in 2014 or later, in Japanese studies, in any area of the humanities or social sciences. RIJS especially encourages applications from those who have not previously held postdoctoral appointments at Harvard. Those who are selected to receive fellowships *must have a Registrar-certified Ph.D. degree by June 30, 2019.*

DEADLINE:

Complete application form, supplementary materials, AND two letters of recommendation must be received by: January 4, 2019 (Friday), 5 pm EST.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

This fellowship application has three main components.

I. Application Form

Applicants are required to complete an online application form: <https://goo.gl/forms/QthRK8Fta7sQqmHm2>

This application form is for those applying to the RIJS Postdoctoral Fellowships, RIJS Japan Digital Fellowship/Postdoctoral Fellowship, or BOTH. Please follow the instructions detailed below. Whether you are applying to one or both fellowships, please complete the form only once.

PLEASE NOTE: Since it is not possible to save your responses or edit them after submission, you are strongly encouraged to prepare your responses on a separate document before transferring to this application form.

The questions are as follows:

1. Name and Contact Information
 - a. Title, First/Last Legal Name
 - b. Citizenship
 - c. Email Address

2. Educational/Professional Background
 - a. University & Department
 - b. Field of Study and/or Field of Expertise
 - c. Current Employer/Position
 - d. Do you have a continuing teaching position? If yes, where? Have you obtained approval from your department to accept a fellowship, if selected?
 - e. Thesis Title
 - f. Date Ph.D. Received/Expected (If pending, please give specific timeline.)
 - g. Have you previously applied for any postdoctoral fellowship(s) at Harvard? If yes, which and when?
 - h. Have you previously received any postdoctoral fellowship(s) at Harvard or elsewhere? If yes, which and when?
 - i. Are you currently applying for other postdoctoral fellowships at Harvard or elsewhere? If yes, which?

3. What fellowship(s) are you applying for?

(You may select either RIJS Postdoctoral Fellowships, RIJS Japan Digital Fellowship/Postdoctoral Fellowship, or BOTH.)

4. RIJS Postdoctoral Fellowships
 - a. Provide a short summary of your research plan at Harvard.
 - b. List 2 recommenders.

(5) If you are also applying for the RIJS Japan Digital Fellowship/Postdoctoral Fellowship, please answer the questions in Section 5. If not, please enter “NA,” click submit, and continue to the submission page.

II. Supplementary Materials

Applicants must send application materials to rijspostdoc@fas.harvard.edu EITHER through email OR through [WETRANSFER](#) (a free file transfer platform). In the subject line, please specify “**RIJS PD APP**” **and Applicant Name**.

Please submit your materials as a single, collated PDF file. Each application file should consist of the following materials in the order listed below:

1. **Plan of Research** (*on separate sheet, up to 2 pages*):
 - What research do you plan to pursue during the fellowship term?
 - What do you plan to do at each stage, and what particular resources do you intend to use?
 - What are the advantages of spending a postdoctoral fellowship year at Harvard; are there specific individuals you hope to seek out while in residence?
2. **Curriculum Vitae:** Please include **citizenship**, current and permanent addresses, telephone number(s), email address; academic degrees with dates of conferral, discipline and institution, as well as a *list of publications*.
3. **Official Transcript of Grades:** Please submit an official electronic transcript, or **OPEN** your official paper transcript to scan as part of your complete application.
4. **Dissertation Abstract and Table of Contents** (*on separate sheet, up to 3 pages*)
5. **Writing Sample** (*on separate sheet*): Provide a recent article (drafted or published) or dissertation chapter.

III. Letters of Recommendation

Two letters are required. These must be emailed directly by the recommender to rijspostdoc@fas.harvard.edu *by the application deadline*. In the subject line, please specify “**RIJS PD REC**” **and Applicant Name**.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please submit the three application components as follows:

I. Application Form

Applicant submits online application form here: <https://goo.gl/forms/QthRK8Fta7sQqmHm2>

II. Supplementary Materials

Applicant submits a single, collaged PDF file to rijspostdoc@fas.harvard.edu EITHER through email OR through [WETRANSFER](#) (a free file transfer platform). In the subject line, please specify “**RIJS PD APP**” **and** Applicant Name.

III. Letters of Recommendation

Recommenders (2) submit letters directly to rijspostdoc@fas.harvard.edu *by the application deadline*. In the subject line, please specify “**RIJS PD REC**” **and** Applicant Name.

DEADLINE: January 4, 2019 (Friday), 5 pm EST

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: March 2019

Please direct inquiries to: rijspostdoc@fas.harvard.edu.