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**2021-22 REISCHAUER INSTITUTE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS  
IN JAPANESE STUDIES**

**ONLINE APPLICATION:** <http://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/9818>

**Applicant Deadline:** **December 18, 2020 (Friday), 5:00pm EST**

**Recommender Deadline:** **January 8, 2021 (Friday), 5:00pm EST**

The Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies (RIJS) at Harvard University will offer several Postdoctoral Fellowships in Japanese Studies to recent PhD graduates of exceptional promise, to provide the opportunity for postdoctoral fellows to turn their dissertations into publishable manuscripts and to continue their research in Japanese studies.

**NOTE:** This year, the Reischauer Institute is offering two fellowship opportunities, the [Japan Digital Fellowship](#) and the [Postdoctoral Fellowship in Japanese Studies](#). Applicants may NOT submit applications to both fellowships. We will ONLY accept one application per individual. Applicants should carefully consider which application they intend to submit.

**APPOINTMENT TERM:**

10 months, commencing September 2021.

**FELLOWSHIP GRANT:**

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

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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 PhD in 2016 or later, in Japanese studies, in any area of the humanities or social sciences. Those who are selected to receive fellowships must have a Registrar-certified PhD degree by June 30, 2021. *RIJS especially encourages applications from those who have not previously held postdoctoral appointments at Harvard.*

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

The postdoctoral fellowship application is available on the Harvard University ARIeS (Academic Recruiting Information eSystem).

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The application has three main components.

### I. Personal Information

- Candidate Information
- Contact Information
- Sponsorship: Will you now or in the future require visa sponsorship?
- Educational Background

### II. Reference

Two reference letters are required. On your online application, two reference entries must be created. Once your application is submitted by the **applicant deadline December 18, 2020**, ARIeS will automatically generate reference solicitation emails to your recommenders. Reference letters must be submitted by the **recommender deadline January 8, 2021**. Your application will not be considered complete until all materials are received.

### III. Supplemental Questions

- Please state your thesis title.
- Date PhD Received/Expected (if pending, please give specific timeframe).
- Have you previously applied for any postdoctoral fellowships at Harvard? If yes, which and when?
- Have you previously received any postdoctoral fellowships at Harvard or elsewhere? If yes, which and when?
- Are you currently applying for other postdoctoral fellowships at Harvard or elsewhere? If yes, which?
- Please provide a short summary of your research plan at Harvard. (200 words)

### IV. University-wide Optional Questions

- Voluntary Self-Identification of Protected Veteran Status
- Voluntary Self-Identification of Disability
- Voluntary Demographics

*You may opt out of any or all of these questions on ARIeS.*

### V. Required Documents

Please upload each of the following required documents to your application.

1. **Statement of Research (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 or resources 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; current employer; and *list of publications*.

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3. **Transcript:** Please submit an official electronic transcript, or OPEN your official paper transcript to scan as part of your complete application. *\*\*If your PhD comes from a non-US university that does not issue an official transcript of grades, please submit alternative documentation of your enrollment and progress in the degree program, as well as a written statement that you are unable to provide an official transcript of grades.*
4. **Dissertation Abstract (1 page)**
5. **Dissertation Table of Contents**
6. **Dissertation Chapter:** We will also accept a published article submitted in lieu of the dissertation chapter as a writing sample.

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**Award Announcement: March 2021**

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