



FELLOWSHIPS • GRANTS • AWARDS for Harvard Graduate Students interested in Japanese Studies

■ REISCHAUER INSTITUTE GRADUATE WINTERSESSION GRANTS

Supports Harvard graduate students in the humanities or social sciences whose work focuses on Japan and who have already done preliminary research on their topic. *Preference is given to GSAS students in Japanese studies. Applicants should explain why wintersession research is preferable to summer research.* Applicants should have three years of Japanese language study or have comparable proficiency in the language. Wintersession research grants are intended to cover travel *from* Harvard to Japan and *return*. *Please note:* Students receiving wintersession grants are less likely to receive RIJS summer funding. Research length minimum is two weeks. (Grant up to \$3,000.) Please note that all support related to travel must follow current Harvard University travel guidelines and safety protocols before, during and after travel. Please see the following sites for the most up-to-date guidance: [Harvard Travel Guidance](#) and [Harvard GSS COVID-19 Travel Advice](#). **APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2024 (SUNDAY)** Applications may be considered *after* the December 1 deadline.

■ REISCHAUER INSTITUTE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN JAPANESE STUDIES AY2025-26

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. Postdoctoral fellows are expected to reside in the Cambridge area during the appointment term, participate in RIJS activities, and give a presentation at the RIJS Japan Forum lecture series. Applicants must have received their PhD in 2019 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, 2025. RIJS particularly encourages applications from those who have not previously held postdoctoral appointments at Harvard.

APPLICANT DEADLINE: DECEMBER 13, 2024 (Friday)

RECOMMENDER DEADLINE: January 3, 2025 (Friday)

Please check RIJS website for online application

Appointment Term: Year-long appointments commencing August or September 2025

Grant Amount: \$70,000 stipend; eligibility for university subsidized health; up to \$5,000 in research funds.

Website: <http://rijs.fas.harvard.edu/postdoctoral/rijs>

Contact: rijspostdoc@fas.harvard.edu

Instructions, view: <http://rijs.fas.harvard.edu/postdoctoral/rijs>

■ DISSERTATION WRITING GRANTS

Term-time support to Harvard doctoral candidates from any field of Japanese studies within the humanities or social sciences to prepare the two-chapter minimum requirement for the Dissertation Completion Grant. Support is limited to one semester, generally during the fall term, and cannot be supplemented with other teaching or research activity. Application is by email from doctoral candidate to the RIJS Executive Director with endorsement by dissertation primary advisor. (Grants up to \$15,000.) **APPLICATION DEADLINE for SPRING TERM: OCTOBER 30; DEADLINE for FALL TERM: JUNE 30**

■ SUPPLEMENTARY DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANTS for 2025-26

Provides limited support to Harvard doctoral candidates from any field of Japanese studies within the humanities or social sciences. Students must have entered the dissertation research stage of their degree and will use the funds to carry out long-term research in Japan (6-months or one year) or extend field research for up to 6 months at the end of a previous 1-year grant. **Preference will be given to GSAS students in Japanese studies and those conducting their first year of field research in Japan.** (Grants up to \$30,000.) Students may receive this grant only once. Please note that all support related to travel must follow current Harvard University travel guidelines and safety protocols before, during and after travel. Please see the following sites for the most up-to-date guidance: [Harvard Travel Guidance](#) and [Harvard GSS COVID-19 Travel Advice](#). **APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 14, 2025 (FRIDAY)**



- **REISCHAUER INSTITUTE SUMMER RESEARCH GRANTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**
Supports Harvard graduate students in the humanities or social sciences whose work is focused on Japan. In addition to doctoral candidates, continuing students in Harvard Master's degree programs will be considered, as will graduating Harvard Master's degree students entering a Harvard PhD program in the following year. Preference will be given to GSAS students in Japanese studies. Awards are normally for summer research travel *from* Harvard to Japan, and *return*. (Grants up to \$5,000.) Students who have already received an RIJS wintersession grants are less likely to receive RIJS summer funding. Please note that all support related to travel must follow current Harvard University travel guidelines and safety protocols before, during and after travel. Please see the following sites for the most up-to-date guidance: [Harvard Travel Guidance](#) and [Harvard GSS COVID-19 Travel Advice](#). **APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 14, 2025 (FRIDAY)**
- **REISCHAUER INSTITUTE SUMMER LANGUAGE STUDY GRANTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**
Supports A.M. and Ph.D. candidates in the humanities or social sciences for language study. Intended study must be directly related to a thesis/doctoral dissertation in Japanese studies, which cannot be conveniently pursued during the academic year. Preference will be given to GSAS students in Japanese studies. This grant is for graduate students who require third-year Japanese or additional Japanese language study, or for graduate students in the field of Japanese Studies who are pursuing a second language. This grant is NOT intended for modern Japanese language study at the 1st and/or 2nd year level. Graduate students wishing to study first or second year Japanese at Harvard Summer School should contact their Department and the GSAS Fellowships Office to apply for a GSAS Tuition Waiver. Please note that all support related to travel must follow current Harvard University travel guidelines and safety protocols before, during and after travel. Please see the following sites for the most up-to-date guidance: [Harvard Travel Guidance](#) and [Harvard GSS COVID-19 Travel Advice](#). **APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 14, 2025 (FRIDAY)**
- **CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANTS**
For AY2024-25, RIJS will provide conference grant support to Harvard graduate students in the field of Japanese studies in the humanities or social sciences for those who present a paper or serve as a panel discussant. For in-person conferences attendance, support may be requested to help cover travel, lodging, and registration fees. For virtual attendance and participation, students may apply to have registration fees covered. Please note that all support related to travel must follow current Harvard University travel guidelines and safety protocols. (Grants up to \$1000.) **Application must be made at least one month in advance of the conference.** Please note that all support related to travel must follow current Harvard University travel guidelines and safety protocols before, during and after travel. Please see the following sites for the most up-to-date guidance: [Harvard Travel Guidance](#) and [Harvard GSS COVID-19 Travel Advice](#).
- **NOMA-REISCHAUER PRIZES IN JAPANESE STUDIES**
Awarded to Harvard students who write essays on Japan-related topics. Essays must have been written during the current academic year and the essays may be of any length. One (\$1,000) undergraduate prize and one (\$1,500) graduate student prize are awarded annually. **Deadline: JUNE 2, 2025 (MONDAY)**
Submit one digital copy of the essay, including the completed Noma-Reischauer cover sheet found on the RIJS website and a 250-word abstract. Further details on the submission requirements are found on the [RIJS website](#).
- **RIJS STUDENT ORGANIZATION GRANTS**
The Reischauer Institute at Harvard University offers grants to graduate student organizations for projects involving Japan. These grants are offered on an ongoing basis; however organizations are encouraged to apply as early as possible *as funds are limited*. Applications must be submitted at least one month in advance of the event or project start date. Harvard graduate student groups should apply using the [Reischauer Institute Student Organization Application](#).

For full information and the RIJS application procedures, please refer to the RIJS Website:
<https://rijs.fas.harvard.edu/>

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