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Other Graduate Opportunities: External Funding Sources

Please read each website and eligibility requirements carefully. Work closely with your advisor to decide which fellowships are best for you to apply for. Please confirm all application instructions and deadline dates, which are subject to change.

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)

Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Dissertation Fellowships in Buddhist Studies

<https://www.acls.org/Competitions-and-Deadlines/The-Robert-H-N-Ho-Family-Foundation-Program-in-Buddhist-Studies>

Application Deadline: TBA; In 2024, the deadline was December 3, 2024

Blakemore Foundation

Blakemore Freeman Fellowships

(Intensive advanced level language study in East or Southeast Asia)

<https://www.blakemorefoundation.org/blakemorefreeman>

Application Deadline: December 30, 2025

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Open Study/Research Award for Graduate Students

<https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/east-asia-pacific/japan/1582>

***Campus Deadline (Harvard): September 4, 2025 by 9am ET**

***See also:**

<https://gsas.harvard.edu/academics/fellowships/external-fellowships/fulbright-us-student-program>

National Application Deadline: October 7, 2025 by 5pm ET

Inamori Foundation Research Grants

<https://www.inamori-f.or.jp/en/240701>

https://www.inamori-f.or.jp/en/inamori_grants;

<https://www.inamori-f.or.jp/en/210701>

Application Deadline: TBA; In 2024 the deadline was July 31, 2024

Ishibashi Foundation /The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Research on Japanese Art

(Supports Japanese visual arts specialists, curators and researchers, to conduct research in Japan)

https://www.jpjf.go.jp/e/program/culture.html#cul_6

Application Deadline: TBA; In 2024 the deadline was in September

Japan Foundation

Japanese Studies Fellowship Program

<https://www.jpjf.go.jp/e/program/intel.html>

Application Deadline: TBA; In 2024 the deadline was December 1, 2024

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Japan Society for Promotion of Science Fellowships (JSPS)

<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv/application/guideline.html>

Application Deadline: August 29, 2025 5pm JST

**D. Kim Foundation for the History of Science and Technology in East Asia
Dissertation Fellowship**

<http://dkimfoundation.org/wp5/fellowships/>

Application Deadline: December 1, 2025

Kokugakuin University

Visiting Fellows Program

<https://www.kokugakuin.ac.jp/en/global/globalization/p1-2>

Application Deadline: December 12, 2025 JST

K. Matsushita Foundation Research Grants

http://matsushita-konosuke-zaidan.or.jp/en/works/research/promotion_research_01.html

Application Deadline: April 2026

Metropolitan Center for Far Eastern Art Studies

Doctoral Grant Program

<http://www.metcenter-grants.net/doctoral.html>

Details to come in September

Application Deadline: December 31, 2025 11:59 PM JST

MEXT Japanese Government Scholarship Program

Research Student Scholarship

Submission to Embassy or Consulate in country of citizenship

https://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/mext-scholarship-info.html

Application Deadline: varies, please check eligible embassy/consulate

U.S. Citizens: Application Deadline: Contact Consulate-General of Japan in Boston

https://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/monbusho.html

Mitsubishi Group Fellowship

<https://www.mitsubishi-zaidan.jp/en/>

Application Deadline: December/January

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The Sumitomo Foundation

Grant for Japan-Related Research Projects

<http://www.sumitomo.or.jp/e/>

Application Deadline: September/October

Wenner Gren Foundation

Dissertation Fieldwork Grants

(Research support for doctoral students in anthropology)

<http://www.wennergren.org/programs/dissertation-fieldwork-grants>

Application Deadline: November 1 and May 1