

2026-27 POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS IN JAPANESE STUDIES AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

- **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 to turn dissertations into publishable manuscripts and to continue research in Japanese studies.

Applicants must have received their Ph.D. in 2021 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, 2026.

ONLINE APPLICATION: <https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/15340>

Applicant Deadline: December 19, 2025 (Friday), 5pm EST

Recommender Deadline: January 9, 2026 (Friday), 5pm EST

*** Applicants, to ensure a smooth process, please communicate with your recommenders in advance of the first deadline on December 19. Only after the application is submitted will the recommender be notified of the recommendation letter request.*

Appointment Term: Year-long appointments, commencing August or September 2026.

Grant Amount: \$70,000 stipend and up to \$5,000 in research funds; eligibility for subsidized medical, dental, vision, and other benefits through Harvard University.

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

- **PROGRAM ON US-JAPAN RELATIONS POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS**

During the 2026-27 academic year, the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Program on US-Japan Relations at Harvard University will offer two types of postdoctoral fellowships:

1. **Postdoctoral Fellowship:** The applicant must have received their Ph.D. in 2021 or later, in anthropology, business, economics, history, international relations, law, political science, psychology, public health, public policy, and sociology, among other fields. Scholars may examine domestic issues that bear on Japan's external relations or problems that it shares with other countries, and we encourage projects that compare Japan's experience cross-nationally.

ONLINE APPLICATION: <https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/15429>

2. **Japan Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship:** The applicant must have received their Ph.D. in 2021 or later, in political science, public policy, or international relations. The Japan Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow is expected to teach one course on Japanese politics, political economy, or international relations in either fall or spring semester. The Fellow is also expected to collaborate with a team of scholars and graduate students working on the grant project theme, "Technology, Society, and Geopolitics: Japan in a Globalized Economy." Ideally, the successful applicant's research agenda includes questions about how technology has transformed their area of expertise relating to contemporary Japan from comparative and global perspectives.

ONLINE APPLICATION: <https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/15469>

Applicant Deadline: December 22, 2025 (Monday)

Recommender Deadline: December 30, 2026 (Tuesday)

Appointment Term: Year-long appointments, commencing August or September 2026.

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

Website: <https://programs.wcfia.harvard.edu/us-japan/apply-become-postdoctoral-fellow>