

RIJS CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANTS

The Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies (RIJS) will provide small grants (up to \$1000) for Harvard graduate students in any field of Japanese studies in the humanities or social sciences to help defray the cost of attending scholarly conferences where they present papers or serve as panel discussants. Dissertation Completion Fellowship (DCF) candidates are eligible to apply for more than one RIJS Conference Travel Grant.

For AY2026-27, RIJS will provide conference grant support for those who present a paper or serve as a panel discussant. For virtual conference attendance, only registration fees may be covered. For travel to a conference, funding is limited to travel, lodging and registration fees. All support related to travel must comply with Harvard University guidelines and safety protocols. Please note for international conference travel, registration with Global Support is a requirement prior to the disbursement of funds. Please see the Harvard Global Support Services website for travel support.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Please email a complete application consisting of the following items:

1. **Short proposal** with dates, name and description of conference, type of participation, description of your research, and how it relates to this conference, title of your paper being presented and an itemized budget.
2. **Statement of acknowledgement** if you have applied to other sources of funding for this proposal *or* if you have *not* applied for any other conference funding. If yes, please state from where you have requested funding from, requested dollar amount and expected timeframe of decision.
3. Please indicate name of faculty advisor who will be supporting this proposal, whom I should expect an email from.
4. **Email endorsement from faculty advisor** supporting the proposal.
Advisor must email a brief endorsement directly to cglover@fas.harvard.edu
5. **Curriculum vitae** – include:
 - Citizenship (indicate permanent residency, if applicable)
 - Current/permanent address, telephone number(s), email address(es)
 - Academic department; field of study; and year of graduate study (G Year)

EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Catherine Glover, Program Coordinator, Reischauer Institute
cglover@fas.harvard.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Application must be made **at least one month in advance** of the conference.

PAYMENT:

Due to Harvard financial policy, conference grant payment will be processed **after** the conference is over.

- *Before* travel and before payment may be made, please email [Catherine Glover](#) the RIJS Conference Grant Recipient Form (sent along with the award letter). For international conference travel, you must also email proof of registration in the Harvard Travel Registry.
- *After* travel, please email [Catherine Glover](#) all travel/registration fee receipts, *along with* an itemized total.

*Please note that grants paid to non-U.S. national graduate students presenting at a conference in the US are subject to either 14% or 30% withholding of U.S. federal income tax thereby reducing the total amount.

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