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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: October 2026

Blakemore Foundation

Blakemore Freeman Fellowships

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

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

Application Deadline: December 30, 2026

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 3, 2026 by 9am ET**

***See also:**

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

National Application Deadline: October 6, 2026 by 5pm ET

Inamori Foundation Research Grants

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

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

Application Deadline: TBA; In 2025 the deadline was in July

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.jpff.go.jp/e/program/culture.html#cul_6

Application Deadline: TBA; In 2025 the deadline was in December JST

Japan Foundation

Japanese Studies Fellowship Program

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

Application Deadline: TBA; In 2025 the deadline was in December JST

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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 28, 2026 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, 2026

**Kokugakuin University
Visiting Fellows Program**

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

Application Deadline: December 12, 2026 JST

K. Matsushita Foundation Research Grants

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

Application Deadline: April 2027

**Metropolitan Center for Far Eastern Art Studies
Doctoral Grant Program**

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

Application Deadline: Last Year's deadline was 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

(Last year's deadline was May 2026)

Mitsubishi Group Fellowship

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

Application Deadline: Early January/Early February

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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