

The 6th Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program –Application Guidelines–

About the Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program

The Hakuho Foundation was established in 1970 under the approval of the then Ministry of Education to support the fostering of rich human qualities in children, the leaders of tomorrow.

Believing that the key to child education lies in language education, the Foundation provides support—particularly in the areas of language, culture and education—through such initiatives as the Hakuho Award for outstanding child educators, the Hakuho Research Grant for Child Education, and the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network.

Initiated in 2006, the Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program invites leading international researchers of the Japanese language and Japanese language instruction to Japan for residential research. The Program aims to further develop and practicalize research in these fields both in Japan and overseas, and enhance the fundamentals of the research.

International research into the Japanese language and Japanese language instruction deepens international understanding of Japan and the Japanese language, and also provides valuable insights for research in similar fields carried out in Japan.

The Hakuho Foundation is pleased to announce the start of applications for the 6th Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program, and looks forward to receiving many applications.

September 1, 2010
THE HAKUHO FOUNDATION

1. Objectives

The Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program invites leading international researchers of the Japanese language and Japanese language instruction to Japan for residential research, with the aim of further developing and practicalizing research in these fields both in Japan and overseas, and enhancing the fundamentals of the research.

2. Applicant qualifications

Applicants to this program must satisfy all of the following qualifications:

- (1) Be engaged in research into the Japanese language or Japanese language instruction.
- (2) Be university professors or associate professors with outstanding results in research, or other persons with equivalent research backgrounds.
- (3) Be non-Japanese nationals, in principle. Japanese nationals that have resided outside of Japan for 10 years or more and who are active in the academic community of their country of residence will, however, also be considered.
- (4) Be able to come to Japan alone, in principle. (As the grant is intended for researchers, the Foundation does not permit accompanying family members in principle, and is unable to offer assistance in such cases.)

3. Duration of stay in Japan

Invitees will stay in Japan for either short (6 months) or long (up to 12 months) fellowship periods, depending on their research topics and circumstances. Applying researchers must be able to stay in Japan during one of the following two periods:

Long fellowship: Early October 2011–late September 2012

Short fellowship: Early October 2011–late March 2012 *or*

Early April–late September, 2012

* In case of special need only, the actual period of stay may be altered within the October 2011–September 2012 period. However, long fellowships must be of less than 365 days duration for tax reasons, regardless.

4. Number of invitees

A total of 3–5 applicants will be selected.

5. Receiving organization

One of the following:

The National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics
Ochanomizu University
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
Waseda University

6. Fellowship subsidies

- (1) Passage to and from Japan (in the form of air tickets)
- (2) Living and research expenses of 300,000 yen per month
- (3) Housing subsidy of up to 150,000 yen per month
- (4) Relocation allowance of 300,000 yen
- (5) International travelers' illness and injury insurance

7. Application procedures

- (1) Applicants are asked to submit the following documents:
 - i) Research Fellow Application Form (to be submitted in Japanese)
 - ii) Letter of Recommendation (Please submit a Japanese translation if written in English)
 - * If the applicant belongs to an organization, the recommendation should be written by the head of the organization.
 - * If the applicant does not belong to an organization, the recommendation may be written by a previous academic advisor.
 - iii) Thesis and synopsis (A copy of a representative thesis from among those listed by the applicant in the *Major achievements and works* section of the Application Form, together with a synopsis, in Japanese, of about 800 characters in length.)
- (2) Application deadline

Applications must arrive between September 1 and no later than October 31, 2010.

* Note that the actual fellowship period will fall between October 2011 and September 2012.

8. Selection process

- (1) Invitees will be selected by a specially formed committee which will examine applicants' past research and plans for research while in Japan.

- (2) In selecting applicants importance will be given to the following:
- Research topics in the fields of Japanese language or Japanese language instruction
 - Promise of value and results from the research being conducted residentially in Japan
 - Topics that will further the relevant area of research and contribute to its development
 - Topics that will yield results able to be implemented in educational practice in Japan
 - Topics that will enhance and develop Japanese language instruction fundamentals abroad

* Applicants will be informed of the selection results in writing in late January 2011 (tentatively).

* Applicants are asked to refrain from making individual inquiries concerning their selection results.

9. Research activities while in Japan

- (1) Invitees will conduct their research through research partnerships and exchanges of information with researchers at various institutions, using the facilities and equipment of their receiving organization.
- (2) If necessary for research purposes, invitees may interact with researchers other than those of their receiving organization.

10. Reporting

Invitees will be asked to present or submit the following reports:

- (1) Long fellowship invitees will present interim reports to the Hakuho Foundation six months from the start of their research, and final reports at the end of their fellowship period.
- (2) Short fellowship invitees will present final reports to the Hakuho Foundation at the end of their fellowship period.
- (3) All invitees will submit a report of their research findings to the Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program secretariat within one month of the end of their fellowship period.
- (4) All invitees will submit annual follow-up reports on subsequent development and implementation of their research to the Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program secretariat for at least three years following the end of their fellowship period. (In case of further developments, invitees may also be asked to submit occasional reports beyond the three year period.)

- (5) Invitees may also be asked by the Hakuho Foundation or their receiving organization to present their research findings in print or at symposia, etc.

11. Mailing address and contact for application documents

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The 6th Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program Schedule

Application period:	September 1, 2010–October 31, 2010
Notification of result:	Late January 2011 (tentative)
Fellowship period:	Early October 2011–late September 2012
Report presentations:	Late March and late September 2012
Submission of research findings:	Within one month of the end of fellowship period
Follow-up reports:	2013–2015 (annually for 3 years)

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URL: <http://www.hakuhodo.co.jp/foundation/english/>

Handling of personal information

The Hakuho Foundation will stringently manage all personal information provided to us by applicants and use such information only for applicant screening purposes and to send notification of results and information, notices and greetings relating to future Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Programs. Excepting such cases as we may be required to disclose such information for legal reasons, we will not disclose or provide any personal information provided to us to any third party other than our subcontractors.

The Foundation will send information, notices and greetings relating to future Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Programs to all applicants, including those that are not selected this time, and requests the kind understanding of all applicants.

Contact for personal information inquiries (disclosure, amendment, cessation of use, cessation of provision to third parties, etc.):

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