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The 7th Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program Application Guide

Hakuho Foundation believes that international research into the Japanese language and Japanese language education deepens international understanding of Japan and the Japanese language, and also provides valuable insights for research in similar fields carried out in Japan.

We are pleased to announce the start of applications for the 7th Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program, and look forward to receiving many applications.

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1. Objectives

To further deepen and practicalize research into the Japanese language and Japanese language instruction and enhance the fundamentals of such research in Japan and abroad by inviting leading researchers working abroad to Japan for residential research.

2. Eligibility and application criteria

Applicants must satisfy all of the following criteria.

- (1) Persons engaged in research into the Japanese language or Japanese language instruction
- (2) University professors or associate professors with outstanding research results, or other persons with equivalent research backgrounds
- (3) Non-Japanese nationals, in principle. Japanese nationals who have resided outside of Japan for 10 years or more and are active in the academic community of their country of residence will also be considered
- (4) Those able to come to Japan alone. (The grant is intended for researchers, and accompanying family members are not permitted, in principle)

3. Fellowship period

Taking research topic and researcher circumstances into account, short (6-month) and long (12-month) fellowships are offered. Applicants must be able to stay in Japan during the applicable period.

Short fellowship: October 1, 2012–March 31, 2013 or
April 1, 2013–September 30, 2013

Long fellowship: October 1, 2012–September 30, 2013

* In case of special need, the actual period of stay may be adjusted within the given period.

* Due to tax convention considerations, the period of stay must be less than 365 days. Schedules may be adjusted accordingly.

4. Number of fellowships offered

Around five short and long fellowship applicants will be selected in total.

5. Receiving organization

One of the following:

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

6. Fellowship subsidies

Fellowship invitees will receive the following:

- (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 expenses of 300,000 yen
- (5) International travelers' illness and injury insurance

7. Application procedure

- (1) Application documents
 - i) Research Fellow Application Form (must be submitted in Japanese)
 - * All 8 pages must be completed. (Samples of pages 1 & 7 are available on the Hakuho Foundation website)
 - * A separate sheet of paper may be used for the title and synopsis of a major thesis (in Japanese; around 800 characters in length).
 - 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 application should be written by a previous academic organizer or the like.
- (2) Application period
Applications must arrive between September 1–October 31, 2011.

8. Selection process

- (1) Fellowship invitees will be selected by a specially formed committee which will examine applicants' previous research and plans for research while in Japan
 - (2) The following points will be given weight in the selection process:
 - Research topics in the fields of Japanese language or Japanese language instruction
 - Likelihood of value and/or results from the research being conducted in Japan
 - Topics that will contribute to the deepening and advancement of the relevant area of research
 - Research that will yield results for educational practice in Japan
 - Research that will contribute to advancing Japanese language education fundamentals overseas
- * Applicants will be notified of whether they have been selected in writing in late January 2012 (tentative).
- * We are unable to respond to individual inquiries about selection results.

9. Research activities during the fellowship period

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

10. Reporting

- (1) Short fellowship invitees will present their final reports at the offices of Hakuho Foundation before the end of their fellowship period
- (2) Long fellowship invitees will present interim reports six months after the start of their research and final reports before the end of their fellowship period. Both reports will be presented at the offices of Hakuho Foundation
- (3) Short fellowship invitees will submit a report of their research findings to the Hakuho Foundation Secretariat within one month of the end of their fellowship period
- (4) Fellowship invitees will submit annual follow-up reports on subsequent development and implementation of their research to the Hakuho Foundation Secretariat for at least three years following the end of their fellowship period. (In case of further developments, fellowship invitees may also be asked to submit occasional reports beyond the three-year period)
- (5) Fellowship invitees may be requested by 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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■ Handling of personal information

Hakuho Foundation will stringently manage all personal information provided to us by applicants and only use such information for applicant screening and for sending notification of results, greetings, and announcements and notices relating to future fellowship programs organized by Hakuho Foundation. Excepting such cases where we may be legally required to do so, we will not disclose or provide such personal information to any third party except our business partners.

We will send greetings and information about future fellowship programs organized by Hakuho Foundation to all applicants, including those who are not selected this time, and request applicants' kind understanding.

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

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