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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
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The Australian National University (ANU) in association with the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) is offering an exciting opportunity for Japanese postgraduate students or recent graduates with a strong interest in international relations or Asia-Pacific affairs. The National Parliamentary Fellowships Program (NPPF) will select up to two fellows for a three-month foreign policy focused research stay in Canberra, Australia, to commence in August 2016.

The NPPF aims to identify and foster the development of a new generation of leaders, promoting Australia-Japan relations through the networks which fellowship holders create. For a period of two to three months, from August through October 2016, fellows will assist a member of Australia's Parliament in developing policy advice and will have the opportunity to attend public policy hearings and briefings. Fellows will also be affiliated with a research mentor at the Australian National University pertinent to their primary policy research interest, and will attend relevant events offered through ANU and other leading research institutes and think tanks in Canberra.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the program you must:

- > Be a Japanese citizen;
- > Be enrolled in a postgraduate program (Masters or PhD level or equivalent), be a recent graduate, or possess equivalent professional policy or research experience;
- > Be under the age of 35 at the time of the fellowship;
- > Demonstrate a strong interest in international relations or Asia-Pacific affairs;
- > Hold a Japanese passport with at least six months validity when the fellowship commences;
- > Be fluent in English. Applicants must adhere to ANU admission language requirements (as outlined under https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppi/document/ANUP_000408) or demonstrate equivalent ability.

Application documents

To apply for the fellowship, candidates are required to submit:

- > An application form, including statement of purpose and proposed research topic;
- > A current resume;
- > An academic transcript including most recent results;
- > Contact details for two references. At least one reference must be an academic one.

Selection criteria

Preference will be accorded to applicants based on:

- > Academic history and performance;
- > Relevance and importance of proposed research topic;
- > Previous academic or professional experience in international relations or Asia-Pacific affairs;
- > Personal motivation and involvement in university and community activities.

All applications are to be submitted electronically as a single Adobe Acrobat PDF file (including application form and attachments), in an e-mail addressed to: funaki@jcie.or.jp

Applications must be received by 5pm Japan Standard Time, on Friday 15 April, 2016. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview at JCIE on 25 April. Successful candidates will be notified no later than 10 May.

Program requirements

Successful applicants will be required to:

- > Attend a pre-departure briefing at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo;
- > Participate in regular meetings with the research mentor at ANU;
- > Attend Japanese embassy functions in Canberra;
- > Submit a formal report on their experience to the ANU and JCIE within one month of returning to Japan;
- > Present their research findings in a public event at the ANU during the last week of the program in Canberra; and
- > Submit a 3,000 word research paper on an agreed upon research topic by 18 November 2016.

Fellowship funding

The fellowship will cover the cost of an economy round-trip airfare between Japan and Australia, accommodation in a pre-arranged single room at a shared apartment for two fellows on ANU campus, and a monthly scholarship of AUD \$650. All other costs, such as visa fees and overseas travel health insurance, will be covered by the fellow.

Enquiries and submissions

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