

2006 FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

APPLICABLE FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 2006 THROUGH MARCH 2007
DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2005



THE MATSUMAE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

THE FOUNDER'S CONCEPT

TOWARDS A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF JAPAN AND A LASTING WORLD PEACE

I see the condition of the world today as consisting of conflict between the different national egoisms. The Club of Rome has identified three crises that endanger the future of mankind: lack of energy, lack of food supplies, and burgeoning world population. Unless mankind learns to overcome these crises, there will be no lasting peace. The truth of the statement is undeniable, but in the conflict of national egoisms that surround us today, the road to peace is still a long one. Therefore we are called upon to do more than stand aside from the current of history.

In order for Japan to coexist peacefully with the other nations of the world, and to facilitate the tasks that await our young people in the 21st century, we are now trying to prepare a forum for Japan's international activities. In this way, I believe, we will be able to open up a path to the future that will preserve our nation and mankind.

Following the tragic experience of the Second World War, Japan firmly resolved to reject all attempts to enhance national prestige by force of arms and instead to follow a policy of peaceful reconstruction as an industrial nation. More than thirty years have passed since then, and it is now a fact that considerable friction has arisen between Japan and several foreign countries, especially in the fields of trade and economics.

We Japanese are now making earnest efforts to face up to this problem and are studying how to open a path to peace and prosperity on the basis of mutual understanding. My search for enduring peace and friendship among all nations of the world, and for an effective reminder of the path to which we, as a peaceful nation, are committed, led to the decision to create this Foundation.

As will be clear from the statement of the purpose of the Foundation, I hope to invite active young research workers of outstanding character, without regard to sex, race, religion, ideology or nationality, to Japan. By deepening their understanding of Japan, and establishing links of trust and friendship, I seek to make a real contribution to permanent peace throughout the world. I shall therefore welcome from the bottom of my heart applications from promising young men and women who sympathize with our aims and wish to undertake research in Japan.

At this point let me acknowledge the deep impression made upon me at the time of the establishment of this Foundation by the inspiring ideals and practice of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, which operates under the sponsorship of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the far-reaching influence it has exerted. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude and at the same time to say that I intend to make every effort to accomplish the purpose and mission of the Foundation.

June 1979

Founder Dr. Shigeyoshi MATSUMAE
(1901-1991)

The Fund of the Matsumae International Foundation is based on donations from many Japanese people who have responded with goodwill to Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae's call. While many donations are kindly offered by enterprises and groups, most of the donors are individuals who are sympathetic with the Founder's ideals, and maintain regular contributions to the Fund from their limited incomes.

Successful applicants are urged to seriously consider and understand the goodwill of those persons, and ensure that the provided fellowships are utilized effectively.

1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants of non-Japanese nationality who meet all of the following general eligibility requirements are invited to submit the required application documents.

1. Applicants must hold a Doctorate degree, or have a minimum of two years of research experience after receipt of a Master's degree, or be recognized by the Foundation as possessing equivalent academic qualifications.
2. Applicants must not be over 40 years of age at the time of application.
3. Applicants must have sufficient conversational ability in English or Japanese to prevent insurmountable difficulties during their research activities in Japan.
4. Applicants should not have been in Japan previously. Application must be submitted from the applicant's home country. Under no circumstances will an application be accepted from a person already in Japan.
5. Applicants who have firm positions and professions in their home nations should apply from their countries, and should return to their countries on completion of their research activities in Japan.
6. Applicants who have previously been invited by the Matsumae International Foundation are not eligible for this fellowship program.

2. FIELDS OF STUDY

Fields of study such as natural science, engineering and medicine are given first priority.

3. PERIOD & NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS

Successful applicants for fellowships, having passed the Foundation's screening, will be invited to Japan for a period of from three months to six months between April 2006 and March 2007. Extension of the granted period is not allowed. Also, the fellowship grant is restricted to the period indicated in the Grant Letter. The number of fellowships is about 20 persons.

4. HOST INSTITUTION IN JAPAN

Applicants are free to select host institutions (university research laboratories, national research institutions or the corresponding facilities of private industry) in which to carry out their research. However, applicants are cautioned that they are obliged to obtain acceptance from such host institutions prior to submitting their applications. The Foundation cannot give counsel or advice to an applicant who does not submit appropriate information concerning his/her host institution in Japan.

5. FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

The following financial support is provided to successful applicants for research stay in Japan. No support to his/her family or dependents is available.

- Stipend for research and stay¥200,000 yen is provided monthly for the purpose of payment of tuitions, expenses for research materials, meals, transportation, etc.
- Insurance(1) Personal accident insurance with death benefit and medical treatment, and (2) Sickness insurance with death benefit and medical treatment.
- Air transportationAn economy-class round-trip air ticket is provided between the airport nearest the Fellow's home residence and Tokyo via most direct routing.
(Except for persons whose transportation is provided by another organization.)
The provided air ticket cannot be converted to cash, nor can cash be provided by the Foundation for purchase of an air ticket by any individual or organization other than the Foundation.
- Lump sum on arrival...¥300,000 yen is provided to assist with the cost of lodging, local travel expenses, etc.
(Except for persons whose transportation is provided by another organization.)

The above fellowships are provided for successful applicants only, and intended for necessary living expenses and research activities in Japan. Under no circumstances is any part of the fellowships transferable to any other persons or other items.

6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants should obtain the current issue of the Fellowship Announcement from the Foundation.

The Foundation cannot entertain requests for waivers of the eligibility requirements and other conditions, listed in the Fellowship Announcement, and will not respond to such requests.

Applicants cannot submit applications from inside Japan.

The Foundation never receives applications by Fax or E-mail.

Applications must be received by the Foundation by July 31, 2005, at the latest.

7. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

All of the following documents — A4 in size — should be submitted on one occasion by the applicant to the Foundation.

All documents must be type-written in English. Documents written in any language other than English will be ignored.

Submitted applications which do not contain all of the required documents will be automatically rejected.

The Foundation will not be responsible for costs incurred in submitting an application, and reserves the right to request additional documents if necessary.

All documents received become the property of the Foundation, and will not be returned.

1. A completed Application Form together with the applicant's photograph.

Applicants should use Form specified by the Foundation, or an exact photocopy. (A hand-made Form is not accepted.) The Form is made of two pages. Applicants should ensure that every item in the Application Form, without exception, is properly filled in, and should sign and date the Form in the spaces provided.

2. A description of the Research Project.
This should include detailed information on the purpose, methodology, and content of the research, and the schedule of the project. The research project must be discussed in detail with the host institution, and the planned content must be consistent with the research facilities at the host institution.
3. Complete List of Publications.
This should include full details of the publication: when and where published, co-authors' names (where applicable), size and number of pages, etc. Please indicate in red the title of any publications on the list which are submitted as requested in item "4".
4. Reprint(s) of what the applicant considers to be his or her most important publication(s) written in English. (If unavailable, a brief abstract in English written by the applicant.)
5. Personal History.
6. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's employer and/or supervisor testifying to academic ability and achievements, and confirming the availability of study leave covering the grant period.
7. A certified copy of the applicant's university graduation certificate, and a document testifying to the applicant's academic records in the entire course of study issued by the university concerned. (Both documents should be in English.)
8. A letter with signature by the host scientist and/or head of host institution confirming the period of stay and the availability of research facilities and materials. (the format is free. E-mail copy is not accepted.)

8. SCREENING & NOTIFICATION OF RESULT OF AN APPLICATION

1. Applications are examined by the Screening Committee of the Foundation on the basis of academic value and the degree or perfection of the research projects.
2. It generally takes several months to complete examination of applications, after which the results will be sent directly to the applicants by the end of December, 2005.
3. The Foundation will send a Grant Letter to successful applicants. Those who accept the grant are required to fix the date of their arrival in Japan with due regard to the fact that they must, in principle, accomplish their granted period of fellowship during the period of April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007.
4. The Foundation does not issue announcements concerning the progress of applications under examination, nor will the Foundation respond to inquiries concerning the status of such applications.
5. When the decisions of the Screening Committee are announced, the Foundation will neither announce the reasons for the decision nor respond to individual concerning those reasons.

9. WITHDRAWAL OF FELLOWSHIP

1. In the event that any of the offenses described below is ascertained, the Matsumae International Foundation reserves the right to terminate its grant, rescind the fellowship status of the offender, and immediately inform all concerned parties (immigration authorities, host institution, etc.) of the situation.
 - (1) Facts which are inconsistent with the rules and regulations set forth in the Fellowship announcement, the grant letter, and/or related documents.
 - (2) False statements or unilateral modification of statements in application forms, the grant letter, and/or related documents.
 - (3) Failure of the recipient to notify the Foundation of past, current or anticipated grants or benefits from other institutions which duplicate in whole or in part those of the Matsumae International Foundation.
2. In the event a successful applicant is unable to arrive in Japan during the period of April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007, due to circumstances with which the Foundation is not concerned, the grant validity will automatically expire.

EXAMPLES:

- (1) Should the recipient fail to notify the Foundation of past stay and study in Japan under a fellowship grant from another institution, and the Foundation learns of that fact after his/her arrival in Japan, the Fellowship will be immediately rescinded.
- (2) Should the recipient fail to notify the Foundation that he/she has accepted a grant from another institution, and the Foundation learns of the fact after his/her arrival in Japan, the Fellowship will be immediately rescinded.
- (3) In the event that the recipient notifies the Foundation of his/her acceptance of a grant from another institution, the Foundation will carefully examine the content of that grant and reserves the right to withdraw its Fellowship.
- (4) Should the recipient, after the host institution has formally been fixed, change it without prior consultation with the original host institution and the Foundation, the Fellowship may be rescinded.
- (5) Should the recipient, after the period of stay in Japan has formally been fixed, change it without prior consultation with the host scientist and the Foundation, and the host scientist rejects the newly proposed period, the Fellowship may be rescinded.
- (6) Should the recipient misrepresent his/her conversational ability in English or Japanese and, for that reason, be refused by his/her host scientist after his/her arrival in Japan, the Fellowship will be immediately rescinded.

SERVICES FOR FELLOWS**Study Tour:**

To promote deeper understanding of Japan, the Matsumae International Foundation organizes a Study Tour during the invitation period in Japan.

Research Report:

Each year, the Foundation issues a "Research Report" containing summaries of research activities or results which are kindly submitted by the fellows.

Continued Contact:

In order to keep in touch with fellows after their return home, the Foundation issues a periodic "Newsletter" and an annual "Fellowship Directory".

A Brief Personal History of Dr. Shigeyoshi MATSUMAE

Shigeyoshi Matsumae, born in Kumamoto, Japan, graduated from Tohoku Imperial University in 1925. In 1935 he invented the "Long Distance Non-Loaded Cable Carrier Communication System," which greatly contributed to the development of an international communications exchange network.

In 1937, he was awarded a Doctor's Degree in Engineering.

Subsequently he was introduced to the noted Christian theologian, Kanzo Uchimura, and under his influence, decided to become an educator.

In 1941 he was appointed General Director of the Engineering Dept. of the Ministry of Communications.

During the Second World War, as he pleaded for the termination of hostilities, and strongly opposed the war policy of the Tojo Cabinet, he was sent to the front of

Philippines by Premier Tojo as a second class private in the Imperial Army. Right before the end of the war, when conditions had changed somewhat, he was able to return to Japan. He was appointed Minister of Communications.

After the close of the war, he began to reconstruct a private college which he had founded during the war. From this base he established what has now become the Tokai University Educational System.

He was elected a member of the Lower House of the Japanese Parliament in 1952 and served for 17 years.

He has established a large number of educational cultural exchanges with universities throughout the world. For his efforts he has received numerous honorary degrees and government citations from various countries.

He passed away in 1991, aged 89.

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APPLICATION FORM (to be filled out in typewritten English)

Photo 4.0×3.0cm Please write name and nationality on the reverse side of photo

1 I would like to apply for a fellowship for the period of _____ months, from _____ to _____
(Month/Year) (Month/Year)

2 Subject of Research Plan

3 Name in full _____ Height _____ cm

Mr. • Ms. _____ / _____
(Family Name) (Given Name)

4 Date and Place of Birth, and Age
_____ Years old
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Place)

5 Nationality _____
(Present) (Previous)

6 Please list members of immediate family.
Name Age Relationship

7 Postal Address to be used by the Foundation

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

8 Previous Stays in Japan
Period Place Purpose Financed by

9 Education
Period Name of Institution Place Main Subjects Studied Degree Granted

10 Topic of Thesis

11 Current educational activity, if any
Name of Institution Starting date and expected completion.

Place Main Subjects Expected Degree

12 Brief Summary of Research Plan in Japan (Please enclose its Details)

13 Language (Evaluate using Excellent, Good, Fair and Poor)

	Writing	Reading	Speaking
Japanese	_____	_____	_____
English	_____	_____	_____

14 Current Employment (Position, Name of Organization)

15 Future Professional Plans

_____ in country _____

16 Previous Employment

Institution	Location	From-To	Position	Type of Work
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

17. Please list major awards or fellowships which you have received.

Name of Award	Organization	Period	Type of Award
_____	_____	_____	_____

18 Please list major awards or fellowships for which you are currently applying or plan to apply.

Name of Award	Organization	Period	Type of Award
_____	_____	_____	_____

19 Japanese Host Scientist (Please enclose letter of invitation)

Name _____
Position or Title _____
Institution _____
Address _____
_____ Tel: _____

20 Name of the international airport nearest your home.

I hereby certify that all the descriptions above are true, and that I am of sound health and not physically handicapped in any way which would prevent me from carrying out research in Japan.

Date: _____ Handwritten Signature: _____

(Unsigned application forms will not be accepted.)