

NIHN Fellowship Program for Asian Researchers 2016—2017

1. Objectives

This program is hosted by the National Institute of Health and Nutrition (NIHN), National Institutes of Biomedical Innovation, Health and Nutrition (NIBIOHN), to promote international collaboration between Asian countries. It aims to support the acquisition and improvement by of knowledge and skills related to health and nutrition of young foreign researchers who are eligible to apply, through working with host researchers at the NIHN.

2. Areas of Interest

Surveys and research that fall under these NIBIOHN research activities.

- 1) Human nutrition and health promotion
- 2) Nutrition and other dietary habits
- 3) Nutritional and physiological effects of foods

3. Eligibility

Eligible applicants should fulfill at least one of the requirements below, with sufficient communication skill in Japanese or English. S/he should be aged 39 years or less (as of April 1, 2016) :

- 1) Non-Japanese citizen who is studying/working outside Japan at a university, research institute, or other institutes in the health and nutrition field, and has a doctorate degree or research capabilities at least equivalent to a doctorate degree holder.
- 2) A medical doctor, a dentist, a nurse, a dietician, a pharmacist, or a government officer who has sufficient research capabilities and has been nominated by the principal of his/her institute for outstanding achievement.
- 3) Those who the Director General of the NIOBHM deems to admit.

4. Number of Fellowships to be Awarded

Up to two

5. Outline of the Program

1) Duration

Fellowships are awarded for a period of 3 months. No extension of the period will be permitted.

April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

2) Commencement Date

The fellowship must commence during the following period:

April 1, 2016 to December 1, 2016

3) Coverage of Expenses

① Travel expenses

Round-trip economy class air tickets, from the international airport nearest to the selected fellow's institute to Narita Airport, or Haneda Airport, at the lowest available cost, is provided.

Also, the transportation fee (e.g, limousine bus) between Narita Airport (or Haneda Airport) and the NIHN will be paid in cash (Japanese yen) after arrival and before leaving Japan.

② Stipends

The NIOBHN will provide 100,000 Japanese yen per month to each fellow as stipends, which include commuting costs (between the NIHN and the fellow's apartment), meals and petty expenses. The NIOBHN will arrange accommodation to each fellow. Rent, including utility bills such as heating, electricity and water charges, is directly paid to the accommodation agent. Any additional costs such as telephone or internet services will be borne by each fellow.

③ Overseas Travel Insurance

The NIOBHN will pay for overseas travel accident and sickness insurance during the period of the fellowship.

④ Research Expenses

The NIOBHN shall provide research expenses in accordance with the period of the fellowship, as in the table below. These will be provided as research necessities demand and may include domestic travel expenses.

| Period | Amount |
|---------------|---------------|
| 3 months | 100,000 yen |

⑤ Other important matters

The NIOBHN does NOT cover the expenses of accompanying persons of the fellows.

5) Obligation for Research Reports

Each fellow must submit a research report in the required forms to the host researcher at the NIHN within one month of the completion of the fellowship tenure. The host researcher must submit the report as well as a "Research Report for Host Researcher" to the Director General within two months of the completion of the research.

6. Application Procedure

1) Contact Establishment

Applicants must establish contact with the prospective host researcher at the NIHN and to ask him/her to submit their application.

2) Acceptance of Application

Applicants must submit their applications in the required forms through the prospective host researcher to Section of International Nutrition Research and Development at the NIHN during the following period:

November 30, 2015 to January 29, 2016

3) Materials to be submitted

① Applications for Fellowship (form I -1)

*Personal Statement and Record of Employment should be attached.

② Letters of reference/recommendation from the head of the applicant's affiliation (not from his/her prospective host researcher in Japan) (form I -2)

③ Medical/ Immunization Document Form (form I -3)

7. Selection Process and Notification

The Director General of the NIBIOHN will select the fellows. Notification of the selection results will be made to all applicants by **March 25, 2016**. Award letters with the duration of the fellowship will be issued by the NIBIOHN to awardees as well as other documents for entering Japan. (N.B. The NIBIOHN does not respond to any individual enquiry on selection process)

8. Notes:

1) Incomplete or otherwise flawed applications will be rejected. Refusal letters to such unsuccessful applicants shall be issued at the same time as other applicants.

2) The names of the selected fellows and their host researchers as well as their research themes are subject to public disclosure through the NIHN homepage.

9. Contact

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