

Strategic Young Researcher Overseas Visit Program for Accelerating Brain Circulation

**Construction of a Global Platform
for the Study of Sustainable Humansphere**

2012 Application for the Young Researcher Overseas Visit Program
(Second)

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Brain Circulation Program Secretariat

1. Program Summary

Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Kyoto University is currently conducting a project titled “Construction of a Global Platform for the Study of Sustainable Humanosphere” as part of the Strategic Young Research Overseas Visit Program for Accelerating Brain Circulation sponsored by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). The objectives of this project are to (1) cultivate individuals who will promote an understanding of “areas” from multiple perspectives and (2) synthesize pioneering research being conducted in various Western, Asian, and African countries with our “sustainable humanosphere” research framework. To this end, based on the cooperation of our overseas partner institutions, we intend to send young researchers from the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, and the Center for African Area Studies overseas, with each researcher visiting at least two overseas partner institutions over the course of approximately 12 months. We are recruiting several (two to seven) young researchers to visit and carry out research at a research institution nearby where the young researcher’s field site is located and another in Europe and North America.

Our website is currently under construction.

For further information, please see the following website.

Strategic Young Researcher Overseas Visit Program for Accelerating Brain Circulation:

Triangulation Project for the Understanding of Asian and African Areas

<http://www.asafas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/zuno/>

2. Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must fulfill all of the three requirements below (if it is unclear whether you are eligible, please contact the Brain Circulation Program Secretariat).

- (1) The applicant must be professor, associate professor, assistant professor, researcher (研究員) (including hourly researchers and JSPS research fellows (PD)), research fellow (研修員), or doctoral candidate who has submitted a preliminary dissertation (including JSPS research fellows (DC)) who is affiliated with the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies (ASAFAS), or the Center for African Area Studies (CAAS) or a student who was enrolled in the ASAFAS at some point three years or less prior to the application deadline and whose enrollment in CSEAS/ASAFAS/CAAS at the time of dispatch is confirmed.
- (2) Persons with doctoral degrees or who possess equivalent academic qualification.

* In case applicants are not Ph.D. holders, the applicants should be considered by their supervising professor(s) as possessors of academic qualifications equivalent to Ph.D. holders.

(3) The applicant must be under the age of 45 as of April 1, in the academic year of dispatch.

3. Number of Positions

Several (Approximately two to seven).

4. Overseas Visitation Period

As a general rule, the visitation period will be 12 months sometime between late November, 2012 and February 15, 2015.

5. Overseas Partner Institutions (You should choose two institutions: one from the field site and another from Europe or North America).

(1) Any country: research institution nearby where the young researcher's field site is located

(2) Malaysia: Institute of East Asian Studies, University Sarawak (IEAS, UNIMAS)

<http://www.ieas.unimas.my/>

(3) Indonesia: Faculty of Agriculture, Bogor Agricultural University

<http://ipb.ac.id/education/undergraduate/faculty-of-agriculture>

(4) India: Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University (DSE)

<http://econdse.org/>

(5) Turkey: Faculty of Divinity, Ankara University

<http://arsiv.ankara.edu.tr/english/yazi.php?yad=28>

(6) Ethiopia: College of Social Science, Addis Ababa University and Institute of Ethiopian Studies

<http://www.aau.edu.et/index.php/humanities-education-overview>

<http://www.aau.edu.et/ies/>

(7) Cameroon: Faculty of Arts, Letters and Social Sciences, University of Yaounde I

http://www.uy1.uninet.cm/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=56&Itemid=75

(8) United States of America: Southeast Asian Program, Cornell University (SEAP)

<http://seap.einaudi.cornell.edu/>

(9) United Kingdom: London School of Economics (LSE)

<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/home.aspx>

(10) Netherlands: African Studies Center, Leiden University (ASC)

<http://www.ascleiden.nl/>

(11) Other institution where collaborative research is possible.

* As far as the applicant has made prior arrangements with a host researcher and the applicant is then accepted to this program, the host institution should be able to receive this applicant. Requires prior consultation with the Brain Circulation Program Secretariat (Program Secretariat).

6. Expenses Covered by the Program

(1) (Actual) transportation costs to and from the destination institution, visa fee (actual), fees required by the host institution (actual, however, up to a maximum of 1 million yen).

* The purpose of this project is for the selected researcher to visit overseas research institutions as a visiting scholar (or equivalent) and conduct collaborative research. Tuition and other fees associated with coursework for the purpose of earning credits or fulfilling degree requirements are, as a rule, not covered by the program.

(2) Living expenses (subject to change depending on the availability of funds)

- I. Any country (B(乙)area*): *per diem* of 6,700 yen/day of full, associate, and assistant professors and 5,000 yen/day for researcher, research fellows, and graduate students.
- II. Any country (A(甲) area*): *per diem* of 8,400 yen/day for full, associate and assistant professors and 6,700 yen/day for researcher, research fellows, and graduate students.
- III. Western, English-speaking institution (listed in Section 5.(2) to (4) above): *per diem* of 8,400 yen/day for full, associate, and assistant professors and 6,700 yen/day for researcher, research fellows, and graduate students.

* <http://www.office.cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/procedure/files/index/map.pdf>

(3) Registration fees for international conferences occurring during the overseas visitation period at which the selected researcher is scheduled to make a presentation (requires prior consultation with the Program Secretariat).

7. Application Procedure

Please e-mail a completed application form (either the Japanese or English version) for the “Construction of a Global Platform for the Study of Sustainable Humanosphere” Strategic Young Researcher Overseas Visit Program to the Program Secretariat between Monday, November 5, 2012

and 10am on Friday, November 9, 2012 at the following address:

akedo@cseas.kyoto-u.ac.jp

8. Selection Criteria

- (1) Whether the applicant has a sufficient track record of research in Asian and African area studies.
- (2) Whether significant theoretical advancement can be expected to result from the overseas visit.
- (3) Whether the hosting institution and hosting researcher is appropriate from the standpoint of the purpose and content of the overseas visit program.
- (4) Whether the applicant possess sufficient language skills to engage in vigorous scholarly debate.
- (5) Whether it is foreseeable for the research undertaken be published in an international peer-reviewed journal published in an English-speaking country.
- (6) Whether the applicant is expected to become an Asian and African area studies researcher capable of acting on the international stage.

* The applicant will be requested to submit results of a language (English) proficiency exam taken near the time of application before second round interview. In case it will not be possible, the successful candidates will be requested to submit the result of language exam until the beginning of the dispatch.

9. Selection Process

First round: Screening based on application materials

Application deadline: 10am, Friday, November 9, 2012

Notification of first round results will be sent via e-mail on Friday, November 9, 2012.

Second round: Interviews

Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 15:00~

Details of the second round interview will be informed to the successful applicants of the first round screening.

10. Submission of Documentation after Returning to Japan

The selected researcher is required to submit the following items after returning to Japan to demonstrate progress made during the program.

- (1) Report (in English (and Japanese, if possible), using the standard format provided)
- (2) Documentation in the form of photographs, video, etc.
- (3) Presentation in international conferences organized by this program

* Items (1) and (2) are to be submitted to the Program Secretariat within one month of returning to Japan.

11. Important Considerations & Reminders

- (1) The applicant should consult closely with their superiors (professors, associate professors, assistant professors, researcher, research fellows) or supervisors (graduate students and other students without a doctorate degree) in developing a research plan and determining the best timing for overseas visits.
- (2) The applicant should develop a research plan and determine the best timing for overseas visits after careful consideration of specific information regarding the host institutions.
- (3) At least two of the selected researcher will be expected to start overseas research within 2012 academic year. Some applicants will be allowed to start their research abroad in 2013/2014 academic year.
- (4) Although overseas visits through this program can be scheduled as a continuation of other overseas training programs supported by JSPS Institutional Program for Young Researcher Overseas Visits, etc., it should be kept in mind that the following limitations apply in such cases. The applicant should consult closely with their superior/supervisor and Program Secretariat.
- (5) For applicants wishing to participate in this program in conjunction with other overseas training programs supported by JSPS Institutional Program for Young Researcher Overseas Visits, etc.: there are separate eligibility requirement for this program; in addition, it is necessary to clearly delineate the time spent overseas as part of this program and time spent overseas under the aegis of JSPS Institutional Program for Young Researcher Overseas Visits or other organizational dispatch program.
- (6) Papers and other products, conference presentations, etc. of research conducted while receiving support through this program should include an acknowledgement of this support as in the following examples:

I. Scholarly journals, etc.

In journal articles in which the results on research conducted while receiving support through this program are reported, this support should be acknowledged in a manner similar to the following examples:

Japanese Example: 本研究では、独立行政法人日本学術振興会 頭脳循環を加速する若手研究者戦略的海外派遣プログラム「アジア・アフリカの持続型生存基盤研究のためのグローバル研究プラットフォーム構築」による支援を得た。

English Example: This work was supported by the JSPS Strategic Young Researcher Overseas Visits Program for Accelerating Brain Circulation, “Construction of a Global

Platform for the Study of Sustainable Humansphere.”

II. Conference presentations, etc.

Presentations of research at conferences should contain mention of the fact that the research was funded through this project and include a written acknowledgement similar to the example above in the conference proceedings.

Contact for Application-related Inquiries

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