



Writing Seminar For

JSPS DC1/DC2 Fellowship

Q&A slides

FAQs upon registration

Q1 I am currently in my **X** year of the PhD course. Can I apply to DC1/DC2 Fellowship?

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	Not Eligible	Eligible for DC1	Eligible for DC2		Not Eligible
3 year PhD Courses	M1	M2	D1	D2	D3
5 year PhD Courses	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5
4 year* PhD Courses		D1	D2	D3	D4

**Courses for Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical, and Veterinary Degrees*

Q2 Is there an age limit for the DC1/DC2 Fellowship?

A No, there is **no age limit** for both DC1 and DC2.

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Q3 I currently have a MEXT scholarship (or other similar scholarship) now. Can I apply to DC1/DC2 Fellowship while I have the scholarship?

A Yes, you can apply, but you must **forfeit your current scholarship** if you are selected.

Q4 I am currently outside of Japan but I have a host lab which will accept me for the Doctoral Course from next April. Can I still apply to DC1 Fellowship?

A Yes, you can apply. In this case, the application shall be submitted to the host university.

Please contact your host lab and the univ. admin. for details.

Q5 I will be finishing my Doctoral course this year. Is there any fellowship I can apply to?

A There are Postdoctoral Fellowships available. Please check the appendix for details.

[Japanese] PD Fellowships

[Foreigner] JSPS Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan

Q6 Since Master student most likely does not have any paper published, can they still apply for the DC1 Fellowship?

A Publication can be an advantage but there have been applicants selected without publication records.

You can show **alternative evidences** (Preliminary data, Conference presentations, Gradings, Awards, other activity records, etc.) to show your steady progress and capability.

Q7 Is it better to write the documents in Japanese? Does it raise my chances over writing it in English?

A You can write in Japanese, but there is a risk of being regarded as a native/fluent Japanese speaker which may turn into a disadvantage if the fluency is not native level.

On the other hand, Providing **Headers, Keywords, phrases in Japanese** can be beneficial to the reviewers.

Q8 Does the category or field which we apply to determine the success rate of the application?

A As you see below in the statistics for FY2022 DC1, there are not much differences between research fields.

	Humanities	Social Sciences	Mathematical and Physical Sciences	Chemistry	Engineering Sciences	Informatics	Biological Sciences	Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Sciences	TOTAL
Applications	344	365	582	377	638	287	355	337	539	3824
Selections	62	68	108	68	119	53	67	61	101	707
Adoption Rate	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>18.6%</i>	<i>18.6%</i>	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>18.7%</i>	<i>18.5%</i>	<i>18.9%</i>	<i>18.1%</i>	<i>18.7%</i>	<i>18.5%</i>

Q9 Does it increase the chances if we apply for a different university from where we are taking the Masters or Doctoral courses?

A For DC2, you are to apply from the same university which you are enrolled in for your Doctoral course.

For DC1, we do not know if there is any advantage or not as the statistics are not disclosed.

*For PD Fellowships (Japanese citizen), you **MUST** move to a different university from your PhD course.*

Q10 If I am D2 now and I apply for DC2, what will happen to the 2nd year if I finish my PhD course?

A There is an option to have the fellowship category changed to PD Fellowships if you obtain PhD degree during the DC2 period (under certain circumstances). Please check the guideline for details.

Q11 Can I change the field/theme of research after being selected?

A No you can not. You are expected to conduct what you have proposed in your plan.