

Overview of the India Young Researcher Fellowships Program (Scheduled for 2025)

1. Purpose of the Program

The aim of the Program is to deepen collaborative research between Japan and India by facilitating supporting the invitation of Indian graduate students and postdoctoral researchers supervised by local researchers conducting or planning joint research with Japanese researchers. (joint supervision by both Japanese and Indian researchers).

2. Eligible Candidates and Support Period

Eligible Candidates: Master's and doctoral students, as well as postdoctoral researchers affiliated with Indian universities.

Support Period: Up to 1 year.

3. Target Research Fields

(i)AI & Information Technology, (ii)Biotechnology, (iii)Energy, (iv)Materials Science, (v)Quantum Science, (vi)Semiconductors, (vii)Telecommunications, (viii)Others

4. Application Method

Proposals must be submitted by the Japanese host research institution.

5. Selection Process

Selection will be conducted through a document review by external experts.

6. Schedule

Around May 2025 : Call for proposals (open for approximately 3 months).

Around November 2025: Selection of successful proposals.

Around January 2026 : Contract signing between JST and the Japanese host institution.

(*) After signing the contract with JST, the candidate may stay in Japan for up to one year.

7. Others

During their stay in Japan, it is possible for participants to undertake an internship at a Japanese private company if a suitable match is found.

8. Contact Information

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The details of this program will be finalized based on the outcome of the national budget deliberation and the status of the implementation of the trial program conducted by JST last year. Please refer to the official application guidelines when the call for applications is announced.