

JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme

JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme was launched in 2002, and it is jointly organized by UNU and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). It is designed to provide promising, highly qualified, young researchers the opportunity to conduct advanced research relevant to the main thematic focus of UNU-IAS (Institute of Advanced Studies), located in Yokohama, and UNU-ISP (Institute for Sustainability and Peace), located in Tokyo, and in co-operation with their host researchers at Japanese universities and research institutions. This fellowship is aimed at candidates who have completed their PhD in the past six years and also have professional and/or research experience.

UNU acts as the nominating authority for the Programme, and UNU-IAS administers the programme on behalf of UNU in the nominating process. Candidates apply to UNU-IAS. The final award decision will be made by JSPS and Awards Letters will be issued by JSPS to the fellowship awardees. Those who have previously been awarded a fellowship under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers are not eligible.

Research proposals for the Fellowship should relate clearly to the following current research areas of UNU-IAS and UNU-ISP as well as aim to be policy relevant: (1) Science and Technology for Sustainable Societies, (2) Sustainable Urban Futures, (3) Biodiplomacy Initiative, (4) Sustainable Development Governance, (5) International Development and Co-operation, (6) Global Change and Sustainability, (7) Peace and Security.

Fellowship awards include a monthly maintenance allowance of 364,000 yen, a settling-in allowance of 200,000 yen and a round-trip air ticket.

The Fellowship commences in 1 September 2009. Completed applications for the 2009 fellowship **must reach UNU-IAS on or before 31 March 2009**. Applicants will only be considered if complete and all required documentation has been received. Further information on the Fellowship and application form can be obtained from the UNU-IAS website (http://www.ias.unu.edu/sub_page.aspx?catID=789&ddIID=143) or through email (fellowships@ias.unu.edu).