

Research Fellowships

Annually, the Canon Foundation in Europe grants up to 15 Fellowships to highly qualified European and Japanese researchers. European Fellows are expected to pursue a period of research in Japan whereas Japanese Fellows are expected to do their research in Europe.

Canon Foundation Fellowships are for a minimum period of three months up to maximum of one year.

We support all fields of research. There are no limitations or restrictions. Applicants do not have to be currently enrolled or employed at the time of applying.

Canon Fellows from Europe are free to choose their host institutes and hosts in Japan. The same freedom is given to Japanese Canon Fellows coming to Europe. Canon Foundation Research Fellowships may be applied for when an agreement on co-operation and on a research plan has been reached between the guest researcher and the proposed host institution.

Applications can also be submitted by members of commercial, industrial, governmental or professional organisations.

Eligibility

All Europeans are eligible to apply (including UK, Israel, Turkey, Balkan and Baltic countries).

Applicants should have obtained at least a Master's or PhD degree within the last ten years of applying to the Canon Foundation. We will also consider candidates who obtained their qualification more than ten years ago as long as they provide further supporting information in their application.

Please note that priority is given to applicants going to Europe and Japan for the first time.

Application procedure

The next application deadline will be 15 September 2023 for applications starting between January and December 2024.

The Selection Committee's final decision will be emailed to applicants by mid-December 2023.

As part of the application procedure, you will be asked to upload the following:

- Your research plan including an estimate of total costs(maximum 1 A4 sheet-2 sides). There are no restrictions regarding what sort of costs which can be included in the cost estimate. For example, living costs, travel, insurance, research costs, books, etc *
- a confirmation from your host institute that research or work facilities will be made available to you. The host confirmation should state how the supervisor/host institution will help you to facilitate the project (i.e., what resources will be offered, what kind of supervision will be given, etc.). This will help the Selection Committee

establish the feasibility of the project. Applicants should try to get a host confirmation letter which is as detailed as possible

- 2 reference letters from 2 persons who are in a position to comment on your academic or professional qualifications and on your previous work. The 2 referees can be different to the ones on your CV
- Your Curriculum Vitae*
- Your highest academic degree or professional qualification obtained*
- 1 passport size photograph of yourself*
- A list of your academic publications or professional achievements in chronological order containing information on all authors, place and year of publication and page references

***These documents MUST be uploaded at least before you can submit your application (1) your research plan (2) your Curriculum Vitae (3) your Doctoral/Degree or highest qualification/certificate (4) Passport-sized photograph**

Your application will be complete on receipt of the 2 reference letters AND the host confirmation letter. You can upload these documents yourself until **30 September** OR they can be emailed or posted directly to us at foundation@canon-europe.com and we will upload them to your application.

After **30 September**, the uploading facility will be closed for applicants so please email any other documents which still need to be uploaded, directly to our office and we will upload it for you. You will be notified about the result of your application by **mid December**.

If you already submitted your application and are uploading documents at a later date, please click again on the **SUBMIT APPLICATION** button and we will be informed that a document has been added to your application.

Because the form has been designed for applicants from the commercial, governmental and academic worlds, parts of the form may be more or less relevant. Applicants will also understand that for a proper appreciation of candidates, the information needs to be particularly comprehensive.

Please note that successful applications may not receive the full amount that they request.

DECISION

All applicants will be notified of the decision by email.

IMPORTANT

Candidates should be aware that it is not the Foundation's policy to award Fellowships to those who are already in possession of a concurrent research grant aid from another Foundation authority.

It is important to note that we do not enter into any correspondence in regard to decisions taken on any individual application and in view of the large number of applicants, no negative inference should be drawn from the failure of a candidate to secure a Fellowship.

We give priority to those who plan to travel to Europe or Japan rather than prolong a current stay.

Applications should be made through our online application form. After registering, you will be directed to the application form.

Please check here for the list of documents which need to be uploaded before your application can be submitted.

Stipend

Financial support for Research Fellows can reach up to **30,000 Euros per year and pro-rata for different periods**. The Research Fellow can decide what costs the grant can be used for. Examples are living costs, travel, insurance, research costs, books, etc. There are no restrictions.

Success rate

The average success rate is around 10%. Funding decisions are based on the quality of the research plan, the reference letters and the host confirmation. The success rate is not influenced by gender, age and nationality.