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Deadline	Mon 30 June 2025 17:00 Japan standard time
Call name	Matsumae Research Fellowships 2026
www	http://www.mif-japan.org/fellowship/announcement/?hl=en
Focused on	Research visits at research institutions in Japan
Applicant	Postdocs, junior researchers, senior researchers in natural science, engineering, medicine who are of non-Japanese nationality up to 45 years old
Host institution	Japanese universities, research institutions, private research entities
Expected outputs	Research; (J) Reviewed publications
Call opens	-
Final deadline	June 1 – June 30 2025 17:00 Japan standard time
Evaluation results	November 2025
Signature of agreement	January–February 2026
Earliest date of implementation	June 2026
Latest date of implementation	March 2027
Sustainability	Applicants must return to their countries upon completion of their MIF fellowship.
Reporting	Research report
Project duration (min-max)	6 months
Allocation for the call	NA (around 15 fellowships)
Project budget (min-max)	At least ¥780,000–1,440,000 per project
Success rate	NA
Eligible costs	(i) Travel costs (air tickets between airport nearest to the applicant's domicile and Tokyo is provided), (ii) Health insurance, (iii) Allowance for research stay: tuition payment, materials, living costs (¥220,000 per month), (iv) Start-up Fund upon arrival to cover the initial costs to start a new research stay in Japan (¥120,000) No support to applicant's family or dependents is available.
Mode of funding	Ex-ante
Language of application	English
Provider	The Matsumae International Foundation, 4-14-46, Kamiogi, Suginami-ku, Tokyo, 167-0043 Japan; www.mif-japan.org , contact@mif-japan.org
Call identifier	MIF-RF-2026
Call info	The Matsumae International Foundation (MIF) grants annually around 15 fellowships to highly qualified non-Japanese researchers in natural science, engineering or medicine. Fellows are expected to spend 6 months on their research visit in Japan.
Conditions / Restrictions	Applicants must obtain a Letter of Invitation from host institutions in Japan. Applicants must hold a PhD. Applicants must be at the age of 45 years old or younger at the time of submission. Applicants must have sufficient abilities in the English or Japanese languages. Applicants should not have past or current experiences of staying in Japan (except for short-term stay, e.g. sightseeing, conferences). Applicants should be employed in their home countries, and must return to their countries upon completion of their MIF fellowship tenure. Applicants are free to select host institutions (universities, national research institutions or the corresponding facilities in private sector) in which to carry out their research. Application must be submitted from the applicant's home country. The fellowship grant is restricted to the period indicated in the Grant Letter. Extension/reduction of the granted period is not allowed. No support to applicant's family or dependents is available.
Proposal consists of	The following documents must be submitted as PDFs to the MIF via Email (max 10 MB; all documents in English). Please, do not combine all documents into one PDF.

	<p>1) Application form with a photo 4x3 cm taken within the past 3 months (use MIF template) (applicant)</p> <p>2) Research Plan: purpose, methodology, content, road map of the project, benefit of the project to your home country (applicant & host supervisor)</p> <p>3) CV including a complete list of publications; highlight in yellow the title of publications related to the research project that you intended to conduct in Japan (applicant)</p> <p>4) Letter of Recommendation from the current employer testifying to academic ability and achievements, and confirming the availability of study leave during the fellowship period (IOCB Project Office)</p> <p>5) Certified copies of all academic certificates (PhD, MSc, Bc) in English (applicant)</p> <p>6) Invitation Letter signed by the supervisor/host professor from the host institution confirming the specific period of stay, the research project, the availability of research facilities/equipment, and the arrangement of accommodation facility (host supervisor)</p>
Evaluation criteria	Academic value & quality of the research project
Research areas	Preferably - Natural science, Engineering, Medicine
Call workshop	FAQs: http://www.mif-japan.org/fellowship/faq/?hl=en
IOCB contact	Please inform the IOCB Project Office about your intention to apply. Do not hesitate anytime to contact us for consulting, discussion or help. projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz , +420 220 183 229
Download documents	<p>MIF-RF-2026 summary</p> <p>MIF-RF-2026 guidelines</p> <p>MIF-RF-2026 application form</p> <p>MF-RF-2026 reason for application</p>