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2018 AJRC FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

The Australian National University (ANU) in association with leading Japanese research institutes is offering an exciting opportunity for late-year undergraduate and postgraduate students from Australia's Group of Eight (Go8) universities with a strong interest in Japan and Australia-Japan relations.

The Australia-Japan Research Centre (AJRC) Fellowship Program will select up to two fellows for a policy-focused research stay in Tokyo, Japan.

The AJRC Fellowship aims to identify and foster the development of a new generation of leaders, promoting investment in Australia-Japan relations through the networks that fellowship holders create.

For a period of two to six months, from March to December 2018, fellows will spend time in Japan undertaking a research project on a policy-relevant topic in economics, politics or international relations. This may include an internship at a policy-relevant organisation. Fellows will also be affiliated with a faculty mentor at one of the ANU's partner universities in Tokyo pertinent to their primary research interest, and will attend relevant events offered through leading Japanese research institutes in Tokyo.

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Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the program, you must:

- > be a graduate of, or enrolled in a program at a Go8 university and in excellent academic standing (A-levels, graduated with distinction) by the time of the fellowship; expressions of interest from earlier undergraduate students will be accepted;
- > be under the age of 35 at the time of the fellowship;
- > have a strong interest and demonstrated previous research or professional experience in international relations, particularly vis-à-vis Japan, or in Japan's economic policy or security affairs; and
- > have English fluency and Japanese language skills.

To apply

Selection for the AJRC Fellowship Program is highly competitive. To apply for the fellowship, candidates are required to submit:

- > an application form, including statement of purpose and proposed research topic;
- > a current resume;
- > their most recent academic transcript; and
- > contact details for two references, with at least one of them being academic.

Selection will be based upon the following criteria:

- > academic history and performance;
- > relevance and importance of proposed research topic;
- > previous academic or professional experience in Japan;
- > background in international relations or policy studies;
- > personal motivation; and
- > involvement in university and community activities.

All applications are to be submitted electronically as a single Adobe Acrobat PDF file (including application form and attachments), in an email addressed to ajrc@anu.edu.au.

Applications must be received by **5:00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time, on Friday 15 December 2017**.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview at the ANU and successful candidates will be notified by January 31 2018.

Requirements

Successful applicants will be required to:

- > attend pre-departure briefings in Canberra;
- > participate in regular meetings with the faculty mentor in Japan;
- > attend Australian Embassy functions in Tokyo;
- > write an online article about their research topic;
- > contribute to activities of their host organisation — for example some host institutions may only take fellows on in an internship program;
- > submit a formal report on their experience to the ANU and their host organisation within one month of returning to Australia; and
- > submit a 4,000 word research paper on an agreed upon research topic.

Fellowship funding

The Fellowship will cover the cost of an economy round trip airfare from Australia to Japan, accommodation in central Tokyo, and a monthly scholarship of AUD 640. All other costs will be covered by the student.

Application form

Download application form from [the AJRC website](#).

Contact

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