



Showa
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GUIDELINES

THE SHOWA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY MARIKO BANDO FELLOWSHIP

The Showa Women's University Mariko Bando Fellowship aims to reward Early Career Researcher (ECR) or Doctoral Student within the School of Humanities of the University of Queensland who currently study or work in the field of Japanese Studies. Applicant who is successfully rewarded with the Fellowship is expected to contribute to strengthening the partnership between the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences or the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law, The University of Queensland, and Showa Women's University (SWU).

1. Eligibility:

To be eligible, you must:

- 1.1 be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia (open to both female and male applicants)
- 1.2 be a current doctoral student or ECR (ECR is a researcher who completed the doctoral degree in the past 10 years) within UQ, undertaking studies or working in the field of Japanese Studies

Japanese Studies relate to a broad range of areas, including Japanese history, language, literature, politics, law and administration, gender studies, economics, business and other areas of social science.

- 1.3 not have previously been approved for the fellowship under this scheme
- 1.4 have discussed about your application with UQ and received its prior approval

If you are a doctoral student, you must liaise with your supervisor and post graduate coordinator prior to applying and get their approval

You must be able to undertake an independent research for the duration of the fellowship (SWU will not provide an academic supervisor)

- 1.5 have some Japanese language ability (not mandatory, but preferred)
- 1.6 be able to continue your research in Japan if you are a doctoral student.

OR

be able to interrupt work commitments for the duration of the fellowship if you are an ECR.

2. Duration and Number of Fellowship:

- 2.1 The Bando Fellowship is available for either a short-term (2 weeks up to 90 days) or a long-term (91 days up to 12 months) stay.
- 2.2 For each academic year of SWU, SWU will accept one or two successful applicants from the School of Humanities. If the first fellow's stay of the 1st cycle nomination ends before October, SWU will offer an additional nomination for a second fellow, starting from October or later which can stay until the end of next March.

3. Application Process:

- 3.1 Applicant must complete the application form, submit it along with the current CV and a one-page Expression of Interest (EOI) highlighting why this opportunity would be of benefit to the applicant's current research.
- 3.2 Application documents indicated in 3.1 must be submitted to the School of Humanities by the designated deadline stated on the application form.

4. Selection Process:

- 4.1 In order to get the application reviewed, the School of Humanities must first agree that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria for the fellowship as they are outlined in this guideline.
- 4.2 The applications will be reviewed by a panel, including Chancellor Mariko Bando and representatives from SWU and UQ shortlisted applicants may be invited to join an online interview session.
- 4.3 The fellowship will be awarded with consideration to a range of factors, including, but not limited to, the most academically excellent applicant (judged by publications, research output etc.) and how this opportunity would benefit his / her research.

The fellowship will not be awarded, if there is no qualified applicant within the School of Humanities.

5. Offer Process:

- 5.1 The successful applicant will be notified via email by the Center for International Exchange of Showa Women's University.

6. Entitlement of the Fellow:

- 6.1 The fellowship includes:
 - Round trip economy airfare Brisbane and Tokyo
 - Accommodation - one studio style apartment (suitable for one person only)
*If the applicant wants their family members to accompany him/her, the applicant should be responsible for paying extra cost, including the utility costs.
 - Living stipend: JPY 100,000 per month for the duration of the fellowship. For a stay less than 15 days of the month, the monthly stipend will be JPY50,000.
 - Shared office

7. Fellow Expectations and Requirements

- 7.1 The fellow is required to:
 - give at least one special lecture per semester for SWU students and/or faculties and staff members during his / her fellowship program
 - submit monthly report to SWU during his / her fellowship program