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## 2016 NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM: JAPAN

The Australian National University (ANU) in association with the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) is offering an exciting opportunity for postgraduate students from Australia's Group of Eight (Go8) universities with a strong interest in Japan and Australia-Japan relations. The National Parliamentary Fellowship Program (NPPFP) will select up to two fellows for a three months foreign policy focused research stay in Tokyo, Japan, to commence in mid-February 2016.

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

For a period of up to three months, from mid-February to mid-May 2016, fellows will assist a Japanese Diet member in developing policy advice and will have the opportunity to attend public policy hearings and briefings. Fellows will also be affiliated with a faculty mentor at one of ANU's partner universities in Tokyo, pertinent to their primary foreign policy research interest, and will attend relevant events offered through JCIE and other leading Japanese research institutes in Tokyo.

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## Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the program, you must

- > Be an Australian citizen;
- > Be a graduate of, or enrolled in a postgraduate program at, a Go8 university, and in excellent academic standing (A-levels, graduated with distinction) by the time of the fellowship;
- > 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;
- > Hold an Australian passport that has at least six months validity when the fellowship commences; and
- > Have English fluency and advanced Japanese language skills.

## To apply

Selection for NPFP is highly competitive.

To apply for the Japan fellowship, candidates are required to submit:

- > an application form, including statement of purpose and proposed research topic,
- > current resume,
- > 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; 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), an e-mail addressed to: Ms Rosemary Tran ([rosemary.tran@anu.edu.au](mailto:rosemary.tran@anu.edu.au))

Applications must be received by 5:00pm AEST, on Friday 25 September.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview and successful candidates will be notified on Monday 9 November.

## Requirements

Successful applicants will be enrolled in a six-unit postgraduate academic course at ANU Crawford School of Public Policy. Under this course they will be required to:

- > Attend pre-departure briefings and a reception 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
- > Submit a formal report on their experience to the ANU and JCIE within one month of returning to Australia, and
- > Submit a 4,000 word research paper on and agreed upon research topic by 31 May 2016

Indicative Assessment

- > Final Research Paper 60%
- > Formal Report 15%
- > Feedback from JCIE, faculty mentor and Diet member 15%
- > Online Article 10%

## Fellowship funding

The fellowship will cover the cost of an economy round trip airfare from Australia to Japan, provided by the Australian Department of Education Asiabound program, a pre-arranged single room in Itochu student accommodation in central Tokyo, and a monthly scholarship of AUD 650. All other costs will be covered by the student.

## Inquiries and submissions

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