

Call for Applications for the 2026 JSPS Research Fellowships for Young Scientists (FY 2026)

Center for Research Promotion and Support
Sophia University

Applications for the 2026 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Research Fellowships for Young Scientists (DC1/DC2/PD/RPD) are now open. Applicants should refer to the JSPS website and follow the procedures outlined below.

1. Preliminary Preparation

Download and review the application guidelines, Procedures for preparing the application documents, and application flow from the JSPS website.

- **DC/PD:** https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-pd/pd_sin.html
- **RPD:** https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-pd/rpd_sin.html

Request and confirm with your host researcher (academic advisor for DC applicants). When applying, enter the email address and researcher number of the host researcher into the electronic application system. Also, send an email request for the evaluation report to the evaluator via the electronic application system. Ensure the evaluator agrees to prepare the evaluation report in advance.

2. Electronic Application System ID/Password

Download the form "Application for Electronic Application ID/Password for FY 2026 JSPS Research Fellowships" from the URL below, fill in the required information, and send it to kakenhi-co@sophia.ac.jp. You will receive the ID/password (applicant registration information) via email within a few days.

Submission Period: April 3, 2025 – April 25, 2025

(RPD: March 24, 2025 – April 11, 2025)

<https://piloti.sophia.ac.jp/jpn/research/kenkyujyosei/tokubetsukenkyuin/>

Note: You must apply for an ID/password each year.

3. Application Form Preparation

1. **Application Content File:** Download and prepare the file from the JSPS website.

Refer to the Procedures for preparing the application documents and seek advice from your research advisor. The review will be conducted by the review committee based on the review category. Ensure the content is concise and easy to read, emphasizing keywords visually. Do not alter the format, add items not specified, or omit items.

2. **Electronic Application System Input:** (System Operation Schedule: RPD is scheduled to commence in mid-March, while DC and PD are expected to be operational from mid-April)

- [JSPS Electronic Application System](#)
- [Operation Manual for Research Fellowship Program Applicants](#)
- [System Trial Version](#)

Note: If you modify the evaluator's information after submitting the evaluation report, the report will be rejected, and the evaluator will need to resubmit it. Ensure accurate input of application information.

3. **Envisaged Budget for Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows:** Apply for research expenses to be granted after selection. This application can only be made at the time of applying for the fellowship.
4. **Evaluation Report:** Request the evaluation report from your academic advisor (for DC) or two researchers (for PD) via the electronic application system. The evaluator will receive an email with a URL to access the system and prepare the report using the provided ID and password. Refer to the "Evaluator's Manual for Researcher Training Projects" for system operations.
 - [Evaluator's Manual](#)

4. Internal Submission Deadline (Strictly Enforced)

1. **Application for review by URA (for DC applicants only):**

April 15, 2025, 17:00

Target: Graduate students of Sophia University applying for DC

Application Method: Send the application form for URA review and application content file (Word file) to the Center for Research Promotion and Support via email.

Email: kakenhi-co@sophia.ac.jp

Subject: JSPS DC1 (or)2 Application Review Request _ Name

You will receive the review results via email by the end of April. Revise the application based on the feedback and submit it by the electronic application system after your advisor's check.

2. Submission Deadline:

RPD: April 22, 2025, 17:00

DC1/DC2/PD: May 13, 2025, 17:00

Ensure all documents, including the evaluation report, are complete in the electronic application system before submission. The Center for Research Promotion and Support will conduct a format check before submission to JSPS. Check your email regularly for any correction requests.

5. Selection Results

Results will be disclosed on the electronic application system.

- **RPD:** Early to mid-August 2025, supplementary selection in mid-February 2026
- **DC/PD:** First selection in early October 2025, second selection in early January 2026, supplementary selection in mid-February 2026

6. Internal Briefing Session (Required to log in from Sophia email account)

An internal briefing session for applicants will be held. Graduate students aiming to become researchers must attend. A recording of the session will be available later for those who cannot attend.

- **Date and Time:** February 21 (Friday), 13:00 – 13:50
- **Method:** Online via Zoom

Details will be announced on the Sophia bulletin board and Loyola.

7. Reference Materials

Reference materials such as briefing session materials and checklists will be posted on the Sophia bulletin board and Loyola after the session. Refer to these when preparing your application.

8. Contact Information for ID/Password Requests and Inquiries

- **Center for Research Promotion and Support, Sophia University**
- **Email:** kakenhi-co@sophia.ac.jp
- **Phone:** 03-3238-3173
- **Office Hours:** 9:00 – 11:30 / 12:30 – 16:00 [Monday – Friday]