

NIHN Fellowship Program for Asian Researchers 2025—2026

1. Objectives

This program is hosted by the National Institute of Health and Nutrition (NIHN), National Institutes of Biomedical Innovation, Health and Nutrition (NIBIOHN), and conducted as a part of activities of WHO Collaborating Centre for Nutrition and Physical Activity (JPN-88). It aims to promote international collaboration between Asian countries and to support fellows to acquire and improve their knowledge and skills related to health and nutrition.

2. Areas of Interest

The research of the Fellowship Program should be related to the following topics.

- 1) Nutrition surveillance
- 2) Physical activity surveillance

Available data

- Publicly available data such as government statistics,
- Data that a fellowship researcher can access and analyze at the NIHN in Japan, and
- Other available data (to be discussed).

Research conducted by the NIHN departments and centers

Please refer to the NIBIOHN Leaflet (English), pages 25-26 in the following sections:

“Food and Nutrition”, “Physical Activity and Metabolism”, and “International Research Collaboration and Partnership.” (please see the link)

https://www.nibiohn.go.jp/introduction/documents/pamphlet_en_2024.pdf

Note: The departments and sections have been changed from October 1st, 2024.

3. Eligibility

Eligible applicants should fulfill at least one of the requirements below, with sufficient communication skills in English, and are expected to play a key role in the related field after the fellowship program.

- 1) Non-Japanese people who are studying or working outside Japan at a university, research institute, or other institutes in the health and nutrition field, and have a doctorate degree, or research capabilities at least equivalent to a doctorate degree holder.
- 2) Non-Japanese medical doctors, dentists, nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, or government officers who have sufficient research capabilities and are nominated by the principal of their institute for outstanding achievement.
- 3) An applicant who is admitted by the President of the NIBIOHN.

4. Number of Fellowships to be Awarded

One or two

5. Outline of the Program

1) Duration

April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026

2) Fellowship period

Fellowships are awarded for 3 months. No extension of the period will be permitted.

3) Commencement Date

The fellowship must commence during the following period

May 1, 2025, to December 1, 2025

4) Coverage of Expenses

a. Travel expenses

Round-trip economy class air tickets, from the international airport nearest to the selected fellow's institute to Kansai Airport, at the lowest available cost, is provided.

The transportation fee between Kansai Airport and the NIHN will be provided in cash (Japanese yen) or by the train tickets according to the NIBIOHN's rule of the travel expenses.

b. Stipends and accommodation

The NIBIOHN will provide 100,000 Japanese yen per month to each fellow as stipends, which include commuting costs, meals and petty expenses.

The NIBIOHN will arrange accommodation and pay the rent for each fellow (depending on circumstances, this arrangement will be entrusted to a third party). Other expenses are occasionally covered by the fellow in line with the lease agreement.

c. Overseas Travel Insurance

The NIBIOHN will pay for overseas travel accident and sickness insurance during the fellowship period.

d. Others

- The NIBIOHN will not pay any expenses related to accompanying person (s).
- In case the fellowship program is implemented online due to the circumstance at the time, the expense (a) to (c) will not be covered.

5) Obligation for Research Reports

Each fellow must submit a research report in the required forms to the NIHN within one month of the completion of the fellowship period.

6. Application Procedure

1) Acceptance of Application

Applicants must submit their applications as described in 6-(2) by email to the contact address (9. Contact) during the following period:

November 8 (Friday), 2024, to February 28 (Friday), 2025

2) Materials to be submitted

a. Applications for Fellowship (Form I -1)

b. Curriculum Vitae (free format)

*Required items: title, name, date of birth, ID photo, nationality, contact information (address, telephone number, e-mail address, etc.), name and position of affiliation, institution information (address, telephone number), academic background, professional experience, professional qualifications, English language proficiency (IELTS, TOEIC, TOEFL, etc.), other skills and abilities (if any), and a list of publications.

c. Research activities during the fellowship program (free format)

d. Letter of recommendation by the head of the institute to which the applicant belongs. (free format)

7. Selection Process and Notification

The President of the NIBIOHN will select the fellow in coordination with WHO.

Online interviews will be conducted in English with applicants as necessary.

Notification of the selection results will be made to all applicants by the Secretariat by **March 31, 2025.**

The research activities and the fellowship period will be determined in consultation with the host researcher.

(N.B. The NIBIOHN does not respond to any individual inquiry on the selection process)

8. Notes:

1) Incomplete or otherwise flawed applications will be rejected. Refusal letters to such unsuccessful applicants shall be issued at the same time as other applicants.

2) Then, the accepted applicant (awardees) will sign and submit to the responsible person for this fellowship program the notice of acceptance and the letter of commitment, with the medical certificate prepared at a medical institution. After receiving all these necessary documents, the President of the NIBIOHN will issue the letter of invitation to the accepted applicant.

3) Upon the consent of the selected fellows, their names and research themes are subject to

public disclosure through the NIHN homepage.

4) The program will take place at NIHN located in Settsu City, Osaka Prefecture.

9. Contact

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