

2019 CEAFJP/Michelin Fellowship
“Public Innovation Policies in Japan”
Call for Applications - Deadline: 15 April 2018



Public Innovation Policies in Japan, previously conflated with industrial policies, have experienced a decline in the late 1980s and early 1990s before undertaking profound renewal accompanied with changes in their objectives, structures, and resources. Despite a certain continuity in terms of the actors involved and the objectives pursued, the resources mobilized in this field have been diversified both at the national and sectorial levels.

There is no restriction regarding the methodology used by the Fellow. It is possible to apply both a political economy approach of the definition of objectives and the means of action, or a more quantitative approach to evaluation, based, for example, on the analysis of patents. Research may equally be based on the proposals made in the OECD Expert Group report regarding the evaluation of public policies (2012-2014), to which the Fondation France-Japon de l'EHESS has contributed. In either case, sectorial case studies are required in order to highlight both the coherence and the diversity of policies implemented in this field.

Objectives of the CEAFJP Fellowships

The core objective of the fellowships of the Centre for French-Japanese Advanced Studies in Paris (CEAFJP, coordinated by the Fondation France-Japon de l'EHESS) is to lead to a close collaboration between the fellow, the CEAFJP, and its institutional partners, in order to work on the research project proposed by the fellow. The CEAFJP fellowships enable the fellows to pursue their research work, with objectives specific to their stay in Paris, benefiting from the large network of researchers in social and human sciences, as well as the international and interdisciplinary environment of the Parisian academic institutions. To that aim, the fellows will benefit from excellent work conditions at the Fondation France-Japon de l'EHESS (they will be granted an office and access to meeting rooms, full access to the EHESS libraries, administrative assistance).

Responsibilities of the Fellow

The fellow is expected to take part in the scientific activities of the CEAFJP in a spirit of exchange and mutual development with the other CEAFJP research fellows. The Centre places paramount importance to the capacity of the fellow to bond with other fellows and initiate collaborations with researchers in the Paris region, and in Europe.

The fellow is required to:

- participate in regular work meetings with the CEAFJP team and to meetings with its institutional partners and collaborators;
- submit a Research Note (2 pages in English) two months before the beginning of the fellowship in order to present his or her research project;
- organize a workshop at the end of the fellowship;
- submit a Discussion Paper (25 to 50 pages in English) at the end of the fellowship in order to share the main findings of his or her research work in Paris.

The Fellowship Grant

The fellowship may last from 6 to 10 months, between 1 January 2019 and 31 March 2020, depending on the fellow's availability.

The fellow will receive a grant, designed to cover his or her expenses related to transport and his or her stay in Paris on the one hand, and on the other hand the expenses directly linked to the realization of his or her research work. This grant can be combined with other sources of funding, on condition that the fellow is located in Paris.

Eligibility and Evaluation

The call for applications is open to distinguished international scholars, as well as government and business professionals. Applicants must be able to prove their capacity to conduct a research, but they are not required to hold a Ph.D.

After the call is closed, the Scientific Committee of the CEAFJP will examine the applications and select the laureate. The main criteria of evaluation are the scientific quality of the project, but also its viability and the legitimacy of staying in Paris in the framework of the project. The applications will be examined regardless of the applicants' age, nationality, place of residence, or country of their affiliated institution. The Committee will announce the results to the applicants in June 2018 before the public announcement.

Application

The application files are required to include:

- the [application form](#);
- a curriculum vitae including a list of publications;
- two recommendation letters for applicants who earned their doctorate less than five years ago.

All the documents are to be sent by email to applications_ffj@ehess.fr on 15 April 2018 midnight (French time) at the latest. Further information is available via the same email address mentioned above.