



TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

United Nations/Japan Long-term Fellowship Programme “Doctorate in Nano-Satellite Technologies (DNST)”

1. Participation

Applicants should be (i) nationals of developing countries or countries with economy in transition, (ii) duly nominated by their institutions, (iii) not older than forty (40) years by 1 October 2012; (vi) should have the academic and professional backgrounds required by the specific fellowship programme. Candidates for the DNST Programme are expected to have completed studies ending with a Master Degree or equivalent (5 years university degree) in engineering-related subjects. Degrees in different technological fields can be considered by the Doctor Commission; and (v) should be able to make professional use of the experience gained in the fellowship programme.

2. Application form and supporting documents required

The documents listed under a) to f) should be submitted to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, Vienna International Centre, P.O. Box 500, A 1400 Vienna, Austria, **no later than 30 April 2012**. Please also e-mail scanned copies of the requested supporting documents to unpsa@unoosa.org.

- a) **Application form.** Duly completed by the applicant in two copies and certified on behalf of the nominating institution by the certifying officer*.
- b) **Diploma certificates.** Two official copies of the education certificate(s) of Bachelor's, Master's or higher degrees and the official translation of these documents in English.
- c) **Academic transcripts.** Two official copies of academic transcripts indicating the subjects and examination grades (marks) received in each subject in undergraduate and higher courses and the official translation of these documents in English. The transcripts have to be sealed by the President or Dean of the Institution from which the applicant graduated.
- d) **Diploma or certificate of competence in the language of the fellowship programme.** If the official language of the applicant's country is different from the language of the fellowship programme, a diploma, certificate or proof of competence in the language shall be provided. This diploma/certificate shall be issued by an accredited language institution or by the local UNDP upon satisfactory establishment of the applicant's competence in the language concerned.
- e) **Curriculum vitae.** Signed and dated by applicant.

* The certifying officer shall not be lower in rank than the Head of the applicant's Department, Institution or Ministry. The certifying officer attests to the accuracy of the information provided by the applicant in his/her application form and the bona fide status of the applicant in his/her institution.

- f) **4 Photographs** (4cm high x 3cm wide).
- g) **Referee reports.** Three (3) completed Referee reports should be sent by the referees (not the applicant!), one of whom should be the employment or study supervisor of applicant, directly to the United Nations as indicated on the form.

Only applicants whose completed application forms and all other supporting documents are received by the United Nations in Vienna by the deadline established for the fellowship programme, will be considered in the selection process for the fellowship concerned.

3. **Administrative arrangements**

- a) **Responsibilities of the United Nations:** The United Nations provides a number of selected participants with international round trip air ticket between the participant's international airport of departure and the location of the Fellowship Programme (Kitakyushu, Japan).
- b) **Responsibilities of the nominating institution/government:** The nominating institution/government will bear the following costs on behalf of the selected participant:
 - i) All expenses in the home country for preparing the abroad travelling, including passport and visa fees, medical examinations, inoculations, and other miscellaneous items, and domestic travel to and from the international airport of departure, in the home country;
 - ii) Salary and related allowances to which a participant may be entitled in his/her country during the period of the fellowship programme;
 - iii) Life insurance and health insurance for the benefit of the participant for the duration of the fellowship programme study.
- c) **Applicants for a fellowship programme should note that the United Nations and the government/institution offering the fellowships will NOT assume responsibility for the following expenditures:**
 - i) Any costs incurred by dependent or spouse who accompany the participant;
 - ii) Costs incurred by the participant with respect to travel insurance;
 - iii) Loss or damage of personal property while enrolled in the fellowship programme;
 - iv) Compensation in the event of death or disability of the participant in connection with his/her enrolment in the fellowship programme;
 - v) Any claim toward expenses incurred by participants other than what is specified in the fellowship programme description document.
- d) **Termination of fellowship:** The United Nations, in consultation with the offering government/institutions, reserves the right to terminate the fellowship programme of any participant upon commencement of the study if:
 - i) The participant's academic background regarding the subject of the fellowship programme is found to be inadequate; and/or

- ii) The participant's knowledge and understanding of the language of the fellowship programme are found to be inadequate to pursue the programme of study; and/or the participant fails to observe proper conduct during the course of the fellowship programme study; and/or the participant withdraws himself/herself from the fellowship programme without any reasonable justification accepted by the offering institution.

In the above cases of the fellowship termination, the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and offering government/institutions reserve the right to claim from participant or his/her nominating agency the cost of air ticket (if it was provided by the United Nations) and/or of the fellowship grant received by the time of termination.