



INFORMATION NOTE 2013

United Nations/Japan Long-term Fellowship Programme “Post-graduate study on Nano-Satellite Technologies (PNST)”

- 1. Thematic Area:** Capacity Building in Basic Space Technology
- 2. Title:** Post-graduate study on Nano-Satellite Technologies (PNST)
- 3. Hosting Institution:** Kyushu Institute of Technology (KIT), Kitakyushu, Japan
- 4. Executing Agency:** United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)
- 5. Duration and Starting Date:** 2 years (Master course) or 3 years (Doctorate course), starting from 1 October 2013
- 6. Deadline for Applications:** 28 February 2013. Selected candidates will be notified on the outcome of their fellowship application by the end of March 2013.
- 7. Fellowship Programme Language:** English
- 8. Total Number of Fellowships available:** up to 2 (Master course), up to 4 (Doctorate course)
- 9. Brief Programme Description:** The Post-graduate study on Nano-Satellite Technologies (PNST) Programme starts on 1 October 2013 and has a duration of 2 years for the Master course or 3 years for the Doctorate course. The PNST Programme provides extensive research opportunities in nano-satellite systems through the use of nano-satellite development and testing facilities at KIT. Selected participants of the PNST program will join a nano-satellite development project at KIT and will not only acquire the technical skills necessary to develop a satellite, but also international communication skills to work in a multi-cultural team with other KIT students involved in the project. Through the satellite development project, each participant is expected to identify a research topic and carry out the research work under the supervision of a KIT faculty. The participant is also required to satisfy the course work requirement of the Space Engineering International Course of KIT. Upon successful completion of a master/doctor thesis and its defence, the participant is granted a Master/Doctor of Engineering degree. For additional details please see the PNST Programme Flyer and visit the website of KIT: <http://cent.ele.kyutech.ac.jp/unitednations.html>
- 10. Financial Arrangements:** The selected candidates will each receive a grant under Japanese government (Mombukagakusho: MEXT) scholarship (Research Students) of approximately 145,000 yen per month for the duration of their fellowship study (2 or 3 years) to cover housing, food, local transportation and other expenses (actual amount is subject to change).

Each candidate will be provided, according to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT, with an economy class air ticket between an international airport in the country of his/her nationality and Narita International Airport or Fukuoka International Airport. The international airport has to be the closest one to his/her place of residence in his/her home country.

Expenses such as inland transportation from his/her place of residence to the international airport of his/her home country, airport tax, airport usage charges, special taxes on overseas travel and travel expenses within Japan shall be borne by the candidate. Insurance premiums for travel to/from Japan shall also be borne by the candidate. The airport the candidate departs from or returns to must be an airport of the country of his/her nationality.

Fees for matriculation, tuition and entrance examinations will be paid by KIT.

- 11. Admission Requirements:** The PNST Programme candidates for Master degree are required to **have completed a Bachelor Degree or equivalent (4 years University degree)** in engineering-related subjects. The PNST Programme candidates for Doctorate degree are required to **have completed a Master Degree or equivalent (5 years University degree)** in engineering-related subjects. Other degrees in different technological fields can be considered by the Commission.

A good command of written and spoken English is required.

Candidates should demonstrate their purpose of study and how they plan to utilize their experience and knowledge obtained during the fellowship study to promote space technology after their completion of the PNST program.

- 12. Application to the Fellowship Programme:** The fully completed application form and all other required documents shall be submitted in electronic format (.doc or .pdf) by email to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (pnst@unoosa.org^{*}) **no later than 28 February 2013**. In exceptional cases where applicants do not have access to electronic mail, the completed application may also be sent by postal mail or through the Office of the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the applicant's country to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, Vienna International Centre, P.O. Box 500, A 1400 Vienna, Austria. For additional details, please also refer to the document "Terms of Participation".

Following the application deadline the United Nations will review all applications for eligibility and will make a pre-selection of the most qualified candidates. The final selection of the up to six successful candidates who will be offered a fellowship will be made by KIT on the basis of the evaluation of the application documents received.

- 13. Responsibilities of the nominating institutions/government:** The nominating government agency, organization or academic institution is expected to bear the following costs on behalf of the selected participant for the duration of the fellowship programme:

- All expenses in the home country for preparation of travelling abroad, including passport, entry visa, medical examinations, inoculations, and other miscellaneous items, and domestic travel to and from the international airport of departure for Japan, in the home country;
- The MEXT fellowship does not allow receiving additional scholarship including from his/own institution in the home country

- 14. Additional information:** The latest information on/ the fellowship programme will be made available on the website of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs at <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/bsti/fellowship.html>. Applicants are also advised to familiarise themselves with information provided by the Kyushu Institute of Technology at <http://cent.ele.kyutech.ac.jp/unitednations.html>.

^{*} Please note that the mail-server only accepts emails with a size limit of maximum 10 Mbytes. If necessary please split your application package into separate emails or compress by using .zip archive.