

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

1. Participation

Applicants should be (i) nationals of developing countries or non-space-faring nations (countries without an established substantial capability to develop space technology/launch space objects), (ii) duly nominated by their institutions, (iii) born on or after 2 April 1986; and (iv) should have the academic and professional background required by the specific fellowship programme. Candidates seeking a Master degree are expected to have completed studies ending with a Bachelor Degree or equivalent (4 year university degree) in engineering-related subjects. Candidates seeking a Doctorate degree 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. The Office for Outer Space Affairs is committed to achieving 50/50 gender balance in its programmes and ensuring a balanced representation from different perspectives. Women are encouraged to apply.

2. Administrative arrangements

a) Responsibilities of the nominating institution/government: The nominating institution/government is expected to bear the following costs on behalf of the selected participant: All expenses in the home country for preparing the travel abroad, 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.

b) 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(s) or spouse who accompany the participant;
- ii) Costs incurred by the participant with respect to travel insurance;
- iii) Life insurance and health insurance for the benefit of the participant and his/her accompanying persons for the duration of the fellowship programme study;
- iv) Loss or damage of personal property while enrolled in the fellowship programme;
- v) Compensation in the event of death or disability of the participant in connection with his/her enrollment in the fellowship programme;

- vi) Any claim toward expenses incurred by participants other than what is specified in the fellowship programme description document.
- c) **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.
 - iii) The offering institution finds that the participant cannot complete all the requirements for Master or Doctoral Program within the regular period required for graduation (2 years for Master, 3 years for Doctoral) due to poor academic results, suspension from school, absence from school, and so on.
 - iv) The participant's GPA falls below 2.30 (it is required to report to MEXT the participant's GPA once per year).

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