

# JAXA Aerospace Project Research Associate FAQs

## ■ Application FAQs

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Q: Can previous graduates apply?

A: Yes. Having a Ph.D. or equivalent is the condition for hire. Those who are currently enrolled in a postgraduate doctoral course must provide a certificate of expected graduation from a professor or the like.

Q: Are there any age restrictions?

A: While there are no particular age restrictions, this recruitment is aimed at nurturing young researchers.

Q: I'm working for a company at present; can I still apply?

A: You may apply if you meet the application requirements. Although please note that you will be required to participate interviews on JST weekdays.

Q: Is JAXA taking applications from college (undergraduate course) graduates?

A: JAXA will consider applications from college graduates who are regarded as having research abilities equivalent to those of a Ph.D. holder. You must demonstrate such capacity in your application documents.

Q: Can I apply for multiple research themes?

A: Yes. Please prepare a set of application documents for each research theme you wish to apply for.

Q: I haven't graduated from my Ph.D. course yet; can I still apply?

A: Yes; if you are able to graduate by the hire date. In principle, the hire date will be within 4~6months after approving JAXA's offer, although we can discuss regarding each individual circumstance. In any case, you will lose your eligibility for employment if you are unable to commence work at JAXA within 6 months after approving our offer.

Q: Do I have to be a Japanese citizen to apply?

A: You do not need to be a Japanese citizen or permanent resident to apply. Foreign nationals must submit a copy of their certificate of status of residence prior to the date of hire.

Q: Can I prepare my application documentation in English?

A: Yes; only for the research themes which is recruited in JAXA's English website.

Q: Can I meet with the JAXA research supervisor to discuss the research theme?

A: Please discuss individually. Contact information is on each research theme website.

Q: The research theme seems slightly different from mine; can I still apply?

A: Please discuss individually. Contact information is on each research theme website.

Q: Can I submit my application documents via e-mail?

A: We DO NOT accept documents sent via e-mail. Please submit your resume that contains all the required information from the website.

## ■ Selection FAQs

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Q: Can my interview be held in English?

A: Yes; only for the research themes which is recruited in JAXA's English website.

Q: Are any special consideration given for foreign students?

A: No; all the applicants are selected in the same process.

Q: I was rejected in last year; can I apply again this year?

A: Yes; if you meet the application requirements.

## ■ Employment FAQs

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Q: What is a "Health Report"?

A: A medical certificate issued from a physician. Please feel free to use the form attached to the last page of this document if necessary.

Q: How will my department/workplace be assigned?

A: You will be assigned to the same department/workplace as the research supervisor.

Q: Will there be department transfers?

A: No; only in rare cases when you and the research supervisor agree to the transfer.

Q: Will I be employed as a no fixed-term employee?

A: No; you will not be hired as a permanent employee. Employment period as Aerospace Project Research Associate will be extended up to 3 years for the longest. If you seek for a permanent employee, you must apply for a different position.

Q: Can I extend the term of my employment?

A: Maximum term of employment for this position is 3 years. However, it is possible to extend the term of employment by an amount of time equivalent to the period of any

maternity leave and/or childcare leave that you have taken during the term of your employment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, your employment period may not exceed 5 years from the date of hire.

Q: How much of my required research expenses are borne by JAXA?

A: The amount of expenses borne by JAXA differs by each research theme. Please consult with your research supervisor. Please note that individual expenses are not paid to individual researchers.

Q: Will I be required to go on business trips?

A: It depends on your research theme. Please consult with your research supervisor. If you are required to travel for work, your expenses will be paid in accordance with JAXA regulations.

Q: Can I take childcare leave?

A: Yes; from your 14th month of employment until your child reaches the age of 1 in accordance with JAXA regulations.

Q: Does JAXA provide or rent accommodation?

A: Provided according to individual circumstances.

Q: How much does JAXA pay for residence allowance?

A: Residence allowance is expense for housing. Residence allowance is paid based on your monthly rent as follows;

- Monthly rent of less than 27,000 yen: An amount equivalent to the monthly rent minus 16,000 yen
- Monthly rent of 27,001 yen to 60,999 yen: 11,000 yen + (monthly rent - 27,000 yen) / 2
- Monthly rent of 61,000 yen and above: 28,000 yen

Q: What is a commutation allowance?

A: Commutation allowance is the expense for daily commute to the office (between your home in Japan and JAXA office). Commutation allowance will be provided maximum of 55,000 yen per month.

Q: What is an achievement allowance?

A: Achievement allowance is a bonus paid at the end of fiscal year. Specific amount depends on your research evaluation results.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further questions!

## Health Report

### PATIENT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male /  Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Age: \_\_\_\_\_)

1. Height: \_\_\_\_\_ cm / Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ kg

2. Eyesight:  Normal /  Impaired ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

(R) \_\_\_\_\_ (L) \_\_\_\_\_  with /  without glasses

3. Hearing:  Normal /  Impaired ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

4. X-ray: \*Please describe the results of physical X-ray examination of patient's chest



Lung  Normal /  Impaired ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Cardiomegaly  Normal /  Impaired ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

5. Urinalysis: glucose( \_\_\_\_\_ ), protein( \_\_\_\_\_ ), occult blood( \_\_\_\_\_ )

ESR: \_\_\_\_\_ mm/Hr, WBC count: \_\_\_\_\_ /cmm

6. Disease treated at present:  No /  Yes( \_\_\_\_\_ )

### PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

I find this patient is adequate to work in Japan:

Yes /  No (because \_\_\_\_\_ )

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_