

## Objective

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The Fellowship's objective is to provide an opportunity to pursue advanced research and training in the field of ocean affairs and the law of the sea, or related disciplines, to qualified government officials and other mid-level professionals from developing States so that they may obtain the necessary knowledge and skills to assist their countries in the formulation of comprehensive ocean policy and so as to facilitate the implementation of the regime set out in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and related instruments.

## Structure

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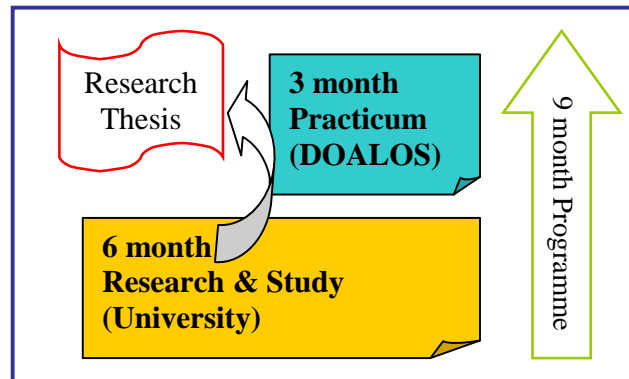
Successful candidates will be provided with the opportunity to develop a research/study theme of direct relevance to their nation and/or region with respect to ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including in the marine sciences.

Proposed research and study themes should focus on the legal, political and management aspects of ocean affairs and the law of the sea. Certain technical and scientific subjects are also offered by a limited number of host institutions.

During the **nine month programme** Fellows will be hosted by a participating academic institution for a period of **six**

**months**, during which they will develop their research/study topic under the supervision of an academic co-supervisor. The current list of over 35 participating institutions from some 16 countries is available on the Fellowship website.

Immediately following the first phase, Fellows will be hosted by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (United Nations Secretariat, New York), or another relevant participating international



organization. This second phase, lasting **three months**, will provide the Fellows with the opportunity to continue to develop their research/study theme under the supervision of the second co-supervisor all the while gaining practical experience within the United Nations System.

## Eligibility

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Candidates must:

- Be nominated by their Government or employer;

- Be between ages 25 and **40 (NEW)**;
- Possess a first university degree in a related discipline, and have a demonstrated ability to undertake independent advanced research and studies in an academic context;
- Be mid-level professionals who demonstrate that they work directly on ocean issues;
- Be in a position to accept placement with host institutions for a period of no less than nine consecutive months;
- Be in a good state of health so as to be cleared by the UN Medical Service (**NEW simplified medical form for 2009**); and
- Be in a position to obtain all relevant visas, including transit visas.

Each year, the UN-Nippon Selection Committee will review applications and select 10 candidates to be awarded Fellowships.

**The application deadline  
for this year's Fellowship Programme is  
15 August 2009**

Visit the United Nations-The Nippon Foundation of Japan Fellowship Programme website for all the latest information, including application forms, alumni profiles and research papers. The URL is:  
**[www.un.org/depts/los/nippon](http://www.un.org/depts/los/nippon)**

## Application

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Do you work directly on Law of the Sea and Ocean Affairs issues, including marine science aspects?

Could you benefit from a nine-month research and study fellowship which will provide you with the opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills?

Will your Government or employer confirm the above by nominating you?

If so, apply to become a prestigious United Nations–The Nippon Foundation of Japan Fellow.

The application process is simple:

1. Complete the application form, including the nomination form;
2. Complete the United Nations Medical form; and
3. Submit your application by the deadline.

Application packages are available from the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, or online at the Fellowship website.

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2008–2009 Fellows meet with the Under–Secretary–General, The Legal Counsel of the United Nations

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