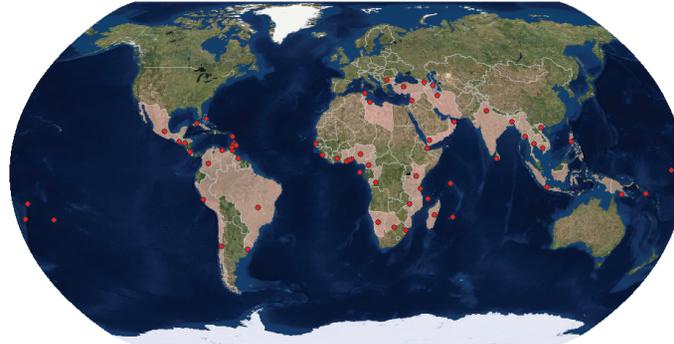


United Nations – Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programmes

A global network of Alumni Fellows



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“The Fellowship provided me with a rare, invaluable and once in a lifetime opportunity that has shaped, built and advanced my knowledge on law of the sea and related disciplines.”
- Fellow 2010-2011

Application procedure

- Do you work directly on law of the sea and ocean affairs issues, including marine scientific aspects?
- Could you benefit from a Fellowship which would provide you with the opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills?
- Will your Government or employer or competent organization confirm the above by nominating you?

If so, apply to become a prestigious United Nations - Nippon Foundation Fellow, through one of the three Programmes administered by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea. The application process is simple:

- Complete the application form, including the nomination form; and
- Submit your application by the deadline posted on the website.

The application forms are available on the websites of each of the respective United Nations - The Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programmes (listed overleaf).

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The Fellowship Programmes

The United Nations-Nippon Foundation Fellowship

This Fellowship provides advanced training and research opportunities in the field of ocean affairs and the law of the sea and related disciplines, including marine science in support of policy and management frameworks, to Government officials and other mid-level ocean professionals from developing States. It aims to provide the necessary knowledge and skills to assist developing States to formulate comprehensive ocean policies, and to implement UNCLOS and related instruments. The Programme lasts nine months and is structured in two phases:

1. Three months of training on ocean affairs and the law of the sea and research upon an agreed topic at the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (United Nations Secretariat, New York).

2. Six months of placement with relevant UN System organizations or a New York-based programme of briefings and activities.

The United Nations-Nippon Foundation Thematic Fellowship

This Fellowship aims at increasing capacity at the national level through funded advanced training and research in specific thematic areas of ocean affairs and the law of the sea and related disciplines, so as to provide the necessary knowledge to assist countries to formulate relevant policies in conformity with UNCLOS and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This newly-established Programme lasts 4 months and is structured as follows:

1. Three months of training on ocean affairs and the law of the sea at the Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea (United Nations Secretariat, New York).

2. A one-month placement with relevant UN System organizations or a New York-based programme of briefings and activities.



1. 2014-2015 Fellows meet with the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel

2. Marine Wildlife off Atauro Island, Timor-Leste (UN Photos)

3. University Campus, Columbia University, New York, USA

The United Nations-Nippon Foundation Critical Needs Fellowship

This Fellowship aims to deliver critical capacity assistance in the implementation of UNCLOS and related instruments, as well as Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 and other related SDGs. Customized capacity assistance is provided to Government officials from developing States, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries, who are filling key positions but have limited experience in ocean affairs and the law of the sea. The Programme is aimed at addressing critical needs identified by the participants and their Governments.

For further information on each of the Fellowship Programmes, and for the application forms, see the Fellowship websites:

<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/nippon/index>;

<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/thematic/index.htm>;

<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/critical/index.htm>

Eligibility

Candidates must:

- Be nominated by their Government, employer or competent organization;
- Be between the ages of 25 and 40;
- Possess a first university degree in a related discipline;
- Be mid-level professionals who can demonstrate that they work directly on ocean issues;
- Be able to accept the Fellowship for four (Critical Needs/Thematic Fellowships) or nine (Nippon Fellowship) consecutive months;
- Be in a good state of health so as to be cleared by the UN Medical Service; and
- Be in a position to obtain all relevant visas, including transit visas.

For specific criteria related to each Fellowship, see the relevant website. The Programmes are conducted in English and can accommodate Francophone fellows. Women candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

The United Nations - Nippon Foundation Fellowships are part of a wider range of capacity-building activities in the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

