

Frequently Asked Questions

for JAMSTEC Young Research Fellow 2026 Recruitment

Application Documents

1) How do I edit my application after submitting?

A) Unfortunately, there is no way to delete, change, or add files after submitting. If you have questions, please contact JYRF2026 recruitment team.

2) Should the letter of recommendation be uploaded by the applicant to the application website?

A) Letter of recommendation is required to submit by the writer via the URL below.
<https://recruit.jobcan.jp/jamstec/entry/new/2174060>

3) How many recommendation letters are required for the application?

A) You need only one letter of recommendation.

4) To whom should the letter of recommendation be addressed?

A) It should be addressed to "Screening Committee".

5) What is the difference between the *reference* and the *writer of the recommendation letter*?

A) The *reference* is contact information and may be used by the committee members to obtain information on the applicants, especially about their research. The *writer of the recommendation letter* is the person writing the letter of recommendation.

6) Should I submit the application documents in English?

A) Yes. All the documents should be written in English, except the letter of recommendation, which may be written in English or Japanese.

Application Website

7) How do I change the information I entered on the application website?

A) You will not be able to make amendments to the application website. Please ensure that there are no errors in your application before submitting it. If you have questions, please contact JYRF2026 recruitment team.

8) Regarding the "Researcher you would like to collaborate with", do I need to contact a researcher at JAMSTEC before applying for the position?

A) There is no need to contact researchers at JAMSTEC before applying. Please write your research plan independently. This information will be used to select a mentor and will not affect the screening process.

9) Should I enter the information in English on the application website?

A) Applicants may enter the information in English on the application website. Japanese applicants are encouraged to enter the information in Japanese.

Eligibility

10) I plan to complete a Ph.D. after September 30, 2026. Can I apply for the JAMSTEC Young Research Fellow 2026?

A) Unfortunately, you are not eligible to apply for this position. Only applicants expecting to obtain a Ph.D. by September 30, 2026 are eligible. However, please note that we have several other open positions, more information on which is available via the URL below.

<https://www.jamstec.go.jp/recruit/e/>

11) I completed a Ph.D. before August 2020, can I still apply for the JAMSTEC Young Research Fellow 2026?

A) Unfortunately, you are not eligible to apply for this position. Only applicants awarded a Ph.D. on or after August 1, 2020 are eligible. However, please note that we have several other open positions, more information on which is available via the URL below.

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12) Can applicants from fields not directly related to ocean science apply?

A) Yes, JYRF program encourages interdisciplinary research. We welcome outstanding early career researchers from all areas of natural sciences and engineering. The fellows are expected to collaborate with existing JAMSTEC departments and define their own research themes freely.

Selection Information

13) How many fellows are you planning to employ for the JAMSTEC Young Research Fellow (JYRF) positions?

A) We plan to employ approximately five fellows.

14) When will I know the result of the document screening, and when is the interview scheduled?

A) You will receive an email notification of the results of the document screening by the end of September and the interview will be held on October 17, 23, and 24, 2025.

Terms and Conditions

15) How long is the contract period?

A) The total contract period is three full calendar years after several contract renewals. An employment contract is on a fiscal-year basis, but it can be renewed depending on the performance and working attitude of the successful fellow. If the first contract period is from April 1, 2026, the period will end on March 31, 2029 after two contract renewals.

16) Is this a tenure-track position?

A) JYRF is a non-tenure-track, fixed-term employee position. However, the years of experience as JYRF will be included in the qualification when the researcher who has the JYRF experience applies for the selection examination for the permanent employee position, in accordance with JAMSTEC bylaws.

17) How much is the research budget?

A) Annual research budget of ¥1,000,000 is provided for each JAMSTEC Young Research Fellow. The budget totals ¥3,000,000 over three years. The successful fellow will also have access to the necessary facilities and equipment.

18) What kind of research can I conduct at JAMSTEC?

A) Successful fellows are expected to independently conduct scientific work on a research topic of their choice or to participate in research already underway at JAMSTEC, in consultation with their mentor.

Contact

Please contact us by email, if you have any inquiries.

When inquiring, please include “JYRF2026” in the subject line.

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