

The API Fellowships Program is a regional program, operated through the partnership of The Nippon Foundation (TNF) with five institutions in the region.

There is one designated academic institution (called a Partner Institution or PI), which operates as the secretariat of the Program in each of these five Participating Countries: Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand. Among the PIs, the Thailand PI has been serving as the Coordinating Institution since 2005 and played the role as a secretariat for regional level activities.

The API Fellowships Program has expanded to the countries of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam since 2010. Currently, the Thailand PI acts as the secretariat for the Program in these countries as well.



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APPLICATIONS
Year 2013 - 2014

The Nippon Foundation
Fellowships for
Asian Public Intellectuals
(API Fellowships Program)



API Mission Statement

The Nippon Foundation Fellowships for Asian Public Intellectuals (API Fellowships Program) provide opportunities for public intellectuals and aspiring public intellectuals in the region to visit other Asian countries to engage in research and exchange activities for a period of up to one year.

Here, public intellectuals are defined broadly, comprising academics, researchers, media professionals, NGO activists, social workers, public servants, artists, creative writers and others who are committed to working for the betterment of society by applying their professional knowledge, wisdom, and experience.

By formulating a community of public intellectuals in the region, the Program aims to promote mutual learning between Asian public intellectuals and to contribute to the growth of public spaces in which effective responses to regional needs can be generated.

The API Fellowships Program offers the following two categories: API Senior Fellowships and API Fellowships. The categorization is based essentially on the age of the applicant.

General Eligibility

for both the API Senior and API Fellowships:

- Applicants must hold a proper residence status of one of the five Participating Countries (Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand) and reside in the country at the time of the application;
- Applicants must attend the interview at the designated date and place;
- Applicants must propose research projects and/or professional activities which start on or after July 1, 2013 and should be completed on or by July 31, 2014;
- Applicants must have a basic knowledge of English. An ability to speak a language/s of the country/ies where the proposed research project and/or professional activities are conducted will be an asset; and
- Applicants must be based in the region/country and will continue to be so in the future.

API Senior Fellowships are meant for those with established track records as public intellectuals and who are at least 40 years of age, as of August 31, 2012. The fellowship period should be a minimum of one month to a maximum of 12 months. Up to four API Participating Countries (Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand) may be visited.

API Fellowships are for those under 40 years of age, as of August 31, 2012. The fellowship period should be a minimum of four months to a maximum of 12 months. Up to two API Participating Countries (Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand) may be visited.

For both categories, the fellowship period must be continuous and the minimum period of visit to a county where the proposed research project and/or professional activities are

Who can apply?

Anyone involved in the production and exchange of knowledge or ideas in line with the goals of the API Fellowships Program can apply.

What are the goals of the API?

The API Fellowships Program aims to:

- Create and nurture a community of public intellectuals in Asia;
- Promote mutual learning among Asian public intellectuals;
- Contribute to the growth of public spaces in which effective responses to regional needs can be generated.

What are the API themes for this year?

- Changing Identities and Their Social, Historical, and Cultural Contexts
- Reflections on the Human Condition and the Search for Social Justice
- Globalization: Structures, Processes, and Alternatives

What does the API Fellowships Program provide?

- A stipend and housing allowance during the fellowship period. The amount varies by country and length of the fellowship.
- International transportation costs for one round trip.
- Domestic transportation allowance.
- Research allowance to cover computer costs, field expenses, books, translation fees, etc.
- Travel insurance during the fellowship period.

Where do I apply?

Apply to the Partner Institution of your native country or country of residence.

What is the schedule for the selection process?

- The application period opens on July 1, 2012.
- The deadline for the submission of completed applications is **August 31, 2012**.
- Interviews will take place in September/October 2012.

What do I have to submit?

Application materials must consist of:

- Application Form and Datasheet (May be downloaded from API website and information must be type-written.)
- A Cover Letter
- A Curriculum Vitae
- A Project Proposal
- Two Reference Letters

Please Note!

- You cannot apply for an API Fellowship to carry out a research project in your native country and/or current country of residence (if different from the native country). While Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam have become members of API, these three countries are not yet available for the conduct of projects.
- You need to identify a Host Institution in the country/ies where you propose to carry out your research project.
- Your application must be typewritten. Hand-written applications will not be processed.
- The selection procedure is confidential.
- There will be no make-up interview if the applicant is not able to attend the interview on the designated date. Those who cannot be present on the interview day will be automatically dropped from the selection process.
- Any form of misrepresentations made willfully or otherwise, in the application or accompanying documents, may cause the revocation of a Fellowship grant at any time.
- It is mandatory to attend the orientation on the designated date once you are selected as an API Fellow.
- Costs for obtaining the proper visas and/or research permits in the country/ies where the research project is to be carried out will have to be covered by the Fellow.

**For more information, please visit
www.api-fellowships.org**