United Nations/Japan Long-term Fellowship Programme
Post-graduate Study on Nano-Satellite Technology (PNST)
What is PNST?

- A fellowship programme between the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) and Kyushu Institute of Technology (Kyutech) which started from 2013 for nationals of developing countries or non-space faring nations. This programme is supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology: MEXT of Japan.

- Provides opportunities for 3 students in the Master’s Programme (2 years duration) and 3 students in the Doctoral Programme (3 years duration) to enroll in Kyutech’s Space Engineering International Course (SEIC).
Why PNST?

1. Opportunity to study in a leading university in the field of small satellites
   - Hands-on, extensive research opportunity in nano-satellite systems through the use of the nano-satellite development and testing facilities available at Kyutech.
   - In 2018, 2019 and 2020, Kyutech was reported by Bryce Space and Technology to have had launched the highest number of small satellites among all academic operators!
   - SEIC students hail from all over the globe.

2. Generous support from Japan
   - The selected candidates will each receive a grant under the MEXT scholarship of approximately 144,000 JPY per month for the duration of their fellowship study (2 or 3 years) to cover housing, food, local transportation, and other expenses. Also, according to the route as designated by MEXT, an economy class air ticket between an international airport in the country of his/her nationality and Narita International Airport or Fukuoka International Airport.
   - Fees for matriculation, tuition and entrance examinations will be paid by Kyutech.
Requirements for Participation

- Be nationals of developing countries or non-space-faring nations (countries without an established substantial capability to develop space technology/launch space objects);
- Be duly nominated by their institutions;
- Born on or after 2 April 1986;
- Should have the academic and professional background required by the specific fellowship programme. Candidates seeking a Master degree are expected to have completed studies ending with a Bachelor Degree or equivalent (4 year university degree) in engineering-related subjects. Candidates seeking a Doctorate degree are expected to have completed studies ending with a Master Degree or equivalent (5 years university degree) in engineering-related subjects. Degrees in different technological fields can be considered by the Doctor Commission; and
- Be able to make professional use of the experience gained in the fellowship programme.

→ UNOOSA and Kyutech expect the fellows to return to their home country upon completion of their studies and contribute to their countries.

The Office for Outer Space Affairs is committed to achieving 50/50 gender balance in its programme and ensuring a balanced representation from different perspectives. Women are encouraged to apply.
Schedule

Dec 2020: Application Open
24 Jan 2021: Application Closed
Feb 2021: First round selection
Mar 2021: Final Selection
~June 2021: Finalization of research and study plan
July 2021: Official entrance exam to Kyutech
Oct 2021: Beginning of Fellowship Programme

For more details please go to https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/bsti/fellowships.html
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