

**SASAKAWA FELLOWSHIP:
INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR AN AWARD**



Selection Process

WMU receives information about the Selection Committee's criteria each year, and forwards for consideration those candidates who fall within these criteria. All the candidates sent for consideration by the Committee must be highly ranked academically and professionally strong. The *Motivational Statement by Applicants* must be well written and substantiated as it plays a crucial role in the process.

Guidelines when completing the Motivational Statement

Before completing the form, you should make sure you are very familiar with the work and mission of the University (www.wmu.se), the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (<https://www.spf.org/e/>) and its parent organization, the Nippon Foundation (<http://www.nippon-foundation.or.jp/en/>)

Take time to plan a complete answer to each question on the form. Make sure you use all the space available to persuade the members of the Awards Committee that you are a candidate who can be trusted to use a fellowship to the full. If you provide very little detail, then the Committee does not have enough information to make a decision to award you a Fellowship.

Do not refer to the forms completed by other applicants, whether in the same year or earlier. The forms are carefully checked for similarities, and any application showing plagiarism or collaboration is immediately excluded from consideration for a fellowship award.

Make sure you find out extra information about your country and region. For example, there is a question about the part you will play after graduation in the Sasakawa Network. Find out about other Sasakawa Fellows in your region, and what they are doing. Think about the part you can play, and what you can offer. The Committee understands that each fellow can only play a small part in this network, but make sure you give a full and reasoned answer.

The Selection Criteria

Fellowship awards are made in accordance with established criteria:

- the Committee encourages applications from Asian countries, where the Foundations have traditionally been active, but also considers candidates from other regions
- only applicants currently employed in the public sector can be considered
- only applicants to the 14-month, standard program are eligible
- the employing organization must also submit the form, Application for Financial Support
- the Committee prioritizes candidates aged between 26 and 35
- the Committee expects applicants to have a minimum of three years of professional experience in the maritime sector
- only candidates with full academic clearance from WMU can be considered.

Good luck with your application!