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| **UNITED NATIONS**2026 UNITED NATIONS-THE NIPPON FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP ON OCEAN AFFAIRS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA APPLICATION FORM:**PERSONAL HISTORY AND PROPOSED RESEARCH TOPIC** **\*\* All fields are obligatory, blank fields will be considered incomplete unless they are not applicable and are marked “n/a” \*\*****We will only consider applications that meet the eligibility criteria. Please note that only complete applications transmitted to DOALOS, which include the application forms, a copy of the applicant passport, and the online form, will be processed.**To qualify, candidates must: * Be between the ages of 25 and 45.
* Possess at least a first university degree or equivalent.
* Demonstrate an ability to undertake advanced academic research and studies.
* Be from a developing State.
* Be a mid-level government official or mid-level professional dealing directly with ocean affairs and/or the law of the sea such as, but not limited to, the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and related instruments, and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly SDG-14, including in relation to the establishment of maritime zones and the delimitation of maritime boundaries, sustainable development of oceans and seas, national and/or regional ocean policy, coastal zone management, conservation and management of marine living resources, maritime transport and shipping, maritime security, the protection and preservation of the marine environment, and marine sciences.

Candidates must transmit the following documents to doalos@un.org:* Application Form: Personal History and Proposed Research Topic.
* Nomination and Recommendation Form.
* Copy of national passport.

In addition, candidates must complete the following online form: https://forms.office.com/e/wj5pijFijj **Structure of the Fellowship:**The UNNF Fellowship is structured as a 9-month Programme, divided into two phases:* Phase One: A three-month training phase with OLA/DOALOS at United Nations Headquarters in New York (from approximately mid-March to June 2026).
* Phase Two**:** A six-month research stay at an academic [Host Institution](https://www.un.org/oceancapacity/content/host-institutions) participating in the UNNF Programmes, selected for its expertise in the Fellow’s field of research (from July to December 2026).

**For more details, including eligibility criteria and** [**frequently asked questions (FAQs),**](https://www.un.org/oceancapacity/content/faq) **please visit the** [**Fellowship’s webpage.**](https://www.un.org/oceancapacity/content/unnf-fellowship) |
| Family Name or Surname (**as it** **appears in Passport**)      | First and Middle Names (**as it** **appears in Passport**)      |
| Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)      | Place of Birth      | Country of Nationality      | Marital Status      | Gender |
| Residential Address     City:           Mobile No.      | Professional Address     City:           Telephone No.       | Personal E-mail:      |
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| Name, telephone number and e-mail of person to be notified in case of emergency:      |
| Knowledge of languages: WHAT IS YOUR MOTHER TONGUE?       |
| **OTHER LANGUAGES** | **READ** | **WRITE** | **SPEAK** | **UNDERSTAND** |
|  | **Easily** | **Not Easily** | **Easily** | **Not Easily** | **Fluently** | **Not Fluently** | **Easily** | **Not Easily** |
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| Education (University or equivalent) Give full details – Please give exact titles of degrees. |
| **NAME, PLACE AND COUNTRY****Please give complete address** | **ATTENDED FROM/TO** | **DEGREES AND ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS OBTAINED** | **MAIN COURSE OF STUDY** |
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| Residence in foreign countries of more then 3 months and in relation to the candidate’s professional or study interests: |
| **Year** | **Country** | **Length of stay** |
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| List Membership in Professional Societies and Activities in Civic, Public or International Affairs1.
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| List any significant publications you have written, including full publication reference(s) (do not attach)1.
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| Employment Record: **Starting with your present post**, it is important to give complete information. For each post give details of your duties and responsibilities. If you need more space, attach additional pages of the same size.  |
| **PRESENT POST** |
| Exact Title of Your Post      | From | To |
| Month/Year      | Month/Year      |
| Type of Business      | Name of Supervisor      | Title of Supervisor |
| Name of Employer/Organization      | Address of Employer/Organization     Website:       | Contact Information of SupervisorE-Mail:      Telephone no.:       |
| DESCRIPTION OF YOUR DUTIES (as they relate to ocean affairs and law of the sea or related areas):      |

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| **PREVIOUS POST** |
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| Name of Employer/Organization      | Address of Employer/Organization     Website:       | Contact Information of SupervisorE-Mail:      Telephone no.:       |
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| Fellowship: Proposed title of research in law of the sea/ocean affairs or related field.      |
| Detailed description of proposed research (if necessary, you may attach no more than one additional page of the same size). The research will be conducted in one of the [Host Institutions](https://www.un.org/oceancapacity/content/host-institutions) participating in the UNNF Programmes, selected based on available expertise in the Fellow’s field of research.      |
| Description of the practical use you will make of the research upon completion of the Fellowship in relation to the professional responsibilities you expect to resume/assume; and of the national/regional priorities addressed (If necessary, you may attach no more than one additional page of the same size).      |
|  If awarded a Fellowship, are you available to start the Programme in the second half of March of next year? (\*) Y [ ]  N [ ]   Are there any period(s) in 2026 during which you are not available? (\*\*) Y [ ]  N [ ]  If Yes, indicate the nature of the engagement(s) for each period(s).     (\*) Note that the selection process for the Fellowship Awards will take place during the 3rd quarter of this year, and Fellows should expect to start their placements in the second half of March of next year. However, due to circumstances beyond the Programme’s control, such as, inter alia, the obtention of visa(s) by the Fellows, Fellowship placements may start at a different time.(\*\*) Note that the Fellowship cycle is approximately 9 months and candidates must be free of all non-Fellowship obligations during this entire period, unless otherwise authorized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations. |
| Give details of any fellowship or scholarships previously awarded to you, or for which you are a candidate.1.
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| **Kindly fill out the on-line application form available here:** [**https://forms.office.com/e/wj5pijFijj**](https://forms.office.com/e/wj5pijFijj)**. Please note that you must complete the online form for this application to be considered.** |
| I certify that the statements made by me in reply to the foregoing questions are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If selected by the Fellowship Selection Committee, I will accept the Award of the United Nations – The Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme, and I am ready to begin my Fellowship Programme in March of next year, as long as I have satisfied the required conditions of the Award, including obtaining the necessary visa(s). Furthermore, I confirm that I understand and will accept the following obligations with the Award:1. To conduct myself at all times in a manner compatible with my responsibilities as the holder of a United Nations Fellowship.
2. To refrain during the period of the Award from engaging in political, commercial and any other activities other than those governed by the Fellowship Programme.
3. To refrain from using my position, knowledge, or any confidential information gained from the Fellowship Programme for personal or third-party benefit, including family, friends or close associates.
4. To provide all necessary information in a timely manner to the Fellowship Programme and Host Institutions to ensure the efficient administration of the Fellowship Programme.
5. To carry out my research and studies in the manner, and within the period, prescribed by the Fellowship Programme.
6. To comply with the reporting requirements as stipulated by the Fellowship Programme.
7. To follow travel and payment instructions issued by the United Nations.
8. To bear the cost of all medical expenses not covered by the health insurance policy provided; and
9. To return to my home country at the end of the Fellowship.
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