Japan Studies Program Graduate Research Grants
For Students Applying for Funding to Do On-site Research

In addition to the standard application to request funding, please submit a detailed research proposal that includes the following sections, to provide information needed for the Japan Studies Research Committee to consider your grant proposal. These may be adapted as needed for your particular proposal. If you already have a detailed research proposal (such as a thesis or dissertation proposal) it's fine to submit that, including any missing information from the list below as an addendum.

1. Descriptive title

2. Overview/summary of your proposed project (300-500 words)

3. Background/context of your project
Explain the area of study of your project, an overview of relevant research literature, and place your project in this context. Be sure to cite your own previous work on the topic. If you have written previous papers on this topic, please attach them.

4. Place of this research in your academic training
Explain where this project fits in your UW degree program. Also describe your preparation to do this work (including any research methodology training), and your publication plans for this research.

5. Research questions
Describe the research questions that form the focus of your research.

6. Research methods
Explain your research methodology *in detail*, including, as appropriate and relevant, research techniques, target populations, participants, data collection procedures and instruments, sample size, library information (if you are proposing using libraries in Japan), and how you will analyze your data. Attach any data collection instruments (surveys, interview guides, etc.).

7. Pilot study
If your research involves human participants, explain your completed or in-progress pilot study. If you plan interview research, for example, a pilot study could consist of using your data collection instrument(s) to conduct interviews locally or via phone or skype, in the language(s) you plan to use for this research. If the nature of your research precludes a pilot study, please explain.

8. Timeline
Describe the timeline of your research (pre-departure, in Japan, and after return).

9. Human subjects review

Any research involving human participants must go through a review process with Human Subjects Division here at UW. Explain where you are in that application process. Attach your submitted application or evidence of approval or exempt designation. Evidence of approval or exempt designation is a condition of funding.

10. References
Please list works cited. You may also list other relevant works that you did not cite.