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2020 BDK FELLOWSHIP

It is with great pleasure that BDK JAPAN announces the 30th BUKKYO DENDO KYOKAI Fellowship (2020 BDK Fellowship). The scholarship aims at the promotion of international cooperation and mutual understanding in Buddhist studies and is intended to enable researchers to engage in research on Buddhism while in Japan.

Who is Eligible?

Researchers of any nationality except Japanese, under 40 years of age at the time of application, preferably advanced graduate students working toward a Ph. D. degree, are invited to apply for this fellowship. The successful candidates are expected to engage in the academic study of Buddhism, being affiliated with a Japanese university or research institute while in Japan. Fluency in Japanese is not essential to obtain the fellowship.

Application Procedure

An application form will be sent upon request. Or an applicant may download it online. Three reference letters with the confidential reports are mandatory. These should include one from the applicant's current instructors, and they must be separately sealed by each recommender. The other reference papers can be attached along with application, but they can be up to 10 pages typed only. The application form for the 2020 program and other required documents must reach the BDK office by December 2, 2019. The candidates will be informed of the selection results by the BDK Fellowship Committee via mail or email at the end of February 2020. The scholarship tenure will be one year, which may begin at any time after April 1, 2020 and before March 1, 2021.

Fellowship Award

The award consists of the following: One round trip economy class air ticket to Japan (for an applicant already residing in Japan, a one-way return ticket); monthly scholarship payments of 250,000 yen (for a single awardee) or 300,000 yen (for an awardee with his/her accompanying family); expenses for research travel and book-purchase (40,000 yen each, one time only); and a health insurance premium (up to 30,000 yen per person). Please inquire about support for dependents prior to your arrival, which will be considered in special cases.

Requests for application and inquiries concerning 2020 BDK Fellowship should be addressed to BDK Fellowship Committee.

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