

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**  
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The Nippon Foundation Fellows program at the IUC aims to provide the most promising young scholars with the deep linguistic and cultural knowledge needed to become leaders in their fields, and to foster strong collegial bonds and intellectual exchange among them and with their IUC *senpai*.

In addition to their regular classes at the IUC, The Nippon Foundation Fellows will:

- Meet regularly with each other and the IUC Resident Director to discuss their research interests and experiences in Japan
- Invite two IUC alumni to offer a public lecture in Japanese in Tokyo
- Deliver a presentation in Japanese at one of two Nippon Foundation Fellows conferences (one scheduled approximately in the middle of the academic year, the other in the final month of the academic year) open to the public

**In no more than 1,000 words address the following questions:**

### PhD Applicants

- ✓ Have you chosen a dissertation topic? If so, describe succinctly. If not, describe your current research goals and interests as specifically as possible.
- ✓ What are your overall career goals?
- ✓ Why are you interested in participating in The Nippon Foundation Fellows Program at the IUC?
- ✓ What do you hope to get from the program and what can you contribute to it?
- ✓ Why is the coming year the best time for you to study at the IUC?
- ✓ What are your plans for the two-year period following your attendance at the IUC?

### MA/MS/MBA/JD Applicants

- ✓ What is/was your focus of your graduate study and how is it related to Japan?
- ✓ What are your overall career goals?
- ✓ Why are you interested in participating in The Nippon Foundation Fellows Program at the IUC?
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### INSTRUCTIONS:

**Submit original.** Be sure to include your name and signature on each page. Use paper clips or clamps, NO staples. Please be sure to keep a copy for your records. You may be asked to send an additional copy at a later date.