



2026 BDK FELLOWSHIP Guidelines for Applicants

1) In order to be considered as a candidate for *the 2026 BDK Fellowship*, the *BDK Fellowship Application <2026>* and three *Confidential Reports* along with the recommendation letters must reach the following address via email by the deadline:

BDK Fellowship Committee

Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (BDK)

E-mail: bdkfellowship@bdk.or.jp (Attn: 2026 BDK Fellowship)

Application must be received no later than July 31, 2025.

Three confidential reports along with recommendation letters must be sent separately by each recommender.

2) *BDK Fellowship Application <2026>* comprises 9 pages in total. All the items (1) through (18) and (20) in this form must be completed by the applicant and item (19) by a physician consulted by the applicant. Please type or print large and clearly enough to read in black ink. You may attach extra sheets after page 9 if necessary (up to 10 pages).

3) It is an applicant's responsibility to hand over copies of the *Confidential Report* and the outline of the *2026 BDK Fellowship* to the recommenders. All the *Confidential Reports* along with their recommendation letters must reach the BDK Fellowship Committee via email by the deadline. (*Confidential Report* must be sent separately by each recommender.)

4) The applicant is required to make contact in advance with a professor at the university or institute with which they wish to be affiliated. BDK will NOT introduce universities or institutions in Japan. The academic adviser in Japan does not need to be the same person from whom the applicant has requested a recommendation letter.

5) Recipients of the BDK Fellowship are NOT permitted to accept other awards, scholarships, or portions thereof, which overlap with the 2026 BDK Fellowship period. If you have applied and/or are applying for other scholarships at this point, please inform us immediately if you decide to accept another scholarship(s) and wish to be removed from consideration of the BDK Fellowship. BDK will not allow recipients to derive income from other institutes/organizations other than BDK during the scholarship period. If you have any questions concerning this, email to the following address: bdkfellowship@bdk.or.jp (Attn: 2026 BDK Fellowship).