STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

INSTRUCTIONS:
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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
- Meet with distinguished IUC alumni at semiannual lectures held in Tokyo;
- Deliver a presentation in Japanese at a Nippon Foundation Fellows conference 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.
- Why are you interested in participating in The Nippon Foundation Fellows Program at the IUC 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 overall career goals? 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?
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- What are your overall career goals? What are your plans for the two-year period following your attendance at the IUC?