Japan Geoscience Union Fellowship Program Regulations

1. The Japan Geoscience Union (JpGU) has established the Japan Geoscience Union Fellowship Program in order to confer fellowship honors upon individuals who have rendered conspicuous contributions to the field of geoscience of Japan. This Program is governed by the following rules.

2. Qualifications to be met by Fellowship candidates.

Fellowship candidates are expected to have made contributions to the field of geoscience research in Japan by making significant discoveries or breakthroughs or contributing to paradigm shift.

3. Exclusions from candidacy.

Regardless of the preceding section, the following persons shall not be eligible for nomination:
   (i) JpGU Executives and Section Presidents
   (ii) Members of the JpGU Fellowship Evaluation Committee

4. Nominations

Fellowship candidates are to be nominated by a recommender who shall send a written nomination to the JpGU President. There is no specified format for nominations, but they should contain at least the following information:

   (i) The name and contact details of the candidate (their affiliated institution, post, address, telephone number and email address, etc.)
   (ii) A biography of the candidate, including their special field, a history of their research; details of any prizes received; and details of any contributions to universities, research organizations and learned societies.
   (iii) A list of five major papers, patents or other relevant scientific documents together with copies thereof.
   (iv) A letter of up to two A4 pages in either English or Japanese detailing the reasons for the nomination.
   (v) Three letters in support of the candidate. Support letters should be on one A4 page each in either English or Japanese, and may be signed by more than one individual. There is no requirement that support letter signatories be members of the JpGU.
   (vi) The name and contact details of the nominator (their affiliated institution, address, telephone number and email address, etc.)

5. Election of New Fellows
The JpGU Fellowship Evaluation Committee shall be appointed by the JpGU Board of Directors. This committee will review all recommended candidates and choose new JpGU Fellows.

6. Conferment of New Fellowships

The JpGU Board of Directors shall formally confer JpGU Fellowships on the candidates chosen by the Fellowship Evaluation Committee.

6.2 A presentation ceremony for the new JpGU Fellows shall be held and medals shall be conferred upon the awardees by the JpGU President.

7. Timing

The periods when the JpGU will accept Fellowship recommendations and the date when the Fellowship Evaluation Committee shall meet will be determined by the JpGU Board of Directors.

8. Change of Regulations

The regulations governing the Fellowship Program can only be changed with the approval of the JpGU Board of Directors.

Supplementary Provisions

(1) The above rules have been in force since 11th October 2013.

The Board of Directors of the JpGU approved the above rules on 11th October 2013, and amended them on 19th December 2013, and on 12th July 2014, and on 23rd August 2014.