

**APPLICATION FOR JSPS US AND CANADA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
SEMINAR PROGRAM (FORM A)**

**I APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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<b>ACADEMIC DEGREES</b> (Type, Field, Institution, Year)	PhD, Gender Studies of Sport, University of California, Los Angeles, 2019			
<b>RESEARCH AREA(S)</b>	Youth Sports Coaching, Gender, Disability and Sports			
<b>CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN THE PAST</b>	<p>Upon becoming a member, I was introduced to the many events organized by the Alumni Association and its network. I have been an audience member at several events and joined in Q&amp;A. Informally, I consistently recommend my previous graduate school department (UCLA Gender Studies) and current postdoctoral colleagues to share JSPS fellowship information with PhD students. I also meet with graduate students and postdoctoral scholars interested in pursuing JSPS fellowships to discuss the application process and my successful fellowship experience.</p>			



- 2) Build on existing partnership between UCLA Disability Studies and Waseda Sports Science.
  - a) Continuing the success of the first collaboration in 2021 (Perspectives on Paralympic Competition and COVID), this seminar highlights extracurricular youth sports, the development of sports for people with disabilities, and the experience of hosting the Paralympics.
- 3) Expansion of cross-Pacific sports and disability research collaboration.
  - a) Preliminary planning and administrative discussions with UCLA Disability Studies for future research seminars leading up to the 2028 Los Angeles Games, and joint Waseda-UCLA undergraduate and graduate courses and research internships.

Reasons for invitation of researcher: Professor Atsushi Nakazawa is a prominent sports scholar whose research on school sports, including sports for students with disabilities, directly concern the topics of the seminar. Nakazawa is also well suited to engage with the seminar audience, including UCLA faculty and those from neighboring LA universities, graduate students, and the general public. He has published in Japanese and English language outlets and given lectures to international audiences in Japan and abroad (including as a virtual guest speaker for a UCLA Disability Studies course, May 2021).

Significance of the science: With the preparation and culmination of the most diverse Olympic and Paralympic Games ever, Tokyo 2020, Japanese scholars have been at the forefront sports research. This includes leading research into accessible and inclusive physical education, sports, and community activities for youth and people with disabilities. This is especially important because the school system is the primary athletic development pathway. Professor Nakazawa's long standing expertise in youth sports and burgeoning experience with sports for people with disabilities will bring insights from Japan to bear on the US context and UCLA campus which will serve as a hub for the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

Background of the Topic: Over the last 50 years, equitable access and opportunities in sports have come to define much research for youth and people with disabilities. Competitive sports for people with disabilities began in earnest after first official Paralympic Games in 1964 Tokyo. High-performance parasport research is now an international scholarly field informing elite and national team programs. Yet, apart from the focus on high-performance athletes, most youth and those with disabilities continue to confront barriers to inclusive physical activity and competitive sports experience.

## **10. EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS**

(Include the possibilities of promoting the objectives of the US and Canada JSPS Alumni Association.)  
Expected outcomes include: establishment of cross-Pacific sports research collaboration with applicant, UCLA faculty, and graduate students, in anticipation of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles; actionable next steps toward development of UCLA-Waseda linked academic courses. Building upon the applicant's direct relationship with Nakazawa will serve to boost current working collaborations.

In addition, UCLA Disability Studies is currently engaged in two multi-year projects that this seminar advances: 1) research on the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic and Paralympic Games and 2) the growth of Disability Studies into a full undergraduate major (whereas before it was only a minor). Professor Nakazawa's visit comes at an opportune time as growth of Disability Studies at UCLA has instigated the administration to explore institutional partnerships for teaching topics with global focus. Nakazawa's prior participation as an international guest lecturer for UCLA Disability Studies, and his interest in creating opportunities for joint Waseda-UCLA courses, will be foundational to further developing administrative and curricular relationships between both locations.

**11. DRAFT PROGRAM**

(The plan must include the information session for JSPS's international programs).

TIME	CONTENTS (Type of contents and themes)	SPEAKERS and/or DISCUSSANTS (Name and Affiliation)
Tues, 15 Nov 10:30-11:30  12:00-13:30  14:30-15:30  18:00-19:00	Short Mtg with Dr. HERNANDEZ and Dr. Nakazawa.  Dr. Nakazawa research presentation and discussion with UCLA faculty and postdocs. <i>(15-20 minutes JSPS information session at beginning of event).</i>  Casual Mtg with Dr. Nakazawa, Dr. Nakamura, Dr. Hernandez and JSPS staffs.  Dr. Nakazawa meeting and presentation with UCLA Adapted Recreation staff	Speaker: Dr. Nakazawa, Waseda University
Wed, 16 Nov 10:00-11:00  13:00-14:30  17:00-19:30  17:10-17:20 17:20-17:50 18:00-18:50 18:50-19:30	Casual Mtg with Dr. Nakazawa, Dr. Nakamura, Dr. Hernandez and JSPS staffs.  Dr. Nakazawa Lunch meeting with UCLA Disability Studies faculty and administration  Public Lecture and reception <i>(10-15 minutes JSPS information session: "Experience in Japan" by Dr. Hernandez).</i>  Dr. Hernandez's story <i>"Experience in Japan"</i> Dr. Nakazawa's topical lecture.  Dialogue between Nakazawa and discussant, and audience Q&A.  Open reception.	Speaker: Dr. Nakazawa, Waseda University Discussant: Prof. Karen Nakamura, UC Berkeley Disability Studies
Th, 17 Nov 12:00-14:00	Dr. Nakazawa research presentation and discussion in large UCLA Disability Studies 101 undergraduate course.	Speaker: Dr. Nakazawa, Waseda University
Fri, 18 Nov 09:00-10:00  11:00-13:00	Dr. Nakazawa meeting with California State University Professor of Disability Studies, Dr. Paulina Abustan  Administrative seminar recap, strategic planning with Dr. Nakazawa and UCLA faculty for joint Waseda-UCLA courses and development of future seminars.	

**12. OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES**

Names of funder and/or funding resources	Amount	Confirmed (Y/N)
UCLA Disability Studies & Campus partners	\$3,875.97 [not including Professor Nakamura attendance costs, also covered by UCLA DS]	Y