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# THE JAPAN FOUNDATION

# PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/program/list.html>

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# Cultivating friendship and ties between Japan and the world

Through “Culture”, “Language” and “Dialogue,” we create opportunities to foster friendship, trust and mutual understanding.

The Japan Foundation is Japan's only institution dedicated to carrying out comprehensive international cultural exchange programs throughout the world.

The Japan Foundation conducts programs in the three major areas of Arts and Cultural Exchange, Japanese-Language Education Overseas, as well as Japanese Studies and International Dialogue. There are applicable programs in each of these areas, and support is provided for activities conducted by individuals and organizations that are involved in international exchange. “The Japan Foundation Program Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2025” (April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026) introduces the applicable programs offered by the Japan Foundation to individuals or organizations that are planning to implement international exchange projects mainly in fiscal year 2025. The Program Guidelines are designed to help these individuals and organizations locate programs that match the projects that they are planning for.

## Culture

### Arts and Cultural Exchange

The Japan Foundation organizes various programs to introduce various aspects of Japanese arts and culture all over the world.

In addition, it promotes networking and human resources development in the arts and cultural fields by interactive collaboration/co-production and through dispatching and invitation of specialists.

## Language

### Japanese-Language Education Overseas

To make the Japanese-language easier to learn and teach, the Japan Foundation develops infrastructures and environments for Japanese-language education overseas. In addition, it promotes Japanese-language education according to the circumstances by country and region through various activities, such as dispatching Japanese-language specialists and conducting Japanese-language training.

## Dialogue

### Japanese Studies and International Dialogue

Programs in this field aim to encourage a greater understanding of Japan through supporting and promoting Japanese studies overseas. The Japan Foundation promotes dialogue about international common issues and develops human resources who play a key role in future dialogue and exchange initiatives.

## The Japan Foundation's Programs and Activities

# 1. Application Procedures

If you find in the Program Guidelines a program that matches the project that you or your organizations are planning, please obtain the respective application instructions and application forms. Complete the forms and submit your application to the specified destination. The Japan Foundation screens the applications and provides support to successful applicants.

## Step 1 ▶ Decide on the program that you wish to apply for

Refer to the list of applicable programs for fiscal year 2025 (p. 5~8) and identify the program that matches the project that you or your organization are planning. Please refer to the explanation about each program (p. 9~67) to obtain detailed information on the necessary criteria and application procedures for the program that you have selected. In addition, the number of grants is listed as a reference and may differ from year to year.

The areas and countries that are eligible for the Japan Foundation programs are provided in the List of Applicable Areas and Countries in the Japan Foundation Programs for Fiscal Year 2025 (p. 68~69). As there are programs that are applicable only for projects related to some areas and countries, please read the explanation about each program carefully to learn if your area or country is eligible.

## Step 2 ▶ Obtain the application instructions and application forms

Once you have decided on the program that you wish to apply for, download the application instructions and application forms from the website. The application instructions for each program provide detailed information that could not be included in the guidelines. Hence, if you are considering applying for a particular program, please read the instructions carefully before submitting your application.

**Download the application instructions and application forms:**

<https://www.jpjf.go.jp/e/program/list.html>

## Step 3 ▶ Submit the application forms

After filling out the application forms, please upload the completed forms, together with any attachments, to the Online Application Portal by the application deadline. The application deadline is given in Japan Standard Time (JST). Please take note of the time difference and complete your application well before the deadline.

For programs without a star symbol (★) on the List of Programs (p. 5~8), applications cannot be submitted through the Online Application Portal. Please refer to the respective Program Details for further instructions.

**Online Application Portal**

**URL: <https://www.apply.jpjf.go.jp>**

\* Applications from Russia cannot be submitted through the Online Application Portal. Please check the website of the Japan Foundation's office in Russia.

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## 2. Eligibility and Screening

### (1) Eligibility

Please check the following items before applying for an applicable program.

- The project is not for the advancement of specific political or religious views.
- (In the case of an organization) One or more of the following, (a) to (d), are not applicable to your organization.
  - (a) Japanese national government organs, local governments, incorporated administrative agencies, and local incorporated administrative agencies
  - (b) Organizations, institutes, and facilities attached to or established by category above (e.g. Japanese national or public schools or museums, etc.)
    - \* Excluding NIHONGO Partners in collaboration with Japanese Universities, which co-operated with JF.
  - (c) Foreign governments (including their administrative organs, embassies, and consulates-generals, but excluding educational, research, or cultural institutes)
  - (d) International organizations that Japanese national government organs contribute to
- (In the case of a Japanese organization or individual) The applicant does not fall under the definition of "Anti-Social Forces" (groups or individuals that pursue economic benefit by making full use of violence, force and/or fraudulent means), which is specified in Article 2(2)1 of the "Japan Foundation's Regulations with Regard to Dealing with Anti-Social Forces" (2015 Regulation No. 52).
- (In the case of an overseas organization) The organization has a bank account for receiving grants, or is able to set up a bank account before the grant payment period.
- The receipt of a grant or other form of subsidies from the Japan Foundation is not in violation of any laws or regulations in the applicant's country.

### (2) Screening

#### [Selection policy]

Screening is carried out from the following perspectives for all programs.

- The need for the Japan Foundation to provide support to the project
- The feasibility and effectiveness of the project
- The validity of the proposed budget
- The safety and security in the area of the project

For other selection policies that are applicable to each individual program, please refer to the respective program instructions.

#### [Projects related to commemorative events of an Exchange Year]

Applications related to the commemorative events of an Exchange Year will be given higher priority in the screening process. Applicants should specify the relevance of their projects to commemorative events (if any) in the application form. Applicable commemorative events of an Exchange Year are scheduled to be listed on the Japan Foundation's website (<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/about/area/index.html>).

\* Please refer to the Japan Foundation's website for examples of projects that have been accepted in past years.

<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/program/list.html>

## 3. Points to Be Noted

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### (1) Disclosure of information about the project

- If the project is selected, information relating to the name of the applicant, name of the project, and overview of the project will be disclosed in the *Kokusai Koryu Kikin Jigyo Jisseki* (Detailed Annual Report of the Japan Foundation Activities), the Annual Report, on the Japan Foundation's website, and in other public relations materials.
- When a request for information based on the "Act on Access to Information Held by Independent Administrative Agencies" (Act No. 140 of 2001) is received by the Japan Foundation, materials such as submitted application forms will be disclosed (unless stipulated by the same law as not to be disclosed).

### (2) Protection of personal information

- The Japan Foundation handles personal information appropriately and in accordance with the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information" (Act No. 57 of 2003) and other applicable laws. Details of the Japan Foundation's privacy policy can be reviewed at the following website: <https://www.jpff.go.jp/e/privacy/index.html>
- Personal information provided in the application forms, such as a grantee's name, affiliation, and project overview, is used in procedures such as screening, project implementation, and ex-post evaluation. It is also carried in the Detailed Annual Report of the Japan Foundation Activities, the Annual Report, on the Japan Foundation website, and in other public relations materials. Personal information is also used for purposes such as the compilation of statistics. For details regarding the use of personal information in each program, please refer to the application instructions for each program.
- Applicants are requested to inform all individuals whose personal information appears on the application materials that the above-mentioned policy shall also apply to those individuals' personal information.

## 4. Ensuring the Necessary Safety and Security of Projects

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Considering the recent instability in global security, with the increase of terrorist attacks in particular, the Japan Foundation highly recommends that you take the necessary security measures to ensure safety of participants when you conduct your projects. Please plan your project in accordance with the regulations and instructions of the relevant authorities. In case of overseas projects, please make sure to take the following measures:

- (1) Check if there are any security alerts issued in the countries or cities where your project is taking place;
- (2) Provide information on security and safety issues for your international guests (if any).

## 5. Inquiries

### [Applicants from outside Japan]

When there is a Japan Foundation overseas office in the applicant's country of residence...

☞ Please contact the nearest Japan Foundation overseas office.

When there is no regional office in the applicant's country of residence...

☞ Please contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan

### [Applicants from within Japan]

If applicants want to inquire about a particular program...

☞ Please contact the section in charge of the program at the Japan Foundation domestic offices. The contact details are listed on the Japan Foundation website.

**Japan Foundation website ("Inquiries")**

**<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/program/Inquiry.html>**

If applicants are unsure which program to apply for...

☞ Please contact the Public Relations Department.

**E-mail: [jf-toiawase@jpf.go.jp](mailto:jf-toiawase@jpf.go.jp)**

\* When making an inquiry, please let us know:

- (1) Whether the applicant is an individual or an organization
- (2) Whether the application is from Japan or overseas
- (3) The genre of the project

\* For more information, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on our website. (<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/program/faq.html>)

## 6. List of Programs

		Online Application Programs	Pages
<b>Arts and Cultural Exchange</b>			
■ Japan Individuals and Organizations	▶	<p><b>Grant Program for Dispatching Artists and Cultural Specialists</b></p> <p>This program provides financial support to artists and Japanese culture specialists who participate in cultural events overseas.</p>	★ P9~11
■ Japan Organizations	▶	<p><b>International Creations in Performing Arts</b></p> <p>The Japan Foundation seeks organizations that will jointly organize international creations in performing arts between Japanese and international artists.</p>	★ P12~13
■ Japan and Overseas Individuals	▶	<p><b>The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Arts and Culture in Asia (Visual Arts)</b></p> <p>As a part of the “Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0”, this program grants fellowships with the aim of developing human resources in the field of visual arts to those who cultivate and nurture transnational collaborating/co-creating projects in Japan, ASEAN countries, India, and East Timor.</p>	P14
■ Overseas Individuals	▶	<p><b>Ishibashi Foundation/The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Research on Japanese Art</b></p> <p>This program provides foreign curators and researchers with opportunities to conduct research on Japanese visual arts in Japan, and by so doing, promote the study of the field overseas.</p>	★ P15~16
■ Overseas Organizations	▶	<p><b>Exhibitions Abroad Support Program</b></p> <p>This program provides financial support to museums and art institutions overseas for the organization of Japan-related exhibitions.</p>	★ P17~18
	▶	<p><b>Support Program for Translation and Publication</b></p> <p>This program provides partial financial support to overseas publishers intending to translate and publish books originally written in Japanese.</p>	★ P19~21



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<b>Japanese-Language Education Overseas</b>			
■ Japan Individuals	▶ <b>Japanese-Language Education Assistant Program (J-LEAP)</b> This program dispatches Japanese Assistant Teachers (ATs) to K -12 educational institutions in the United States.		P22~23
	▶ <b>NIHONGO Partners Program</b> This program dispatches NIHONGO Partners to secondary educational institutions etc. in Asia, in order to support the local Japanese language teachers.		P24
■ Japan Organizations	▶ <b>NIHONGO Partners in Collaboration with Japanese Universities</b> This program provides opportunities to practice teaching Japanese at higher educational institutions in Asia for students who study the Japanese-language education at universities, etc. in Japan.		P25~26
■ Overseas Individuals	▶ <b>Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields</b> This program provides training opportunities for foreign researchers and other specialists in Japan (Osaka).	★	P27~29
■ Overseas Organizations	▶ <b>Support Program for Organizations in Japanese-Language Education (Grants)</b> This program provides grants for the activity expenses incurred by overseas Japanese-language institutions.	★	P30~31
	▶ <b>Support Program for Organizations Providing Japanese-Language Education for Living and Working (Grants)</b> This program supports the costs of projects by organizations/groups that provide Japanese-language education necessary for people living and working in Japan, including those who plan to come to Japan under the Specified Skilled Worker status of residence.		P32~33
	▶ <b>Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese-Language</b> This program provides training opportunities in Japan (Saitama Prefecture) for Japanese language teachers teaching outside of Japan.	★	P34~48

		Online Application Programs	Pages
<b>Japanese Studies Overseas and International Dialogue</b>			
■ Japan Individuals	▶ <b>Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI)</b> This program dispatches Japanese nationals as volunteer coordinators for two years to cultivate grassroots exchanges to the Southern, Midwestern and Mountain regions of the United States.		<b>P49~50</b>
■ Japan and Overseas Individuals	▶ <b>The Japan Foundation Indo-Pacific Partnership (JFIPP) Research Fellowship</b> This program provides support for researchers and practitioners in Japan, Australia, India, or the U.S. to conduct policy-oriented research on common issues in the Indo-Pacific region.		<b>P51~52</b>
■ Japan and Overseas Organizations	▶ <b>Grant Program for Japan-U.S. Global Partnership</b> This program supports collaborative and dialogue projects that aim to build partnerships between Japan and U.S. to help resolve policy issues facing the international community.		<b>P53~54</b>
■ Japan Organizations	▶ <b>Grant Program for Developing Networks among Leaders of Japan-China Next Generation Exchange</b> This program supports dialogue and collaborative projects between Japan and China that aim to nurture the next generation of youth who have the potential to become leaders in their specific fields. Partial financial support is provided in order to hold conferences, seminars, and workshops as well as cultural exchange events for the purpose of youth exchanges and building networks.		<b>P55~56</b>
■ Overseas Individuals	▶ <b>Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program</b> This program provides overseas scholars and researchers focusing on Japan with opportunities to conduct research in Japan.	★	<b>P57~59</b>
	▶ <b>JF-JSA-ASEAN Fellowship Program</b> In order to develop the next generation of human resources and thus build a strong and long-lasting relationship of trust between Southeast Asia and Japan, this program provides opportunities to do research and engage in exchange activities in Japan for researchers in the field of Japanese studies from Southeast Asia.	★	<b>P60~61</b>

		Online Application Programs	Pages
<b>Japanese Studies Overseas and International Dialogue</b>			
■ Overseas Organizations	▶ <b>Grant Program for Japanese Studies Projects</b> This program provides grants toward various Japanese studies projects (including online projects) implemented by overseas organizations.	★	P62~63
	▶ <b>Grant Program for Strengthening Research Networks to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation</b> In order to develop the next generation of human resources and thus build a strong and long-lasting relationship of trust between Southeast Asia and Japan, this program provides grants to organizations in Southeast Asia to help implement their Japanese studies projects.	★	P64~65
<b>Others</b>			
■ Japan and Overseas Organizations	▶ <b>Use of the Name of the Japan Foundation as a Supporter</b> This program allows for the use of the name of the Japan Foundation as a supporter in cultural events in Japan and overseas.		P66
* Please refer to the program details	▶ <b>Designated Donations Program</b> This program provides tax benefits to donors who give to specific international cultural exchange projects.		P67

# Grant Program for Dispatching Artists and Cultural Specialists

Application Form: **Q-DACS (available in Japanese only)**

Section in Charge: **Performing Arts Section, Arts and Culture Department**

This program is designed to provide financial support for artists and Japanese cultural specialists who participate in cultural events (e.g., performances, demonstrations, lectures and workshops) overseas with the aim of introducing Japanese arts and culture or of contributing to international society through arts and cultural projects.

\* From FY2025, the second round will be discontinued.

## Eligibility

Applicants must be either:

- 1 Groups or individuals in the arts and cultural fields who are based in Japan and have received invitations to participate in cultural events overseas from foreign organizations;
- 2 Organizations and agencies, based in Japan, that arrange and produce the projects described above.

## Eligible Projects

- 1 Projects must be either:
  - a. Performing arts (e.g., theatre, music, dance, folk arts, etc.);
  - b. Lectures, workshops, and demonstrations related to Japanese culture, including sports.
  - \* Projects that are supported by grants from Japanese governmental organizations, government-affiliated agencies, independent administrative institutions of Japan or The Japan-Korea Cultural Foundation cannot receive grants under this program.
  - \* Projects with invitation from Japanese diplomatic missions abroad alone are not eligible for the grant.
  - \* Projects with invitation from applicant's branch office abroad alone are not eligible for the grant.
  - \* Please refer to p. 17 "Exhibitions Abroad Support Program" for information on support for exhibitions on Japanese art and culture.
- 2 Project period  
For projects which take place between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026  
Project participants must depart Japan on or after April 1, 2025 and must be back in Japan by March 31, 2026.

## Grant Coverage

Partial support of the following expenditures:

- 1 International travel expense
- 2 Carriage (baggage/freight)

\* Please note that only the flights departing from Japan (round trip) are eligible for the grant.

## Number of Grants (Reference)

29 out of 153 applications (for 1st Round of FY 2024)

Maximum grant amount awarded in FY 2024 (1st Round): Approximately JPY 4,000,000.

## Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Screening will be conducted after consulting with experts in the field.
- 3 The following projects will be given a relatively higher evaluation:
  - a. Projects touring more than one country and city efficiently;
  - b. Projects including a number of cultural events such as performing arts, demonstrations, lectures, and workshops;
  - c. Projects participating in major international festivals or major diplomatic anniversary events (see p. 2);
  - d. Projects taking place in countries and regions with few opportunities for cultural exchanges with Japan; and,
  - e. Projects which will be actively publicized to the public.
- 4 The following projects will be given relatively lower evaluation:
  - a. Projects of applicants who have received grants from the Japan Foundation in the same fiscal year;
  - b. Projects or activities where applicants voluntarily participate, such as entering competitions;
  - c. Projects whose effect is restricted to exchanges among specific groups/individuals, rather than being made publicly available;
  - d. Projects focused on activities other than arts and cultural projects such as sightseeing or research activities;
  - e. Projects that will be implemented as exhibition related events such as lectures and workshops;
  - f. Projects that involve only participating in residency programs or artist-in-residence programs;
  - g. Projects that are primarily part of friendship and goodwill activities among sister cities, schools or institutions;
  - h. Projects organized by hobby groups or similar membership associations; and
  - i. Projects with poorly-balanced budget estimates, such as plans in which the local organizer is responsible for very little of the project costs and the applicant bears an extremely high proportion of the overall costs.
- 5 Projects that are organized in the region where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan issues "Overseas Travel Safety Information", may be selected under a condition related to the safety situation in the region of the project. Even after the projects are selected, it is possible for a grant to be cancelled depending on the status of the "Overseas Travel Safety Information".

## Application Deadlines

Apply through Online Application Portal 12 a.m. (midnight), December 3, 2024  
(Japan Standard Time)  
(for projects which take place between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026)

## Notification of Results

Within April 2025

# International Creations in Performing Arts

Application Form: **Q-IC (available in Japanese only)**

Section in Charge: **Performing Arts Section, Arts and Culture Department**

The Japan Foundation seeks organizations that will jointly organize international creations in performing arts between Japanese and international artists.

## Eligibility

Any organization located in Japan that meets all the requirements listed below may apply.

- 1 An organization having legal status in Japan whose area of activities is arts and culture; however, if the organization applies for this program as an organizing committee, it shall meet the application requirements on the condition that the core group of the organization has legal status in Japan.
- 2 The collaborative foreign artist(s) has approved implementation of the project.
- 3 An organization that approves the acceptance of an external expert (i.e., process observer) to record the creation process.
- 4 An organization that will be able to produce videos for distribution, including premiere performances after creations, and agrees to online distribution by the Japan Foundation.

## Eligible Projects

### 1 Project genres

All works in the field of the performing arts shall be covered by this program including theater, dance, music, performance, traditional/folk performing arts, video art, etc.

\* Projects that are supported by grants from Japanese governmental organizations, government-affiliated agencies, or independent administrative institutions of Japan are not eligible to receive grants under this program.

### 2 Project period

The project must start in FY2025, and end by March 31, 2027 (in the case of performing overseas, a project for which dates of departure from and arrival in Japan of those involved are within the project period.)

\* The project period extends from the international co-production process to the premiere.

## Cost Coverage

The Japan Foundation will bear as its share of the cost to jointly organize the program, less than 70% of the total cost for planning and implementation AND a maximum of JPY 10,000,000 (including taxes) per a fiscal year.

## Number of Projects (Reference)

4 out of 24 applications for FY 2023

## Selection Policy

We will conduct screening in light of the following points based on application forms submitted and decide on the acceptance or rejection of application after hearing opinions from the screening committee members commissioned by the Japan Foundation in light of the following criteria:

- 1 The need as a project jointly organized by the Japan Foundation (contribution to international exchange and mutual understanding, diplomatic need, ripple effect on other countries, etc.)
- 2 Details of the project (exchange factors between Japanese and overseas artists, novelty of the project, feasibility, potentials, quality, etc.)
- 3 Past achievements of the participating artists
- 4 Implementation framework of the project (progress of preparations, schedule, etc.)
- 5 Appropriateness of the budgets plan (cost burden on other partners, numbers of performances and audience, etc.)
- 6 Understanding of process observer and video distribution, preparation, and implementation framework of the video production
- 7 Safety conditions of the place where the project will be implemented

## Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 12 a.m. (midnight), December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

## Notification of Results

April 2025



# The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Arts and Culture in Asia (Visual Arts)

Application Form: **Q-FWA**

Section in Charge: **Visual Arts Section, Arts and Culture Department**

As a part of the “Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0”, this program grants fellowship with the aim of developing human resources in the field of visual art to those who cultivate and nurture transnational collaborating/co-creating projects in Japan, ASEAN countries, Timor-Leste, and India.

## Eligible Area and Activities

This program is designed to support projects that, in relation to field of visual art, aim to conduct research, study, and/or creative activities, to build network platforms, and so on. The projects should necessitate an applying specialist of the field, who is based in Japan, member countries of ASEAN, Timor-Leste, or India, to stay for a certain period of time in countries other than where they are based.

Other details such as Eligibility, Benefits, Selection Policy, and Duration will be announced on the JF website at a later date.

## Application Timeline

Applications and fellowships are expected to start around the spring of 2025 and the autumn of 2025, respectively. Details will be announced on the JF website at a later date once they have been confirmed.

# Ishibashi Foundation/The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Research on Japanese Art

Application Form: **Q-FW**

Section in Charge: **Visual Arts Section, Arts and Culture Department**

This program aims to support the development of professionals specializing in the study of Japanese visual arts by providing an opportunity for curators and researchers from abroad to conduct research in Japan, and by so doing, promote the study of the field and the introduction of Japanese art overseas.

## Eligible Area and Activities

The research project related to Japanese visual arts should have clear objectives and plans to achieve its goal. The project should necessitate travel to Japan in order to carry out research intensively, over a short period of time. The main target area is contemporary Japanese art. Priority will be given to projects that include in its proposals, plans for research results to be shared widely among the overseas public through the implementation of exhibitions or the publication of books.

## Eligibility

Individuals who conduct the activities stipulated in "Eligible Area and Activities" living in a country outside of Japan (curators, researchers, educators, conservators, etc.). All of the following criteria must be met:

- 1 Applicants must hold nationality (or permanent residency) in countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan.
- 2 Applicants must be in good health both physically and mentally.
- 3 Applicants must be proficient in either Japanese or English.
- 4 Applicants must be able to stay continuously in Japan for the term of fellowship.
- 5 Applicants must not violate the law or regulations of their own country by receiving a fellowship from the Japan Foundation.
- 6 Individuals who do not apply for other grant programs of the Japan Foundation.
- 7 Previous recipients of Japan Foundation Fellowships (not only the Fellowship for Research on Japanese Art but also all the other Fellowships of the Japan Foundation) are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2025, a full three years has elapsed since the termination of their most recent Fellowship.

\* For details, please refer to the Application Instructions of the Fellowship.

## Duration

21 days to 59 days

\* The fellowship's beginning date (date of arrival in Japan) for FY 2025–2026 must fall between June 20, 2025 and March 31, 2026.

## Benefits

- 1 Round-trip airfare (discount economy class [most direct route])
- 2 Stipend and other allowances

## Number of Fellowships (Reference)

17 out of 47 applications for FY 2024

## Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 In addition to (1), applications will be screened according but not limited to the following points:
  - a. The purpose and goal of research should be clear, and the goal should be achievable during the proposed term of fellowship.
  - b. Research in Japan should be essential to the project.
  - c. The project should be planned in a concrete and practical framework and the proposed term of fellowship should be of an appropriate length that enables the achievement of the project goal.
  - d. Applicants should hold notable achievements in their respective fields. The proposed project should be consistent with these achievements and should potentially make future contributions to the field.
  - e. Applicants should have potential for future development as Japanese art experts.
  - f. Achievements based upon the fellowship should extend beyond the applicant's individual output and be shared with society at large through exhibitions and publications.
  - g. Priority will be given to applicants who are likely to present the results of their research shortly after the completion of their fellowship.
  - h. Applicants should potentially contribute to the development of their research field and the establishment of its infrastructure.

## Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

## Notification of Results

April 2025

# Exhibitions Abroad Support Program

Application Form: **Q-EAS**

Section in Charge: **Visual Arts Section, Arts and Culture Department**

This program is designed to provide financial support for museums and art institutions overseas that organize exhibitions introducing Japanese art and culture to audiences overseas. In addition, this program is designed to support overseas international exhibitions such as biennials/triennials introducing Japanese artists and their works.

## Eligibility

Overseas museums and art institutions

\* If the exhibition travels to more than one venue, the host institution should consolidate the grant requests and only one application should be submitted for the whole project. The Japan Foundation will not accept multiple applications for one project.

## Eligible Projects

Exhibitions that will open between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026, and that will

- 1 Introduce Japanese art and culture, planned and executed by a museum or an art institution abroad;
- 2 Introduce Japanese artists and their works in the context of international exhibitions held abroad, such as biennials/triennials;
- 3 Be created through artist-in-residence programs abroad and promote the expansion of networks among artists, curators, and researchers in Japan and overseas, and have a clear concept and concrete plan for exhibitions.

## Grant Coverage

Part of the following expenses incurred and paid between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026:

- 1 Packing and shipping costs of art works (excluding insurance costs);
- 2 Catalogue production costs (including digital catalogue costs; for international exhibitions, support for catalogue production will be partial, based on the ratio of Japanese artists);
- 3 Traveling costs for dispatched or invited artists, curators, and specialists (air fare, train fare, and accommodation fees; excluding costs for preliminary research and development).

\* Please note that this program does not cover the production cost of art works, installation costs and artists' fees.

## Number of Grants (Reference)

23 out of 56 applications for FY 2024

## Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Screening will be conducted after consulting with experts in the field.
- 3 The following projects will be given a relatively higher evaluation:
  - a. Exhibition projects with strong curatorial values that have not yet been staged in the applicants' countries;
  - b. Projects that relate to major diplomatic anniversary events (see p. 2)
- 4 The following projects will be given lower priority:
  - a. Projects organized by museums or institutions that have recently received financial support from the Japan Foundation;
  - b. Traveling exhibitions that have previously received grants from the Japan Foundation;
  - c. Projects that are primarily part of friendship and goodwill activities among sister cities, schools or institutions;
  - d. Exhibitions composed mainly of art works of public subscription; and
  - e. Exhibitions organized by hobby groups or similar membership associations.

## Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

## Notification of Results

April 2025

# Support Program for Translation and Publication

Application Form: **Q-TPS**

Section in Charge: **Planning and Coordination / Literary Arts Section, Arts and Culture Department**

This program is designed to provide partial financial support for overseas publishers intending to translate and publish works originally written in Japanese. The program aims to foster better understanding of Japanese culture by encouraging overseas publishers to translate and publish Japanese works. The grant covers part of the translation and publishing costs (e.g., costs for paper, typesetting, platemaking, printing, and binding).

## Eligibility

Publishing companies outside of Japan.

## Eligible Projects

Translation and publication projects of works written in Japanese and already published in Japan (works of fiction and works of nonfiction in humanities and social sciences). The projects must fulfill all of the following requirements:

- 1 The translated work must be published between April 1, 2025, and February 28, 2026. However, applicants may apply for support for translation fee only, provided that they publish the translated edition within two years of completion of the translation. They may also apply for support for the publication costs of the same project in a different fiscal year (e.g., applying for translation support in the first year and for publication support in the following year).
- 2 The original work written in Japanese must already be published at the time of application.
- 3 As a general rule, translations must be made directly from the original works. Regarding translation and publication in languages where the translator pool is limited, approval may be given for support for translation from a previously translated edition of the work.
- 4 In principle, the contract for acquisition of translation rights of the original work must have been concluded. In case of indirect translation, permission must also be obtained from the copyright holder of the foreign language edition from which the applicant's translator intends to translate. As for the translation fee, a written contract between the publisher and the translator must have been concluded at the time the application is submitted. Submission of a copy of each contract is required for the application.
- 5 A part of the draft translation should accompany the application. The draft should be equivalent to approximately 30 pages of the original work.

- 6 The plan for the project should be appropriate to the realistic and practical completion of the translation.
  - 7 Projects must not be used for religious or political purposes.
- \* Grant applications for e-book publication projects are accepted.
  - \* The following categories of works are not eligible:
    - Works originally written in a language other than Japanese;
    - Reprints of previously published translations
    - Periodicals (including special issues), proceedings, exhibition catalogues, travel brochures, language dictionaries, and Japanese-language teaching materials;
    - Works not expected to secure wide distribution, including those only to be published for donation purposes;
  - \* Applicants cannot reapply for projects that were rejected in the past without a new plan and/or revised translation.
  - \* If payment to the translator is to be in the form of royalties (i.e., the translator is paid only based on the actual number of copies sold after the book is published), the applicant may not apply for support for translation (it is possible to apply for support for publication only).

### Grant Coverage

Part of the following costs paid between April 1, 2025, and February 28, 2026:

- 1 Translation fee (paid to a translator by an applicant);
  - 2 Publication costs such as costs for paper, typesetting/platemaking, printing, and binding; paid to printing companies.
- \* Copies of the contract between the translator(s) and applicant, as well as estimates for the costs that the applicant intends to cover by the grant, from the printing or other companies, will be required at the time of application. Receipts from the translator(s), printing company, and paper manufacturers, will be needed when the applicant claims the grant payment after publishing the book.
    - Please note that only the expenses paid on and after April 1, 2025, are applicable. Any expenses paid before April 1, 2025, are not applicable.
    - The grant shall cover part of the translation cost and part of the publication costs mentioned above.
    - Costs for editing, acquisition of translation rights, copyright clearance, proofreading, and other in-house expenses are not applicable.
    - Grant payments will be made after the completion of translation and/or publication.
    - The grant should not cover any part of the project expense(s) funded by other organizations.

### Number and the average amount of assistance of Grants (Reference)

Number of assistance: 56 out of 70 applications for FY 2024

Average amount of assistance for FY 2024: Approximately JPY 500,000

## Selection Policies

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Screening will be conducted after consulting with experts in the field.
- 3 Relatively higher evaluation will be given to the translation and/or publication of the following works:
  - a. The titles in *Worth Sharing — A Selection of Japanese Books Recommended for Translation* and *Lifelong Favorites — Selections from the Bookshelves of Young Readers in Japan*. The list of the titles is available on the Japan Foundation's website:  
<https://www.worthsharing.jpf.go.jp/en/>
  - b. Works that are considered to have a wide influence on society; not only limited to researchers but expected to get a wide range of readers in the applicant's country;
  - c. Works by authors who have never been translated and published in the applicant's country before, or works directly translated from Japanese works in languages or areas where translations of Japanese works are rarely published.
- 4 The grant amount will be determined by the Japan Foundation based on the project plan.

## Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

## Notification of Results

Late April 2025



# Japanese-Language Education Assistant Program: J-LEAP

Section in Charge: **International Operations Section II, Japanese-Language Dept. I**

J-LEAP aims to strengthen and maintain the basic infrastructure of Japanese-language education and the understanding of Japan in the U.S. By dispatching Japanese Assistant Teachers (ATs), J-LEAP endeavors to serve the needs of U.S. K-12 educational institutions seeking to strengthen their Japanese-language programs. ATs will engage in Japanese classes with and under the instruction of their supervisors (Japanese-class teachers). ATs will help with creating materials and curriculums, preparing homework and tests, and will also assist or conduct other Japan-related activities at schools and in the community to contribute to a better understanding of Japanese culture and society.

## Eligibility

The following individuals are eligible to apply:

- 1 Japanese nationals whose native language is Japanese;
- 2 Individuals under 35 years of age as of April 1, 2025;
- 3 Individuals who have an academic degree equivalent to a diploma from a four-year university or higher;
- 4 Individuals who have a diploma in Japanese-language education (as a major or minor) from a university or higher as of April 1, 2025, or complete a 420-hour (or more) Japanese Language Teacher Training Course as of April 1, 2025, or have basic knowledge and skills in Japanese-language education, as demonstrated by passing the Japanese-Language Teaching Competency Test; and
- 5 Individuals who have a valid Japanese driver's license.

## Duration

July 2025 to July 2027 (contracts are on a one-year basis, renewable [if mutually agreeable among all parties] once, for a maximum total of two academic years)

## Expenses

Standard payment (including a duty allowance), round-trip air tickets (discount economy class), overseas travel insurance, housing allowance, car subsidy, car insurance stipend, material purchase stipend, etc.

## Number of Participants (Reference)

6 participants for FY 2024

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### **Application Deadline**

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January 2025

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### **Notification of Results**

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March 2025

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### **Remarks**

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Application Guideline and the Application Form will be available on the Japan Foundation's website around fall 2024.

# NIHONGO Partners Program

Section in Charge: **NIHONGO Partners Program Department**

This program dispatches NIHONGO Partners to secondary educational institutions etc. in Asia, mainly 10 ASEAN countries in order to support the local Japanese-language teachers and students. The NIHONGO Partners will support not only the educational activities of the local Japanese teachers but also aim to spread the charms of the Japanese language and cultures through their learning support and cultural activities inside and outside the classroom. Through local activities and people-to-people exchanges, NIHONGO Partners themselves are also expected to deepen their understandings toward the language and cultures of the area or country where they stay, and serve as liaisons within Asian countries in the future.

## Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill the following criteria.

- 1 Eager to understand the objectives of this program and aspire to serve as liaisons within Asian countries
- 2 Able to adapt to the local standard of living (housing, life-style, etc.)
- 3 Is between 20 and 69 years old, be of Japanese nationality, and be a Japanese native speaker
- 4 Able to engage in everyday conversation in English
- 5 Able to participate in all pre-departure training conducted by the Japan Foundation (approximately one month in duration)
- 6 Able to cooperate with the Japan Foundation on disseminating information about activities and publicize this program using SNS, website, and other media tools
- 7 Basic PC skills (sending and receiving e-mails, creating documents and/or materials etc.)

\* The above eligibility may differ according to the target area or country of dispatch.

## Dispatch Areas

Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, Philippines, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Laos, Taiwan, and India

## Duration

Less than 1 year

## Coverage

Round-trip air ticket (discount economy class fares), travel expenses, living allowance, etc.

\* Accommodation will be provided by the Japan Foundation.

## Remarks

- 1 Further information will be announced on the website of this program (<https://asiawa.jpf.go.jp/en/partners/>).
- 2 Dispatch areas and duration are subject to change.

# NIHONGO Partners in Collaboration with Japanese Universities

Application Form: **NP-IP**

Section in Charge: **International Operations Section II, NIHONGO Partners Program Department**

This program dispatches students as NIHONGO Partners in collaboration with Japanese universities to support local Japanese-language teachers and students at institutions of higher education, mainly in ASEAN countries.

They will not only support the educational activities of the local Japanese-language teachers and students, but also aim to deepen communications and understanding between locals and Japanese.

## Eligibility

Japanese universities, graduate schools or junior colleges, which have Japanese-language teacher-training courses (hereinafter called "collaborating universities")

## Dispatch areas and countries

Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Brunei, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Timor-Leste, China, Taiwan, and India

## Duration

More than 1 week (students must depart Japan on or after June 1, 2025, and must be back in Japan by the end of March 2026)

## Dispatched Persons

Japanese-language native students or students who have high Japanese-language skills equivalent to Japanese-language native students, majoring in Japanese education at universities in Japan.

## Methods of Implementation

The Japan Foundation and the collaborating universities agree and sign a memorandum of understanding on details such as the destination, time, duration, and the number of students.

## Contents of Support

The Japan Foundation will pay the below-mentioned items as co-sponsorship contributions:

- Round-trip air ticket (discount economy-class fare, including airport fees, etc.)
- Housing allowance (a maximum limit for 180 days' worth)
- Travel accident insurance cost (a maximum limit for 180 days' worth)
- \* The above-mentioned items will be paid according to the Japan Foundation's regulations:
- \* The Japan Foundation does not cover food expenses, in principle.
- \* Students are not allowed to obtain any scholarship or grant provided by the Japanese government and/or Japanese government affiliated institutions other than this program.

## Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs;
- 2 Screening will be made in line with the following criteria:
  - a. Role and contents of Japanese-language teacher-training courses in the collaborating universities (Higher priority will be given to projects that allows students to obtain credits);
  - b. Training system for students in the collaborating universities and the host institutions;
  - c. Security management system for students in the collaborating universities and the host institutions;
  - d. Specific outcome expected;
  - e. Coalitions between the collaborating universities and the host institutions;
  - f. Proper budget plan, including the sharing of expenses by the applicant (the collaborating university and the students);
  - g. Outline of the program plan.

## Number of Support (Reference)

291 to 32 universities for FY 2023 (NIHONGO Partners in Collaboration with Japanese Universities)

## Application Deadline

1 p.m., December 3, 2024, Japan time (Applications must be submitted by e-mail.)

## Notification of Results

Early April, 2025

# Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields

Application Form: **KC-G**

Section in Charge: **Educational Training Section, the Japan**

**Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai**

With the aim of supporting specialists who require Japanese-language proficiency in order to smoothly perform their specialized work and research activities (such as researchers, graduate students, librarians, museum and art museum curators), this program provides training to improve their Japanese-language ability by learning practical Japanese and actually using it in their research and specialized work-related activities, conducted at the Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai.

\* In FY2025, only a six-month course will be offered.

## Description of the Course

During the training course, participants will independently conduct interviews with specialists in their field as well as plan their own trips to visit related facilities and, as they gather and understand research materials, they will be able to acquire the skills needed to exchange, collect, and report information in Japanese. The participants will need to independently plan their activities with an explicit theme. Participants are required to make a presentation about their research themes as their accomplishments of the course and specialized activities conducted during their stay in Japan at the end of the course.

## Duration

From early-October 2025 to late-March 2026

## Eligibility

Individuals must fulfill the following to apply:

① Individuals who fulfill A or B and need Japanese-language proficiency to carry out their specialized work and research activities.

A. Individuals who fulfill at least one of the following requirements and have an employment relationship with the organization outside Japan they are currently affiliated with, at the time of application and participation in the program. It is expected that participants will continue working in the aforementioned affiliated organization after completing this program.

a. Individuals who carry out research activities as teachers (professors, instructors, teaching assistants, etc.), researchers, etc., at institutions of advanced education, such as universities, research centers, or other research organizations.

b. Individuals who are engaged in a job of specialized research work in public sector organizations, such as government agencies, think tanks, etc.

- c. Individuals who are currently engaged in full-time librarian work at universities, colleges, other institutions of advanced education, academic research institutions, cultural exchange organizations, or public libraries.
  - d. Individuals who are currently engaged in full-time curatorial work at museums or regularly involved in organizing exhibitions, and who are working for international exchange programs that concern Japan.
- B. Individuals who are officially registered as full-time students in a Master's or Doctoral course of a graduate school outside Japan at the time of application and participation in the program (excluding non-degree students) and who are planning to write their Master's or Doctoral dissertation on a subject related to Japan.
- Concerning undergraduate students of universities and colleges that issue a Master's degree upon graduation, applicants will be considered to fulfill this requirement, if they are in the final year and their age is 22 or older as of December 3, 2024.
- 2 Individuals applying for this program must obtain the permission of the representative of their affiliated organization mentioned above.
  - 3 Individuals whose research area must be in the field of Japan-related social sciences or humanities. Includes interdisciplinary fields with natural and applied sciences.
  - 4 Individuals who have a specific and detailed theme related to Japan in their study or work, and plan to make a presentation on the achievements.
  - 5 Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.  
\* Taiwanese are eligible to apply for this program.
  - 6 Individuals who have NOT received compulsory education in Japan for more than three years.
  - 7 Individuals in good physical and mental health.
  - 8 Individuals who have Japanese-language proficiency that is equivalent to or higher than Level N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 of the old JLPT, or A2 level in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education at the time of application (please visit the official website of JLPT [<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>], or the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education website [<https://www.jfstandard.jp.go.jp>] to find the summary of linguistic competence required for each level).
  - 9 Individuals who are NOT scheduled to study abroad at a Japanese educational institution, participate in other training in Japan, work in Japan, or engage in other activities during the program.

## Venue

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai (Tajiri-cho, Sennan-gun, Osaka, Japan)

## Benefits

- 1 Provided to all participants:
  - a. Accommodation in the Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai;
  - b. Activities for all participants (lectures, cultural experiences, visits to external organizations, etc.);
  - c. Weekday meals (fixed amount of cafeteria points);
  - d. National Health Insurance and Overseas Travel Insurance (with an upper limit on coverage)
  - e. Subsidy for independent research activities (e.g. accommodation and transport costs):

2 Provided to participants who have the nationality of, and who reside at the time of application and program start in, the countries marked [ ] in the table in the Appendix (p. 68~69):

\* In addition to a-e above, the following f-i are provided (However, residents in China who hold a BNO or Hong Kong SAR passport, and Macau residents in China who hold a Macau SAR passport must bear these expenses).

- f. Round-trip air tickets (discount economy class) to and from the nearest international airport from home residence;
- g. Airport tax, foreign travel tax;
- h. Holiday meals (cafeteria points and cash);
- i. Subsidy in kind (prepaid IC card):

### Number of Participants (Reference)

10 out of 61 applications for FY 2024 (six-month course)

### Selection Policy

1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs:

2 The criteria peculiar to this program is as follows: applicants' needs for Japanese-language training and the possibility of improvement in their language skills, achievements in their specialized fields, expected achievements and ripple effects by participating in this program, possibility of success in their specialized fields.

\* Lower priority will be given to those who have participated in Japanese language training for duties or research conducted by JF in the past (e.g., "Program for Specialist in Cultural and Academic Fields", "Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language", etc.).

### Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

### Notification of Results

Late April 2025

### Remarks

1 This program is primarily a language course for participants requiring Japanese-language proficiency for specialized work and research activities. Professional education in their specific areas of expertise is not included in the curriculum.

2 Participants must attend all classes and activities in the curriculum.

3 During the program, participants basically need to stay in the accommodation provided by JF.

4 Participants must obtain a specific visa from the nearest Embassy or Consulate General of Japan designated by JF. In principle, the nearest diplomatic office to the address or place of residence indicated on the application form will be designated, but those wishing to have their visas issued at other diplomatic offices should consult JF in advance.



# Support Program for Organizations in Japanese-Language Education (Grants)

Application Form: **JN-FK (only for Cambodia, Laos, Russia and countries that DO NOT have Japan Foundation overseas offices)**

Section in Charge: **International Operations Section I / Section II, Japanese-Language Dept. I**

This program aims to support Japanese-language education activities by targeting Japanese-language teachers and students of overseas Japanese-language institutions and organizations.

## 1 Countries which have the Japan Foundation overseas offices, with the exception of Cambodia, Laos and Russia

(i.e., Korea, China, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, India, Australia, Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Italy, the U.K., Spain, Germany, France, Hungary, and Egypt)

\* All support will be given via the overseas offices. Please contact the nearest office for available programs.

## 2 Cambodia, Laos, Russia, and countries that DO NOT have the Japan Foundation overseas offices.

### Eligibility

Overseas Japanese-language institutions and organizations, including Japanese-language teacher associations and academic societies.

However, organizations are not eligible when national laws restrict receipt of aid from overseas organizations affiliated with governments.

### Eligible Projects

Non-profit Japanese-language education activities carried out by overseas Japanese-language institutions and organizations. Examples of eligible projects are given below. Applicants may also submit a combination of multiple projects:

#### 1 Japanese-Language Activities Support Grant:

This grant partially covers the costs related to projects intended to motivate students and stimulate interest in Japanese-language education in the local area (e.g., speech/debate contests, presentations).

#### 2 Salary Assistance Grant:

This grant partially covers the salary given to Japanese-language teachers teaching the Japanese-language courses and to the staff carrying out activities to enhance the network of Japanese-language institutions in the applicant's region/country. In principle, this grant covers them for up to three years (36 months). This grant is given on the condition that the course or activities are continued after the grant from the Japan Foundation ends.

**3 Teaching Material Purchase Grant:**

This grant partially covers the cost of purchasing teaching materials, supplementary materials and educational materials to introduce Japanese culture (e.g., tools for Japanese calligraphy, yukata, origami paper etc.) needed by Japanese-language teachers when conducting Japanese-language courses. The costs of buying educational materials (including e-books) contributing broadly to Japanese-language education that are widely available to the public in libraries or other facilities are also eligible for this grant. Materials that are to be given to students are not eligible for this grant, with the exception of consumables such as origami paper.

**4 Conference Grant:**

This grant partially covers the cost involved in holding seminars, workshops, symposia, training sessions and meetings for Japanese-language teachers.

**5 Publication Grant:**

This grant partially covers the cost involved in preparing and publishing teaching materials consistent with the local curriculum and needs.

**6 Other Original Proposals:**

This grant partially covers the cost involved in implementing projects planned by the applicant that aim to promote Japanese-language education and train Japanese-language teachers.

**Selection Policy**

**1** See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs;

**2** Screening will be made in line with the following criteria:

- a. Role of applicant in the country and region;
- b. Specific outcome expected;
- c. Coalitions with other organizations and groups;
- d. Ripple effect on diffusion of the Japanese language in the country and region.

**Number of Grants (Reference)**

121 out of 157 applications for FY 2024

**Application Deadline**

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

**Notification of Results**

After late April 2025

# Support Program for Organizations Providing Japanese-Language Education for Living and Working (Grants)

Application Form: **JN-NK**

Section in Charge: **Planning and Development Section, Japanese-Language Dept. II**

This program aims to support the costs of projects by organizations/groups that provide Japanese-language education necessary for people living and working in Japan, including those who plan to come to Japan under the Specified Skilled Worker status of residence.

## Eligible Countries:

Mongolia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Uzbekistan

## Eligible Applicants:

Organizations or groups that are located in the areas identified above and are providing people with Japanese-language education, including those who plan to come to Japan under the Specified Skilled Worker status of residence.

However, organizations are not eligible when local laws, regulations, or ordinances restrict receipt of aid from overseas organizations affiliated with governments.

## Eligible Projects:

### 1 Purchase of teaching materials

This grant partially covers the costs of purchasing teaching materials and supplementary materials that can be used in Japanese-language education for the purpose of living and working in Japan.

### 2 Printing and binding of *IRODORI: Japanese for Life in Japan*

This grant partially covers the costs of the printing and binding of *IRODORI: Japanese for Life in Japan* for use in Japanese-language education for the purpose of living and working in Japan.

\* Items purchased or printed for transfer or rental to individuals (including teachers and students at organizations/groups) or other organizations are excluded.

### Selection Policy:

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Screening and selection will be conducted from the following perspectives.
  - a. Position of the applicant organization in the country/region in question (e.g. whether the organization is accredited by the government for sending persons under the Specified Skilled Worker status of residence.)
  - b. Specific expected outcomes
  - c. Ripple effect in the country/region for disseminating Japanese-language skills for the purpose of living and working in Japan
  - d. Financing sources other than funds from the Japan Foundation, including self-financing, etc.
  - e. Feasibility of the plan (program to be implemented, framework, schedule, etc.)
  - f. Safety conditions in the region where the project is to be implemented

### Number of Grants (Reference):

5 out of 5 applications for FY 2024

### Application Deadline:

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant's country no later than December 2, 2024.

### Notification of Results:

Late April 2025

# Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

## Onsite Courses

- 1 Basic Training Program (p. 39~40)
- 2 Japanese-Language Program (p. 41~42)
- 3 Japanese Teaching Methods Program (Summer) (p. 43~44)
- 4 Japanese Teaching Methods Program (Autumn) (p. 43~44)
- 5 Japanese Teaching Methods Program (Winter) (p. 43~44)
- 6 Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Methods) (p. 45~46)
- 7 Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese-Language) (p. 47~48)

## Online Course

We are offering a self-study course for Japanese-language teachers, "Teaching Methods for Japanese-Language Teachers Online Course" on our website "JF Japanese e-Learning Minato," and we will gradually increase the content, so please take advantage of it.

website: <https://minato-jf.jp/>

The on-demand teaching materials used in the course are also uploaded on the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) website.

Japanese Teaching Methods Videos/Textbooks

website: [https://www.jpf.go.jp/j/urawa/j\\_rsrcs/teaching-methods.html](https://www.jpf.go.jp/j/urawa/j_rsrcs/teaching-methods.html)

## [(1)~(7) Outline of 4 onsite programs]

For FY 2025, the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) organizes 4 onsite training programs for those currently working as Japanese-language teachers teaching outside of Japan: "Basic Training Program", "Japanese-Language Program", "Japanese Teaching Methods Program", and "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals". The outline of each program is as follows.

(1) "Basic Training Program"

A six-month program to improve the Japanese-language skill and the Japanese teaching methodology skills.

(2) "Japanese-Language Program"

A seven week program to improve Japanese-language skill which is necessary as teachers of Japanese-language. There will be NO lessons of Japanese-language teaching methodology skills.

(3) (4) (5) "Japanese Teaching Methods Program"

Training Programs of four to six weeks duration, which are designed to improve Japanese teaching methodology skills. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill. In FY 2025, this program will be conducted in three separate groups (Summer Session/Autumn Session/Winter Session), divided based on their Japanese teaching experience and Japanese-language proficiency level

(6) "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Methods)"

A five-week program to improve Japanese teaching methodology skills for teachers at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc.

(7) "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese-Language)"

A five-week program to improve Japanese-language skill for teachers at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Workers, etc.

\* This table shows the basic conditions for each training program. However, there are additional conditions for each training program, so please check the explanation for the individual training program in this guideline and the Application Instructions.

Program	(1) Basic	(2) Japanese Language	(3) Japanese Teaching Methods (Summer)	(4) Japanese Teaching Methods (Autumn)	(5) Japanese Teaching Methods (Winter)	(6) Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method)	(7) Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese-Language)	
Main Content	Japanese-language	Japanese-language					Japanese-language	
	Japanese-language Teaching Methodology		Japanese-language Teaching Methodology			Japanese-language Teaching Methodology		
	Japanese Culture/Society	Japanese Culture/Society	Japanese Culture/ Society			Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture	Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture	
Qualified Area	Worldwide		Worldwide			Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan		
<b>Teacher's eligibility</b>								
Rough guide of Japanese Proficiency	Length of Teaching Japanese-language	6 or more months and less than 5 years	6 or more months	2 or more years and less than 5 years *(see below)	5 or more years	5 or more years (10 years or more preferred)	1 or more years	
	JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)	Level A2 or higher in the JFS	Level A2 in the JFS or the equivalent * Level B1 or above in the JFS is NOT applicable	Level B1 or higher in the JFS or the equivalent		Level B2 or higher in the JFS (preferred)	Level B1 or higher in the JFS	Level A2 in the JFS or the equivalent
	Japanese-language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	Level N4 in the JLPT, Level 3 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent	Level N4 or N5 in the JLPT, Level 3 or Level 4 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent * Level N3 or higher in the JLPT is NOT applicable	Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent		Level N2 in the JLPT, or their equivalent	Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent	Level N4 in the JLPT, Level 3 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent
Duration (tentative)	September 2, 2025 – February 26, 2026	May 28, 2025 – July 15, 2025	July 15, 2025 – August 28, 2025	September 30, 2025 – November 13, 2025	January 20, 2026 – February 17, 2026	(1) June 3, 2025 – July 8, 2025 (2) November 11, 2025 – December 16, 2025	September 3, 2025 – October 8, 2025	

\* For individuals who meet the special condition for Japanese descendants, more than 1 year.

## Eligibility (Common)

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education will be applicants. Participants must satisfy the following conditions.

- 1 Teachers who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work after completing this program. Individuals who are not working at overseas educational organizations teaching Japanese-language or are studying to become Japanese-language teachers at the time of application are NOT eligible.
- 2 Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program.

## Course Venue

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) (Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture)

## Expense Coverage

- 1 Accommodations, meals during the program, insurance for sickness and injury during the training period.
- 2 For those participants whose institution is located in the regions and countries marked   and   in the table of Appendix (p. 68), the Japan Foundation will provide the following:
  - a. Round-trip air tickets (discount economy class) to and from the nearest international airport from home residence;
  - b. Airport tax, foreign travel tax;
  - c. Set amount of in-kind allowances (to cover expenses necessary for participation in the program).

## Remarks

- 1 Candidates may simultaneously apply for multiple programs. However, candidates can only be allowed to participate in one program at most.
- 2 On the occasion of training participation, he/she cannot visit Japan accompanied by family.
- 3 The participants should devote themselves to the program and to attend every activity of the program during their stay.
- 4 Regarding the Japanese-language proficiency of candidates, please check the following website.
  - a. The levels of the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (the JF Standard) of the official website of the JF Standard.  
[<https://www.jfstandard.jp/publicdata/ja/render.do#sec02>]
  - b. "N1-N5: The standard of linguistic competence required for each level of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)" on the official website of the JLPT  
[<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>]
- 5 For Secondary School in Korea, we also offer the "The Intensive Training Program for Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese-Language from the Republic of Korea" (approximately three weeks). Please contact the Japan Foundation, Seoul for details.



## [Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese-Language for Japanese Descendants]

Special conditions will be applied to the organizations and individuals that meet the following requirements for "(1) Basic Training," "(2) Japanese Language," and "(3)(4)(5) Japanese Teaching Methods."

- Educational organizations for Japanese descendants that provide Japanese-language education in qualified areas (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela).
- Candidates who are elected by the applying organization must be:
  - (a) residents of the countries in the qualified areas, and Japanese emigrants or their offspring (in principle, up to the third generation);
  - (b) individuals who are nationals of the countries in the qualified areas or Japanese nationals.

If the eligibility above is met, the following conditions will be applied:

- 1 Individuals who have completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan are also eligible.
- 2 Length of Teaching the Japanese-language (Applicable only for "Japanese Teaching Methods Program (Summer)"): Individuals with more than one year of experience in teaching the Japanese-language as of December 1, 2024 (teaching practice and private lessons not included) are also eligible.

\* The conditions of Japanese proficiency and the participation of training programs in Japan are the same as written in the eligibility of each program.

# (1) Basic Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Form: **NC-BT**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation  
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a 6-month program designed for teachers who are early in their career with an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skills, acquire the basic teaching methodology, and deepen their knowledge of Japan.

## Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program:

(\* The eligibility in regard to ① and ② below differs for the individuals who meet the “Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese-Language for Japanese Descendants”. Please see p. 38)

- ① Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;  
\* Taiwanese are also eligible to apply for this program.
- ② Individuals who have NOT completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan;
- ③ Length of teaching Japanese-language: Individuals with six or more months and less than five years of experience in teaching Japanese-language as of December 1, 2024 (teaching practice and private lessons not included);
- ④ Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
  - a. Level A2 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)
  - b. Level N4 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or higher of the old JLPT
- ⑤ The participation of training programs in Japan: Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese-language teacher onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month.

## Duration

September 2, 2025~February 26, 2026 (tentative)

## Description of the Program

Participants will be divided into groups based on the results of a placement examination to be taken upon arrival in Japan and will attend the following classes. The program will be conducted in two separate courses based on the number of participants and their Japanese-language proficiency.

**1** Japanese-Language

Participants will take classes that aim to improve their proficiency using the Japanese-language through various language activities.

**2** Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

Participants will organize their basic knowledge of teaching methods, recognize their problems through trial classes and review of their Japanese teaching activities, and consider the solution.

**3** Japanese culture / Japanese society

Participants will have exposure to Japanese culture and society in a real situation that will deepen their understanding of the Japanese-language and culture. (Field trips and cultural programs are also planned)

Participants will obtain cross-cultural understanding ability which means deeper understanding of their own culture and deeper understanding and respecting of culture of other countries through interaction with their classmates.

In addition to **1**, **2** and **3**, special classes and individual instruction for trial classes are provided.

### Selection Policy

**1** See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.

**2** Screening will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc.

**3** Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 35 or under as of December 1, 2024

### Number of Participants (Reference)

45 out of 103 applications for FY 2024

### Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

### Results Notification

Within April 2025

## (2) Japanese-Language Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Form: **NC-JT**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation  
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a seven-week program designed to provide an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skill which is necessary as teachers of Japanese-language. There will be NO lessons of Japanese-language teaching methodology.

### Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program:

(\* The eligibility in regard to ① and ② below differs for the individuals who meet the “Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese-Language for Japanese Descendants”. Please see p. 38)

- ① Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;  
\* Taiwanese are also eligible to apply for this program.
- ② Individuals who have NOT completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan;
- ③ Length of teaching the Japanese-language: Individuals with six or more months of experience in teaching the Japanese-language as of December 1, 2024 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included);
- ④ Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
  - a. Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
  - b. Level N4 or N5 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or 4 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent\* This program does not apply to applicants who have B1 or higher in the JFS, or JLPT N3 or higher.
- ⑤ The participation of training programs in Japan: Individuals who have NOT participated in a Japanese-language teacher onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month during the period from April 2019 to December 1, 2024.

### Duration

May 28, 2025~July 15, 2025 (tentative)

## Description of the Program

### 1 Japanese Language

Participants improve their proficiency using the Japanese-language which is necessary as teachers of Japanese-language through several language activities. Also, participants will organize knowledge about Japanese-language such as vocabulary and grammar.

### 2 Japanese Culture/ Japanese Society

Participants will learn and experience Japanese culture and society that could be introduced to their Japanese-language classes by several ways such as lectures and workshops. Participants will obtain cross-cultural understanding ability through interaction with their classmates. In addition, field trip, visits to local schools and cultural demonstration such as Taiko(Japanese drum) are planned.

## Selection Policy

1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.

2 Screening will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc.

3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2024.

## Number of Participants (Reference)

34 out of 115 applications for FY 2024

## Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

## Results Notification

Within April, 2025

## (3) (4) (5) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language (Summer / Autumn / Winter)

Application Form: **NC-MT-S (Summer) / NC-MT-A(Autumn) / NC-MT-W(Winter)**  
Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation Japanese-  
Language Institute, Urawa**

Training Programs of four to six weeks duration, which are designed to improve the teaching methodology, will be conducted three times: in Summer, Autumn, and Winter in FY 2025. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill.

### Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program (Conditions partly differ between Summer, Autumn, and Winter programs):

(\*The eligibility in regard to ①, ② and ③ below differs for individuals who meet the "Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese-Language for Japanese Descendants". Please see p. 38)

- ① Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;  
\*Taiwanese are also eligible to apply for this program.
- ② Individuals who have not completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan.
- ③ Length of teaching the Japanese-language as of December 1, 2024 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included):  
(Summer) Individuals with two or more years and less than five years of experience in teaching the Japanese-language;  
(Autumn) Individuals with five or more years of experience in teaching the Japanese-language;  
(Winter) Individuals with five or more years of experience in teaching the Japanese-language (10 years preferred)
- ④ Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application:  
(Summer / Autumn)
  - a. Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education(JFS)
  - b. Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent  
(Winter)  
Level B2 or higher in the JFS, or Level N2 or higher in the JLPT are preferred.
- ⑤ Individuals who have NOT participated in a Japanese-language teacher onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month during the period from April 2019 to December 1, 2024.

## Duration

(Summer) July 15, 2025—August 28, 2025 (tentative)

(Autumn) September 30, 2025—November 13, 2025 (tentative)

(Winter) January 20, 2026—February 17, 2026 (tentative)

## Description of the Program

### 1 Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

- a. This program is aimed to introduce, organize, and expand knowledge on Japanese teaching methodology with the aim of improving expertise as a teacher. Participants will review their educational site and consider how to solve the problem utilizing the content of this training program.
- b. In the Summer Course, which is targeted for teachers with little teaching experience or teachers who did not have the chance to learn about Japanese teaching methodology, participants will also learn about the basic Japanese teaching methods and teaching techniques.
- c. In the Winter Course, advance study using on-demand materials will be mandatory, and during the training in Japan, activities such as reflection and sharing of practices, discussions, etc., will be the main content.

### 2 Japanese Culture/Japanese Society

Participants will have lectures and workshops to help them to consider the contents and methods of culture introduction as part of Japanese-language education or cross-cultural understanding education.

## Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Screenings will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc.
- 3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2024.

## Number of Participants (Reference)

75 out of 206 applications (Total for summer and autumn terms in FY 2024)

## Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

## Results Notification

Within April 2025

## (6) Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method)

Application Form: **NC-FN-M**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation  
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a 5-week onsite training program for teachers of the Japanese-Language at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. The aim of the program is for the participants to improve their teaching skills and to deepen their knowledge on Japanese affairs, society, and culture.

### Eligibility

Overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language education programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc.

Qualified Areas: Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan

- 1 Applications are accepted from institutions and organizations in countries listed above, that provide Japanese-language education to people who are expected to reside or work in Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.
- 2 The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program.
  - a. Teachers of the Japanese-language who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work for at least one year at the organization after the end of the program. Individuals studying to become Japanese-language teachers at the time of application are not eligible;
  - b. Individuals who are Japanese nationals or nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
  - c. Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program;
  - d. Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese-language for one or more than year as of April 1, 2024 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);



- e. Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
  - (a) Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)
  - (b) Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 or higher of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
- f. Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Onsite) conducted by JFJLI, Urawa.

### Duration

(Session 1) June 3, 2025~July 8, 2025 (tentative)

(Session 2) November 11, 2025~December 16, 2025 (tentative)

### Description of the Program

#### 1 Japanese-language teaching methodologies

By learning how to teach “IRODORI: Japanese for Life in Japan,” a Japanese-language textbook developed by JFJLI, Urawa, participants will study a task-accomplishment approach to teaching in order to deepen their understanding of how to teach the basic Japanese necessary for living and working in Japan.

#### 2 Understanding Japanese affairs, society and culture

Participants will consider methods that utilize the class as a way to study aspects of the affairs, society, and culture of Japan that are useful for life and work in the country.

### Selection Policy

1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.

2 Selection is conducted according to the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, applicant's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, applicant's position (full/part time), influence, expected results, etc.

3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2024

### Number of Participants (Reference)

96 out of 146 applications (Total for summer and autumn terms in FY 2024)

### Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

### Results Notification

Within April 2025

## (7) Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese-Language)

Application Form: **NC-FN-J**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation  
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a five-week training program for teachers of the Japanese-language at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. The aim of the program is for the participants to improve their Japanese-Language.

### Eligibility

Overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language education programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc.

Qualified Areas: Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan

- 1 Applications are accepted from institutions and organizations in countries listed above, that provide Japanese-language education to people who are expected to reside or work in Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.
- 2 The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program.
  - a. Teachers of the Japanese language who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work for at least one year at the organization after the end of the program. Individuals studying to become Japanese-language teachers at the time of application are not eligible;
  - b. Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
  - c. Individuals who have not completed compulsory education (nine years of elementary and junior high school) in Japan;
  - d. Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program;
  - e. Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese-language for one or more year as of April 1, 2024 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);

- f. Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
  - (a) Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
  - (b) Level N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
- \* This program does not apply to applicants with Japanese-language proficiency beyond the above (a) and (b).
- g. Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Onsite or Online) conducted by JFJLI, Urawa.

### Duration

September 3, 2025~October 8, 2025 (tentative)

### Description of the Program

**1** Japanese-Language

Using "Irodori: Japanese for Life in Japan" (Elementary 1 & 2) developed by JFJLI, Urawa, as the main textbook, participants will improve their ability to communicate in Japanese, which is necessary for living in Japan.

**2** Understanding Japanese affairs, society and culture

Participants will learn about the affairs, society, and culture of Japan that are useful for life and work in the country.

### Selection Policy

**1** See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.

**2** Selection is conducted according to the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, applicant's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, applicant's position (full/part time), influence, expected results, etc.

**3** Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2024

### Number of Participants (Reference)

None (To be started in FY2025)

### Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

### Results Notification

Within April 2025

# Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI)

Section in Charge: **International Operations Section II, Global Partnerships Department**

This program is designed to dispatch Japanese individuals in the Southern, Midwestern and Mountain regions of the U.S. for two years as outreach coordinators. Coordinators provide information about Japanese culture, society, everyday life, and language in local community settings and organize activities that foster interactions between Japan and the U.S.

## Example of Activities

- 1 Conducting presentations and activities on Japanese culture and society for schools, colleges, and the community.
- 2 Organizing or coordinating festivals based on a Japanese holiday, event, or custom.
- 3 Organizing or coordinating lectures or discussions on traditional and/or current Japanese culture and society.
- 4 Facilitating and developing exchange activities between the local community and Japan.

## Eligibility

Eligible individuals must meet all the following criteria:

- 1 Japanese national;
- 2 Have a four-year college degree or higher;
- 3 Have a valid driver's license;
- 4 Have an excellent command of English to conduct activities;
- 5 Have basic computer skills (Word, Excel, etc.);
- 6 Physically and mentally healthy as well as be able to live and work in the U.S. throughout the two-year term;
- 7 Have an interest and motivation to actively participate in international cultural exchanges;
- 8 Attend the selection interview and orientation in Japan.

## Duration

2 years (August 2025 to July 2027)

## Benefits

A US\$1,362 monthly stipend, round-trip air tickets, housing, etc., are provided.

## Number of Coordinators (Reference)

8 for FY 2024

## Application Deadline

January 7, 2025

## Notification of Results

Middle of March 2025

## Remarks

This program is administered jointly by Global Partnerships Department and Laurasian Institution. All applications and inquiries should be directed to Laurasian Institution.

**For further details, please contact: Laurasian Institution (Tokyo Office)**

TEL: 03-3712-6176 FAX: 03-3712-8975

E-mail: [joil@laurasian.org](mailto:joil@laurasian.org)

URL: <https://www.laurasian.org/joi-coordinators>

# The Japan Foundation Indo-Pacific Partnership (JFIPP) Research Fellowship

Application Form: **JFIPP-R**

Section in Charge: **International Operations Section I,  
Global Partnerships Department**

This program provides support for researchers and practitioners in Japan, Australia, India, or the U.S. to conduct research activities on the common policy issues in the Indo-Pacific, mainly in the four countries, excluding the fellow's base country.

Duration: 4 to 12 months

At least half of the fellowship tenure period must be in Japan for non-Japan-based fellows or in one of the other three countries (Australia, India, or the U.S.) for Japan-based fellows.

## Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1 Applicants must be citizens of Japan, Australia, India, or the U.S., or must have at least five years of strong and serious professional experience at an institution in one of these four countries;
- 2 Researchers must hold a Ph.D. or the highest academic degree in their field of expertise. Non-research professionals must have a total of seven or more years of work experience in a field related to their proposed research.

## Benefits

- 1 Round-trip discount economy class international airfare (only for Fellow);
- 2 Accommodation and research allowance;
- 3 A one-time lump-sum payment for relocation expenses;
- 4 Additional allowance for dependent family members that accompany the fellow overseas for a minimum of 3 continuous months;
- 5 Overseas travel insurance.

## Number of Fellowships (Reference)

16 out of 64 applications for FY 2023

## Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy applicable to all programs.
- 2 Projects are evaluated on their policy-relevance and foreseeable contribution(s) to the maintenance and strengthening of a free and open international order in the Indo-Pacific region, that will bring about peace and prosperity to the entire region.

## Application Deadline

Summer, 2025 (TBD)

## Notification of Results

Autumn, 2025

\* Application documents (Guidelines and Application Forms) will be available on the Japan Foundation website Spring, 2025.

# Grant Program for Japan-U.S. Global Partnership

Application Form: **GP-GP**

Section in Charge: **International Operations Section I,  
Global Partnerships Department**

This program supports collaborative and dialogue projects that build partnerships between Japan and the U.S. to help resolve policy issues faced by the global community. Collaborative and dialogue projects jointly conducted by Japanese and U.S. institutions working toward solutions to contemporary common challenges that cross national boundaries are eligible for support.

## Eligibility

Japanese and U.S. non-profit organizations

## Eligible Projects

These Japan-U.S. collaborative projects must begin between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026. The following are not eligible for support under this grant: projects focused on academic research in medical, technical or natural science, commercial activities, projects in support of specific doctrines or claims. For details, please refer to the "Japan-U.S. Global Partnership" guidelines.

## Grant Coverage

A portion of the costs necessary for the project can be covered by this grant. The following are eligible for consideration:

- 1 Personnel & Honoraria (honoraria and staff salary)
- 2 Travel (international and domestic transportation costs, accommodation costs, and meal costs)
- 3 Conference costs (room rental, audio and visual equipment rental, report and publication costs, etc.)
- 4 Other direct project costs as deemed relevant and necessary
- 5 Indirect costs (no more than 10% of the direct costs the Japan Foundation supports)

## Number of Grants (Reference)

7 out of 30 applications for FY 2024

## Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy applicable to all programs.
- 2 Applications will be selected based on a comprehensive assessment of the project proposal, including topic, purpose, participants, methods, dissemination of outcome, etc.
- 3 Relevant area experts may be consulted during the review process as necessary.



### Application Deadline

11:59 p.m., December 2, 2024 (Applications from the U.S.: Eastern Standard Time/ Applications from Japan: Japan Standard Time)

### Notification of Results

April 2025

For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2025, please note that notification of results may be sent after the scheduled start date.

### Remarks

Please contact the section in charge for details on the application process.

# Grant Program for Developing Networks among Leaders of Japan-China Next Generation Exchange

Section in Charge: **International Operations Section II, Global Partnerships Department**

This program supports dialogue and collaborative projects between Japan and China that aim to nurture the next generation of youth who have the potential to become leaders in their specific fields. Partial financial support is provided in order to hold conferences, seminars, and workshops as well as cultural exchange events for the purpose of youth exchanges and building networks.

## Eligibility

Non-profit organizations in Japan

## Eligible Projects

- Projects (including those conducted online) with the purpose of fostering exchange and building networks between Japan and China that are implemented between April 1, 2025 and February 28, 2026. Such projects must include both following components:
- Participants take an active part in planning and implementing collaborative projects such as cultural exchange events, and also in dialogue with clearly defined topics for discussion such as conferences, seminars and workshops.
- Youth are the participants as well as the targeted audience.

\* The following projects are ineligible for support:

- Projects focused on a theme in the field of natural sciences or technology
- Projects that include commercial activities, religious activities, political activities, or electoral activities
- Projects whose direct goal is to spread certain ideologies, assertions, or policies
- Projects that do not include participants from Japan and China
- Projects whose results are deemed to only contribute to the benefit of certain persons

## Grant Coverage

Partial support of the following expenses, up to JPY 500,000 (tax included) in total.

- Travel expenses (for international and domestic transportation, accommodation, visa fees)
- Venue rental fees
- Equipment usage fees

\* Expenses incurred outside of the designated grant period are not eligible for support.

\* The grant will be paid out after the project is completed and actual expenditures are accounted for.

## Selection Policy

① See p. XX for the selection policy common to all programs.

② The following projects will be given higher priority:

- A. Projects operated proactively by and for youth
- B. Projects that strategically communicate their activities (contents and outcome) to a larger audience

③ The following projects will be given lower priority:

- A. Projects whose main objective is restricted to the promotion of friendship between certain individuals
- B. Projects with fewer than 15 participants
- C. Projects that have a significant imbalance in the nationality of participants

## Application Deadline

[1st Round] January 31, 2025

[2nd Round] September 30, 2025

\* 1st Round: For projects that start on or after April 1, 2025, and finish before February 28, 2026.

2nd Round: For projects that start on or after December 1, 2025, and finish before February 28, 2026.

\* Applicants can receive grants only once per year, even for different projects.

\* The same organization may receive no more than three consecutive grants (for a period of three years).

\* The organizer and co-organizers of the event cannot apply for multiple sources of support by utilizing other grant programs of the Japan Foundation.

(Example: If the Chinese organizers of an event in China have applied for support locally under the auspices of the Japan Foundation, the Japanese organizers cannot apply for support under this grant program.)

## Notification of Results

[1st Round] April 2025

[2nd Round] November 2025

## Remarks

The application requirements and application form will be available on the website of this program (<https://xinlianxin.jpf.go.jp/>) in or after fall 2024.

# Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program

Application Form: **RJS-FW**

Section in Charge: **Japanese Studies Department**

This program provides scholars and researchers in the field of Japanese studies with opportunities to conduct research in Japan, with the aim of promoting Japanese studies overseas. There are three subcategories as follows.

\* For individuals in Southeast Asia, please apply for "JF-JSA-ASEAN Fellowship Program" instead.

## [Scholars and Researchers (Long-Term)]

**Applicants:** Scholars and researchers who have a Ph.D. degree or equivalent professional experience at the time of application and are conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities and social sciences, whose projects require them to travel to Japan to carry out research over a long period of time.

**Duration: 4 to 12 months**

## [Scholars and Researchers (Short-Term)]

**Applicants:** Scholars and researchers who have a Ph.D. degree or equivalent professional experience at the time of application and are conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities and social sciences, whose projects require them to travel to Japan to carry out research, gather materials, etc., intensively over a short period of time.

**Duration: 21 to 89 days**

## [Doctoral Candidates]

**Applicants:** Ph.D. candidates conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities and social sciences, who find it necessary to visit Japan to complete their dissertations.

Duration: 4 to 12 months

## Eligibility

- 1 All of the following criteria must be met.
  - a. Applicants must hold nationality or lawful permanent resident status in countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan.
    - \* Taiwanese applicants are eligible to apply only for "Scholars and Researchers (Long-Term)" or "Doctoral Candidates."
  - b. Applicants must secure all affiliation arrangements by the application deadline.
  - c. Applicants must be in good health and proficient in either Japanese or English.
  - d. In principle, applicants must be able to stay continuously in Japan for the term of Fellowship from the beginning date of the Fellowship, which is the arrival date in Japan, which must fall between June 20, 2025 and March 31, 2026.

- e. Previous recipients of Japan Foundation Fellowships (not only the Japanese Studies Fellowship but also all the other Fellowships of the Japan Foundation) are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2025, a full three years has elapsed since the termination of their most recent Fellowship. Previous “short-term (89 days or less)” Fellows are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2025, one full year has elapsed since the termination of their most recent Fellowship.
- 2 Individuals meeting any of the following conditions are not eligible to apply:
- a. Scholars or researchers in the natural sciences, medicine or engineering;
  - b. Undergraduates; Master’s degree candidates; those intending to enroll in Undergraduate or Master’s courses at universities in Japan; or graduates intending to enroll in Ph.D. courses in Japan;
  - c. Those who primarily intend to enhance their Japanese-language ability or industry-related technical skills, to develop and/or produce Japanese-language teaching materials, or to acquire artistic training in the area of Japanese traditional culture (tea ceremony, flower arrangement, etc.);
  - d. Those who plan to receive other grants/scholarships/fellowships covering expenses for travel to and accommodation in Japan concurrently with the Fellowship;
  - e. Those who will have been in Japan continuously for more than a year dating back from April 1, 2025;
  - f. Those who apply for any other grant program of the Japan Foundation, except for the “JF-GJS Fellowship,” the “JF-Nichibunken Fellowship,” or the “JF-CIJS-EAJS Fellowship” programs..
- \* The JF-GJS Fellowship program is for post-doctoral researchers and is co-organized with the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia of the University of Tokyo. The JF-Nichibunken Fellowship program is also for post-doctoral researchers and is co-organized with the International Research Center for Japanese Studies. The JF-CIJS-EAJS Fellowship program is for doctoral candidate in Europe and is co-organized with the Center for Integrated Japanese Studies of Tohoku University with the support of European Association for Japanese Studies. For further information on these three programs, please inquire at [r\\_info@jpf.go.jp](mailto:r_info@jpf.go.jp) by email.

## Benefits

- 1 Round-trip international airline ticket (discount economy class [most direct and economical route])
- 2 Stipend and other allowances

## Number of Fellowships (Reference)

85 out of 262 applications for FY 2024

## Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.
  - 2 Project quality is evaluated on the basis of its significance to the field and to the applicant's professional development, necessity of residing in Japan for completion of the project, and feasibility in terms of time and resources. Applicants' educational background, employment history, position in their affiliated institution, and research achievements will also be considered.
  - 3 Applicants who have received Japan Foundation Fellowships twice or more in the past will be given much lower priority.
- \* Please be informed that applicants in Southeast Asia will be considered for the JF-JSA-ASEAN Fellowship Program.

## Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

- \* For U.S. applicants, application procedures are different. Please be sure to visit the Japan Foundation, New York's website  
(<https://ny.jpf.go.jp/grants/grants-for-japanese-studies/fellowship-program/>).  
The application deadline is 11: 59 p.m., December 1, 2024 (Eastern Standard Time).

## Notification of Results

April 2025

# JF-JSA-ASEAN Fellowship Program

Application Form: **RJS-WF**

Section in Charge: **Japanese Studies Department**

In order to develop the next generation of human resources and thus build a strong and long-lasting relationship of trust between Southeast Asia and Japan, this program, with the support of the Japanese Studies Association in Southeast Asia (JSA-ASEAN), provides opportunities to do research and engage in exchange activities in Japan for researchers in the field of Japanese studies from Southeast Asia.

## Eligible Applicants (in Southeast Asia only) and Duration

### 1 Doctoral Candidates

Applicants must be Ph.D. candidates at graduate schools in Southeast Asia conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities or social sciences, who find it necessary to visit Japan for a period of 4 to 12 months to complete their dissertations.

### 2 Researchers

Applicants must be researchers who have a Ph.D. degree or equivalent professional experience at the time of application and are conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities or social sciences, whose projects require them to travel to Japan for a short period of 21 to 89 days, or a long period of 4 to 12 months, to carry out doing research, gathering materials, participating in exchange activities, etc.

## Eligibility

### 1 All of the following criteria must be met.

- a. Applicants must be Ph.D. candidates at graduate school in Southeast Asia, or researchers affiliated with an institution in Southeast Asia.
- b. Applicants must secure all affiliation arrangements by the application deadline.
- c. Applicants must be in good health and proficient in either Japanese or English.
- d. In principle, applicants must be able to stay continuously in Japan for the term of Fellowship from the beginning date of the Fellowship, which is the arrival date in Japan, which must fall between June 20, 2025 and March 31, 2026.
- e. Previous recipients of Japan Foundation Fellowships (not only the Japanese Studies Fellowship but also all the other Fellowships of the Japan Foundation) are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2025, a full three years has elapsed since the termination of their most recent Fellowship. Previous short-term (89 days or less) Fellows are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2025, one full year has elapsed since the termination of their most recent Fellowship.

### 2 Individuals meeting any of the following conditions are not eligible to apply:

- a. Those who hold nationality in a country with which Japan does not have diplomatic relations.

- b. Scholars or researchers in the natural sciences, medicine or engineering;
- c. Undergraduates; Master's degree candidates; those intending to enroll in Undergraduate or Master's courses at universities in Japan; or graduates intending to enroll in Ph.D. courses in Japan;
- d. Those who primarily intend to enhance their Japanese-language ability or industry-related technical skills, to develop and/or produce Japanese-language teaching materials, or to acquire artistic training in the area of Japanese traditional culture (tea ceremony, flower arrangement, etc.);
- e. Those who plan to receive other grants/scholarships/fellowships covering expenses for travel to and accommodation in Japan concurrently with the Fellowship;
- f. Those who will have been in Japan continuously for more than a year dating back from April 1, 2025;
- g. Those who apply for any other grant program of the Japan Foundation, except for the "JF-GJS Fellowship," the "JF-Nichibunken Fellowship," or the "JF-CIJS-EAJS Fellowship" programs.

\* The JF-GJS Fellowship program is for post-doctoral researchers and is co-organized with the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia of the University of Tokyo. The JF-Nichibunken Fellowship program is also for post-doctoral researchers and is co-organized with the International Research Center for Japanese Studies. The JF-CIJS-EAJS Fellowship program is for doctoral candidate in Europe and is co-organized with the Center for Integrated Japanese Studies of Tohoku University with the support of European Association for Japanese Studies. For further information on these three programs, please inquire at [r\\_info@jpf.go.jp](mailto:r_info@jpf.go.jp) by email.

### Benefits

- 1 Round-trip international airline ticket (discount economy class [most direct and economical route])
- 2 Stipend and other allowances

### Number of Fellowships (Reference)

N/A (New program as of FY2024)

### Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Project quality is evaluated on the basis of its significance to the field and to the applicant's professional development, necessity of residing in Japan for completion of the project, and feasibility in terms of time and resources. Applicants' educational background, employment history, position in their affiliated institution, and research achievements will also be considered.
- 3 Applicants who have received Japan Foundation Fellowships twice or more in the past will be given much lower priority.

### Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

### Notification of Results

April 2025



# Grant Program for Japanese Studies Projects

Application Form: **RJS-KP**

Section in Charge: **Japanese Studies Department**

This program is designed to promote Japanese studies overseas by providing grants toward various Japanese studies projects implemented by overseas organizations.

\* For organizations in Southeast Asia, please apply for "Grant Program for Strengthening Research Networks to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation" instead.

## Eligibility

Overseas non-profit organizations such as academic institutions from university level upwards or research institutions that are implementing Japanese studies activities.

## Eligible Projects

Japanese studies projects (including online projects) implemented between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026 that fall under any of the following:

- 1 Research or conferences on Japan; study or training in Japan; or publications that promote and contribute to the development of Japanese studies;
- 2 Inviting scholars or researchers from Japan or another countries to deliver lectures on Japan;
- 3 Obtaining books and materials on Japanese studies;
- 4 Other relevant projects which would further promote and expand the horizon of Japanese studies.

\* Projects in the field of natural sciences, commercial activities, arts and cultural activities, activities in support of specific doctrines or claims, and so forth are not eligible for this program. For details, please refer to the Application Instructions.

## Grant Coverage

Part of the following expenses:

- 1 Travel expenses (for international and domestic transportation, accommodation, per diem, etc.);
- 2 Meeting expenses (for preparing materials, venues, equipment, public relations, etc.);
- 3 Honorariums (for lecturers, collaborators, interpreters, assistants, etc.);
- 4 Other direct expenses (for purchasing materials, etc.).

## Number of Grants (Reference)

27 out of 54 applications for FY 2024

## Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.
  - 2 Projects will be selected by comprehensively considering applications, including their contents, viability, relevance, efficiency, etc. The Japan Foundation also takes into account the regional and national distribution of its funding, and may select projects accordingly, if need be.
  - 3 Lower priority will be given to the projects based on existing partnerships, such as agreements between organizations and sister institution relationships.
- \* Please be informed that applicants in Southeast Asia will be considered for the “Grant Program for Strengthening Research Networks to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation” program instead.

## Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

\* For U.S. applicants, application procedures are different. Please be sure to visit the Japan Foundation, New York’s website

(<https://ny.jpf.go.jp/grants/grants-for-japanese-studies/>).

The application deadline is 11: 59 p.m., December 1, 2024 (Eastern Standard Time).

## Notification of Results

April 2025

For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2025, please note that notification of results may be sent after the project has already started.

# Grant Program for Strengthening Research Networks to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation

Application Form: **RJS-WJ**

Section in Charge: **Japanese Studies Department**

In order to develop the next generation of human resources and thus build a strong and long-lasting relationship of trust between Southeast Asia and Japan, this program provides grants to organizations in Southeast Asia to help implement their Japanese studies projects with the aim of forming and strengthening networks in Japanese studies.

## Eligibility

Non-profit organizations in Southeast Asia (academic institutions from university level upwards, research institutions, academic society/community, etc.)

## Eligible Projects

Japanese studies projects (including online projects) implemented between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026 that will further promote and expand the horizon of Japanese studies and interest in Japan. Examples of such projects includes: study in Japan; research or conferences on Japan; inviting scholars or researchers from Japan to deliver lectures on Japan; publications that promote and contribute to the development of Japanese studies; obtaining books and materials on Japanese studies.

\* Projects in the field of natural sciences, commercial activities, arts and cultural activities, activities in support of specific doctrines or claims, and so forth are not eligible for this program. For details, please refer to the Application Instructions.

## Grant Coverage

A portion of the costs necessary for the project can be covered by this grant. The following are eligible for consideration:

- 1 Travel expenses (for international and domestic transportation, accommodation, per diem, etc.);
- 2 Meeting expenses (for preparing materials, venues, equipment, public relations, etc.);
- 3 Honorariums (for lecturers, collaborators, interpreters, assistants, etc.);
- 4 Other direct expenses (for purchasing materials, etc.).

## Number of Grants (Reference)

N/A (New program as of FY2024)

## Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Projects will be selected by comprehensively considering applications, including their contents, viability, relevance, efficiency, etc. The Japan Foundation also takes into account the regional and national distribution of its funding, and may select projects accordingly, if need be.
- 3 Lower priority will be given to the projects based on existing partnerships, such as agreements between organizations and sister institution relationships.

## Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 3, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

## Notification of Results

April 2025

For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2025, please note that notification of results may be sent after the project has already started.

## Use of the Name of the Japan Foundation as a Supporter

Application Form: **PR-NS**

Section in Charge: **The section most closely related to the contents of the proposed project (General inquiries: Public Relations Department)**

The Japan Foundation supports cultural projects that contribute to the promotion of international cultural exchange, by granting the use of its name as a supporter. The projects should accord with the objectives of the Japan Foundation's activities. Application form (PR-NS) and attachments should be received at least four weeks prior to the beginning date of the proposed project.

# Designated Donations Program

Division in Charge: **Budget and Finance Division, Financial Affairs Dept.**

The Japan Foundation receives donations from corporations and individuals based in Japan to support specific international cultural exchange projects, and then provides the received amount as grants for the designated projects. Since the Japan Foundation is recognized as a Designated Public Benefit Organization or Tokutei Koeki Zoshin Hojin in Japanese tax laws, the corporations and individuals who give to the Japan Foundation are eligible to receive tax benefits.

## Note

- 1 In order to be eligible, each donation, project, donation proposal submitter, donor and grantee must meet a set of requirements.
  - \* Please note that, from FY 2016, there is a minimum amount of Designated Donation. In addition, proposal submitter is asked to secure a portion of the designated donation at the time of proposal submission. For details of this program including the above requirements, please refer to the guidelines on our website (<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/about/donation/program/index.html>). Alternately, the Budget and Finance Division can send details by post on request.
- 2 After reading through the guidelines, please contact the Budget and Finance Division directly before submitting a draft proposal, to make sure your project is eligible and meet the requirements.
- 3 Whether the designated donation proposal is accepted shall be determined after the Screening Committee (consisting of outside specialists) has met and made a recommendation.
- 4 The Japan Foundation does not raise donations for, nor introduce donors to, any specific project.

## Deadlines of Draft Proposal, Final Proposal and Timing of Notices of Results

[1st screening round]	[2nd screening round]
Deadline of Draft Proposal: April 1, 2025 Deadline of Final Proposal: May 7, 2025 Timing of notices of results: Late June to early July 2025	Deadline of Draft Proposal: September 1, 2025 Deadline of Final Proposal: October 1, 2025 Timing of notices of results: Late November to early December 2025

- \* For detailed information about the application deadlines after FY 2026, please contact the Budget and Finance Division.
- \* Draft proposal must be submitted one month prior to the proposal deadlines.

Appendix

## List of Applicable Areas and Countries in the Japan Foundation Programs (as of August 2023)

East Asia	China, Hong Kong, Japan, Republic of Korea, Macao, Mongolia, Taiwan
Southeast Asia	Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam
South Asia	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
Oceania	Australia, Cook, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
North America	Canada, United States of America
Central America	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent , Trinidad and Tobago
South America	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela
Western Europe	Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican
Eastern Europe	Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

Middle East	Afghanistan, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Republic of Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, Yemen
North Africa	Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia
Africa	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Republic of South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

The country and area where the Japan Foundation will provide round-trip air tickets, airport tax, foreign travel tax and set amount of in kind allowances, etc. in "Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields." (p.27~29): [redacted]

The country and area where the Japan Foundation will provide round-trip air tickets, airport tax, foreign travel tax and set amount of in kind allowances, in "Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language." (p.34~48): [redacted] and [redacted]