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*1 Application from the U.S.: Eastern Standard time/ Applications from Japan: Japan Standard Time)

*2 JSA-ASEAN = Japanese Studies Association in Southeast Asia

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Applicant	Program	Application Deadline (Japan Standard Time)
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* Org.= Organization

* Indiv. = Individual

Grant Program for Dispatching Artists and Cultural Specialists

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

◆ Outline

This program is designed to provide financial support for artists and Japanese cultural specialists who are invited by institutions outside Japan and 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 has been 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:
 - (1) Performing arts (e.g., theatre, music, dance, folk arts, etc.);
 - (2) 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, 2026 and March 31, 2027 Project participants must depart Japan on or after April 1, 2026 and must be back in Japan by March 31, 2027.

◆ 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)

43 out of 163 applications (FY 2025)

Maximum grant amount awarded in FY 2025: Approximately JPY 4,000,000.

◆ Selection Policy

1 Screening will be conducted after consulting with experts in the field.

2 Please refer to the application instructions for details on projects that tend to receive relatively high or low evaluations. Projects that are organized in the country, region or city zone where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan's "Overseas Travel Safety Information" or "Overseas Infection information" are labeled more than 2, in principle, can not be selected. Even after the projects are selected, it is possible for a grant to be cancelled fully or partially if the "Overseas Travel Safety Information" or "Overseas Infection Information" are labeled more than 2.

◆ Application Deadlines

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025

(Japan Standard Time)

(for projects which take place between April 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027)

◆ Notification of Results

Within April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)

Also, please refer to the application instructions of this program.



International Creations in Performing Arts

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

◆ Outline

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

◆ Eligibility

Any organization or individual located in Japan that meets all the requirements listed below may apply, provided that the principal co-production partner is an artist active in an ASEAN country from this fiscal year onward.

- 1 Category A
 - (1) An organization with legal status in Japan that operates in the field of culture and the arts, or an executive committee in which such an organization plays a central role.
- 2 Category B
 - (1) An individual working in the field of arts and culture, or an organization without corporate legal status in Japan.
 - (2) The principal collaborative partner artist(s) for the proposed project is(are) active in ASEAN countries.
- 3 Applies to both Categories A and B
 - (1) The collaborative foreign artist(s) has approved implementation of the project.
 - (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.
 - (5) Not being a member of an organized crime group or any other antisocial forces, and having no relationship whatsoever with such forces.

◆ 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 in principle.

2 Project period (Up to two fiscal years)

The project must start in FY2026, and end by March 31, 2028 (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

- Category A

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.

- Category B

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 5,000,000 (including taxes) per a fiscal year.

◆ Number of Projects (Reference)

5 out of 26 applications for FY 2025

◆ 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 Deadlines

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)

Grant Program for Enhancing Cultural Exchange and Networks in Asia

Section in Charge: Networking Initiatives Section, Arts and Culture Department

◆ Outline

On the occasion of the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation (2023), the Japan Foundation (JF) will implement intensively through fiscal year 2023 the "Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0," ("WA Project 2.0") a comprehensive people-to-people exchange initiative that aims to promote exchange among the next generation and develop human resources in Japan and ASEAN.

The Japan Foundation "Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0"

<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/project/special/bunkanowa2/index.html>

In this initiative, we will implement and support projects aimed at achieving the following five objectives in order to promote people-to-people exchange between Japan and ASEAN.

- Build a strong relationship of trust between Japan and ASEAN for the future
- Strengthen multi-faceted human networks
- Collaborate to address global issues
- Nurture the next generation to serve as bridges
- Contribute to the further development of a multicultural society

As part of the initiative, this program aims to promote the exchange and development of the next generation in the Asia region, with a focus on Japan and ASEAN countries. The program provides partial funding support to Japan-based organizations that implement projects in the cultural and artistic fields, centering on people-to-people exchange through collaboration among specialists and organizations.

◆ Eligible Area and Activities

Network-building projects, collaborative initiatives, and dissemination activities aimed at developing the next generation of human resources, carried out by specialists and organizations in fields such as visual arts, performing arts, music, literature, film, lifestyle culture, and sports, with a primary focus on the 10 ASEAN member states, Timor-Leste, and Japan.



◆ Eligibility

Applicant organizations must be Japan-based legal entities actively engaged in the field of culture and the arts, or organizing committees led by such entities.

◆ Grant Coverage

Partial support for the following expenses:

- Honoraria (Excluding personnel costs for members of the applicant organization)
- Travel expenses (International and domestic transportation, accommodation, etc.)
- Venue rental
- Production costs (venue-related)
- Equipment rental
- Preparation and printing of materials and reports
- Publicity (including publicity video production)
- Freight and shipping

◆ Past Awardees (for Reference)

Not applicable (Program newly established in FY2026)

◆ Selection Policy

Applications will be evaluated comprehensively based on the submitted documents, with particular attention to the following aspects:

- Project plan (originality, potential for future development, overall quality)
- Track record of the applicant organization and participants
- Project implementation structure (preparation status, feasibility, appropriateness of the schedule, etc.)
- Budget plan (cost-sharing with other organizations, reasonableness of unit costs, etc.)

◆ Application Deadlines

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)



◆ Notification of Results

April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

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The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Arts and Culture in Asia

Section in Charge: Networking Initiatives Section,
Arts and Culture Department

◆ Outline

On the occasion of the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation (2023), the Japan Foundation (JF) will implement intensively through fiscal year 2033 the "Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0," ("WA Project 2.0") a comprehensive people-to-people exchange initiative that aims to promote exchange among the next generation and develop human resources in Japan and ASEAN.

The Japan Foundation "Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0"

<https://www.jpff.go.jp/e/project/special/bunkanowa2/index.html>

In this initiative, we will implement and support projects aimed at achieving the following five objectives in order to promote people-to-people exchange between Japan and ASEAN.

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- Contribute to the further development of a multicultural society

As a means of support for individuals whose activities align with the objectives of "WA Project 2.0," this program grants fellowship with the aim of developing human resources in the field of culture and the arts to those who cultivate and nurture transnational collaborating/co-creating projects in Japan, ASEAN countries, and Timor-Leste.

◆ Eligible Area and Activities

1 Eligible areas

Areas related to arts and culture (visual arts, performing arts, music, literature, film, lifestyle culture, and sports, etc).



2 Eligible activities

Projects that, in relation to the eligible areas mentioned above, aim to conduct research, study, and/or creative activities, to build network platforms, and so on. The projects should necessitate an applying candidate of the filed, who is based in Japan, member countries of ASEAN, or Timor-Leste, to stay for a certain period of time in countries other than where they are based.

◆ Eligibility

1 Eligible individuals

Individuals who are active in the eligible areas mentioned above (those include but are not limited to artists, researchers, curators, producers, administrators, coordinators, educators etc).

2 Nationality and permanent residency

Applicants need to meet both of the following criteria.

- a. Applicants must reside in Japan, 10 ASEAN member countries, or Timor-Leste.
- b. Applicants must hold nationality (or citizenship / permanent residency) in Japan, 10 ASEAN member countries, or Timor-Leste.

3 Other necessary conditions

- a. Applicants must be in good health, both physically and mentally.
- b. Applicants must be proficient in either Japanese or English.
 - * Should a language other than English or Japanese be required to pursue the proposed project, the Japan Foundation may request additional document(s) proving the applicant's language proficiency.
- c. Possess a bank account that can accept remittance from Japan (the Japan Foundation Headquarters) prior to or by the time of the remittance. The name of said bank account's holder must be the same as the applicant's.

◆ Duration

Short-term (10 days ~ 59 days)

Long-term (60 days ~ 180 days)

◆ Grant Coverage

This program's grant coverage includes the followings:

- Stipend
- Airfare: Round-trip discount economy-class airfare



- Insurance
- Activity Allowance
- * Stipend, Insurance, and Activity Allowance will be provided according to Fellow's activity destination(s) and Fellowship duration. Please refer to the Application Instructions for details.

◆ Number of Fellows (Reference)

Not applicable (Program newly established in FY2026).

◆ Selection Policy

Based on the proposed activities, we will take, among other things, the followings as important criteria for the reviewing process. In addition, we will take into consideration whether the proposal is in accordance with the Japan Foundation's mission.

- 1 Accordance with the mission of the "Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0" and this fellowship program. Applicant's ability to adequately complete the proposed activity.
- 2 Clarity in objectives and goals of the project as well as validity in themes.
- 3 Necessity of on-site implementation according to the objectives and project plan.
- 4 Confirmation from Host Institution(s) / Individual(s) that are appropriate for the proposed activity.
- 5 Whether the proposed activity has collaborative aspects with reasonable choice of cooperating organization(s)/individual(s) with their confirmation.
- 6 Applicants' past achievements or potential for future development in the field after completing this fellowship program.
- 7 Achievements based upon the Fellowship should extend beyond the applicant's individual output and be shared with society at large.
- 8 Applicants should potentially contribute to the development of the field of their activity and the establishment of its infrastructure.

◆ Application Deadlines

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Around late April 2026



◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please read this program's Application Instructions and Application Documents Completion Guide carefully before submitting your application.

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



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

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

◆ Outline

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, 2026, a full three years has elapsed since the termination of their most recent Fellowship.
- 8 The research must not be conducted for religious or political purposes.
 - * 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 2026–2027 must fall between June 20, 2026 and March 31, 2027.

◆ Benefits

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

◆ Number of Fellows (Reference)

17 out of 73 applications for FY 2025

◆ Selection Policy

Applications will be screened according but not limited to the following points:

- 1 The purpose and goal of research should be clear, and the goal should be achievable during the proposed term of fellowship.
- 2 Research in Japan should be essential to the project.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 Applicants should have potential for future development as Japanese art experts.
- 6 Achievements based upon the fellowship should extend beyond the applicant's individual output and be shared with society at large through exhibitions and publications.
- 7 Priority will be given to applicants who are likely to present the results of their research shortly after the completion of their fellowship.
- 8 Applicants should potentially contribute to the development of their research field and the establishment of its infrastructure.

◆ Application Deadlines

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



Exhibitions Abroad Support Program

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

◆ Outline

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, 2026 and March 31, 2027, 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, 2026 and March 31, 2027:

- 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)

16 out of 69 applications for FY 2025

◆ Selection Policy

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

◆ Application Deadlines

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

April 2026



◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



Support Program for Translation and Publication

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

◆ Outline

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, 2026, and February 28, 2027. 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, 2026, and February 28, 2027:

- 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, 2026, are applicable. Any expenses paid before April 1, 2026, 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 will not cover project expenses funded by other organizations.

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

Number of assistance: 82 out of 124 applications for FY 2025

Average amount of assistance for FY 2025: Approximately JPY 489,000

◆ Selection Policy

- 1 Screening will be conducted after consulting with experts in the field.
- 2 Relatively higher evaluation will be given to the translation and/or publication of the following works:
 - (1) 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.jp/jpf.go.jp/en/>
 - (2) 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;
 - (3) 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.
- 3 The grant amount will be determined by the Japan Foundation based on the project plan.

◆ Application Deadlines

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Late April 2026



◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



NIHONGO Partners Program

Section in Charge: NIHONGO Partners Program Department

◆ Outline

This program dispatches NIHONGO Partners from a broad range of age groups to secondary educational institutions etc. in Asia mainly in 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-language teachers but also aim to spread the charms of the Japanese language and culture through their learning support and cultural activities inside and outside the classroom. Through local activities and people-to-people exchanges, NIHONGO Partners themselves are expected to deepen their understandings toward the language and cultures of the areas or countries where they stay and serve as liaisons within Asian countries.

◆ 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, Mongolia, 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.

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



NIHONGO Partners in Collaboration with Japanese Universities

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

◆ Outline

This program dispatches students majoring in Japanese-language education at universities in Japan as NIHONGO Partners in collaboration with the universities to support local Japanese-language teachers and students at educational institutions in Asia. 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, Mongolia, and India

◆ Duration

More than 1 week (students must depart Japan on or after June 1, 2026, and must be back in Japan by the end of March 2027)

◆ 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 shall conclude an agreement based on the content of the application, and then implement the program based on that agreement.

◆ Contents of Support

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

- Round-trip air ticket (fare, airport tax, airport fees, fuel surcharge, 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 in addition to this program.

◆ Selection Policy

Screening will be made in line with the following criteria:

- 1 Role and contents of Japanese-language teacher-training courses in the collaborating universities
- 2 Training system for students in the collaborating universities and the host institutions;
- 3 Coalitions and security management system for students in the collaborating universities and the host institutions;
- 4 Specific outcome expected;
- 5 Proper budget plan, including the sharing of expenses by the applicant (the collaborating university and the students);
- 6 Outline of the program plan;
- 7 The necessity of Japan Foundation' s support for this program

◆ Number of Support (Reference)

274 to 34 universities for FY 2025 (NIHONGO Partners in Collaboration with Japanese Universities)



◆ Application Deadline

1 p.m., December 2, 2025, Japan Standard time (Applications must be submitted by e-mail.)

◆ Notification of Results

April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields

Section in Charge: Educational Training Section,
the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai

◆ Outline

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 FY2026, 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.

* This training program is designed to develop the Japanese language proficiency required for research activities and specialist work, and does not provide education in specific fields of study. Participants must attend all classes as a general rule, and specialized activities such as research and fieldwork must be conducted outside of class hours or during designated intensive periods.

◆ Duration

From early-October 2026 to late-March 2027

◆ Eligibility

Individuals must fulfill the following to apply:

- 1 Individuals who fulfill (1) or (2) and need Japanese-language proficiency to carry out their specialized work and research activities.



- (1) 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.
- (2) 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 2, 2025.
- 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](https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html)], or the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education website [<https://www.jfstandard.jp/jpf.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:
 - (1) Accommodation (single room at the Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai);
 - (2) Activities for all participants (lectures, cultural experiences, visits to external organizations, etc.);
 - (3) Weekday meals (by cafeteria points and cash);
 - (4) National Health Insurance and Overseas Travel Insurance (with an upper limit on coverage); and
 - (5) Subsidy for independent research activities (Part of domestic accommodation costs, transportation costs, etc.).
- 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 :
 - * In addition to (1)-(5) above, the following (6)-(9) 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).
 - (6) Round-trip air tickets (discount economy class) to and from the nearest international airport from home residence;
 - (7) Airport tax, foreign travel tax;
 - (8) Holiday meals (cafeteria points and cash);
 - (9) Subsidy in kind (prepaid IC card)

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

9 out of 41 applications for FY 2025 (six-month course)



◆ Selection Policy

Selection will be made in line with the following criteria, which will be comprehensively judged: the applicants' current Japanese-language proficiency, their needs for Japanese-language training, their research/work achievements and content, the possibility of their success in their specialized areas, and the possibility of improvement in their language skills.

- * 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 2, 2025 (Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Late April 2026

◆ Remarks

By applying for this program, applicants are deemed to have agreed to the "8. Terms of Agreement" in the "Application Instructions". Please be sure to check them carefully.

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



List of Eligible Areas and Countries in the Japan Foundation Programs (as of August 2025)

East Asia	<u>China</u> , Hong Kong, Japan, Republic of Korea, Macao, <u>Mongolia</u> , Taiwan
Southeast Asia	Brunei, <u>Cambodia</u> , <u>Indonesia</u> , Laos, <u>Malaysia</u> , <u>Myanmar</u> , <u>Philippines</u> , Singapore, <u>Thailand</u> , <u>Timor-Leste</u> , Viet Nam
South Asia	<u>Bangladesh</u> , <u>Bhutan</u> , <u>India</u> , <u>Maldives</u> , <u>Nepal</u> , <u>Pakistan</u> , <u>Sri Lanka</u>
Oceania	Australia, Cook, <u>Fiji</u> , <u>Kiribati</u> , <u>Marshall</u> , <u>Micronesia</u> , <u>Nauru</u> , New Zealand, <u>Niue</u> , <u>Palau</u> , <u>Papua New Guinea</u> , <u>Samoa</u> , <u>Solomon</u> , <u>Tonga</u> , <u>Tuvalu</u> , <u>Vanuatu</u>
North America	Canada, United States of America
Central America	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, <u>Belize</u> , <u>Costa Rica</u> , <u>Cuba</u> , <u>Dominica</u> , <u>Dominican Republic</u> , El Salvador, <u>Grenada</u> , <u>Guatemala</u> , <u>Haiti</u> , Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Christopher and Nevis, <u>Saint Lucia</u> , <u>Saint Vincent</u> , Trinidad and Tobago
South America	<u>Argentina</u> , Bolivia, Brazil, <u>Chile</u> , Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, <u>Uruguay</u> , 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	<u>Albania</u> , <u>Armenia</u> , <u>Azerbaijan</u> , Belarus, <u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u> , <u>Bulgaria</u> , <u>Croatia</u> , <u>Czech Republic</u> , <u>Estonia</u> , <u>Georgia</u> , <u>Hungary</u> , Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Kosovo, <u>Latvia</u> , <u>Lithuania</u> , Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, <u>Poland</u> , <u>Romania</u> , <u>Russia</u> , Serbia, <u>Slovakia</u> , <u>Slovenia</u> , <u>Tajikistan</u> , <u>Turkmenistan</u> , <u>Ukraine</u> , <u>Uzbekistan</u>

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

- * 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.”**: _____
- * 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.”**: _____ and

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

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

◆ Outline

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 (including e-books) intended for use in Japanese-language courses or for public access in libraries or other facilities. This grant cannot be used to purchase materials that are to be given to students.
- 4 Conference Grant:
This grant partially covers the costs involved in holding seminars, workshops, symposia, training sessions and meetings for Japanese- language teachers.
- 5 Publication Grant:
This grant partially covers the costs involved in preparing and publishing teaching materials consistent with the local curriculum and needs.
- 6 Other Original Proposals:
This grant partially covers the costs involved in implementing projects planned by the applicant that aim to promote Japanese-language education and train Japanese-language teachers.

◆ Selection Policy

Screening will be made in line with the following criteria:

- 1 Role of applicant in the country and region;
- 2 Specific outcome expected;
- 3 Coalitions with other organizations and groups;
- 4 Ripple effect on diffusion of the Japanese language in the country and region.



◆ Number of Grants (Reference)

105 out of 155 applications for FY 2025

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

May 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)

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

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

◆ Outline

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

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 Grant for 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 Grant for 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

Screening and selection will be conducted from the following perspectives.

- 1 Necessity that the JF should support the project(s)



- 2 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.)
- 3 Specific expected outcomes
- 4 Ripple effect in the country/region for disseminating Japanese-language skills for the purpose of living and working in Japan
- 5 Financing sources other than funds from the Japan Foundation, including self-financing, etc.
- 6 Feasibility of the plan (program to be implemented, framework, schedule, etc.)
- 7 Safety conditions in the region where the project is to be implemented

◆ Number of Grants (Reference)

8 out of 9 applications for FY 2025

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025 (Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

After Late April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Languages

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

◆ Onsite Courses

- (1) Basic Training Program
- (2) Japanese Language Program
- (3) Japanese Teaching Methods Program (Summer)
- (4) Japanese Teaching Methods Program (Winter)
- (5) Japanese-Language-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Methods)
- (6) Japanese-Language-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese Language)
- (7) WA Project Special Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

◆ Online Courses

Self-study courses for Japanese-language teachers, "Teaching Methods for Japanese Language Teachers Online Course" on our website "JF Japanese e-Learning Minato." 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 courses are also uploaded on the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) website.

website:

https://www.jpf.go.jp/j/urawa/j_rsrcs/teaching-methods.html

◆ (1)~(7) Outline of 7 onsite programs

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) organizes 7 onsite training programs for those currently working as Japanese-language teachers and teaching outside of Japan: "Basic Training Program", "Japanese-Language Program", "Japanese Teaching Methods Program", "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals(Teaching Methods)", "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals(Japanese Language)"and "WA Project Special Program for the Japanese Language". 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) "Japanese Teaching Methods Program"
Six-week programs to improve Japanese teaching methodology skills. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill. In FY 2026, this program will be conducted twice (Summer Session/Winter Session).
- (5) "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.
- (6) "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.
- (7) "WA Project Special Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language"
A four-week program for teachers of the Japanese language primarily at schools accepting NIHONGO Partners project in the target countries with an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skills and deepen their knowledge of Japan. .

◆ Eligibility (Common to All Courses)

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 are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan; Taiwanese are eligible to apply for this program
- 3 Individuals who have not completed their compulsory education (nine years of elementary and junior high school) in Japan;

- 4 Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program.

Note: Please check the individual program guideline for additional conditions such as countries covered by each program, Japanese-language teaching experience, Japanese-language proficiency, etc.

◆ 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, the Japan Foundation will provide the following:
 - (1) Round-trip air tickets (discount economy class) to and from the nearest international airport from home residence;
 - (2) Airport tax, foreign travel tax;
 - (3) 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.
 - (1) 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/summaryen/ja/render.do>]

- (2) "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.

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)

* 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	Main Content	Qualified Area	Rough guide of Japanese Proficiency			Duration (tentative)
				Length of Teaching Japanese-language	JF Standard for Japanese Language Education (JFS)	Japanese language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	
(1)	Basic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese Language Japanese-language Teaching Methodology Japanese Culture/Society 	Worldwide	6 or more months and less than 5 years	Level A2 or higher in the JFS	Level N4 in the JLPT, Level 3 in the old JLPT, or higher	September 1, 2026 – February 25, 2027
(2)	Japanese Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese Language Japanese Culture/Society 	Worldwide	6 or more months	Level A2 in the JFS or the equivalent * Level B1 or above in the JFS is NOT applicable	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	June 2, 2026 – July 23, 2026
(3)	Japanese Teaching Methods (Summer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching Methodology Japanese Culture/Society 	Worldwide	5 or more years	Level B1 or higher in the JFS	Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or higher	July 14, 2026 – August 27, 2026
(4)	Japanese Teaching Methods (Winter)						January 19, 2027 – March 4, 2027
(5)	Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese-language Teaching Methodology Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture 	Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan	1 or more years	Level B1 or higher in the JFS	Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or higher	(1) August 11, 2026 – September 15, 2026 (2) November 10, 2026 – December 15, 2026
(6)	Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese Language)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese-language Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture 			Level A2 in the JFS or the equivalent * Level B1 or above in the JFS is NOT applicable	Level N4 in the JLPT, Level 3 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent * Level N3 or higher in the JLPT is NOT applicable	September 29, 2026 – November 4, 2025
(7)	WA Project Special Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese Language Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture 	Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, the Philippines, Brunei, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India	1 or more years	Level A2 or B1 in the JFS or their equivalent	Level N3 or N4 in the JLPT, or their equivalent Level 2 or 3 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent	September 22, 2026 – October 22, 2026

List of Eligible Areas and Countries in the Japan Foundation Programs (as of August 2025)

East Asia	<u>China</u> , Hong Kong, Japan, Republic of Korea, Macao, <u>Mongolia</u> , Taiwan
Southeast Asia	Brunei, <u>Cambodia</u> , <u>Indonesia</u> , Laos, <u>Malaysia</u> , <u>Myanmar</u> , <u>Philippines</u> , Singapore, <u>Thailand</u> , <u>Timor-Leste</u> , Viet Nam
South Asia	<u>Bangladesh</u> , <u>Bhutan</u> , India, <u>Maldives</u> , <u>Nepal</u> , <u>Pakistan</u> , Sri Lanka
Oceania	Australia, Cook, <u>Fiji</u> , <u>Kiribati</u> , <u>Marshall</u> , <u>Micronesia</u> , <u>Nauru</u> , New Zealand, <u>Niue</u> , <u>Palau</u> , <u>Papua New Guinea</u> , <u>Samoa</u> , <u>Solomon</u> , <u>Tonga</u> , <u>Tuvalu</u> , <u>Vanuatu</u>
North America	Canada, United States of America
Central America	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, <u>Belize</u> , <u>Costa Rica</u> , <u>Cuba</u> , <u>Dominica</u> , <u>Dominican Republic</u> , El Salvador, <u>Grenada</u> , <u>Guatemala</u> , <u>Haiti</u> , Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Christopher and Nevis, <u>Saint Lucia</u> , <u>Saint Vincent</u> , Trinidad and Tobago
South America	<u>Argentina</u> , Bolivia, Brazil, <u>Chile</u> , Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, <u>Uruguay</u> , 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	<u>Albania</u> , <u>Armenia</u> , <u>Azerbaijan</u> , Belarus, <u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u> , <u>Bulgaria</u> , <u>Croatia</u> , <u>Czech Republic</u> , <u>Estonia</u> , <u>Georgia</u> , <u>Hungary</u> , Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Kosovo, <u>Latvia</u> , <u>Lithuania</u> , Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, <u>Poland</u> , <u>Romania</u> , <u>Russia</u> , Serbia, <u>Slovakia</u> , <u>Slovenia</u> , <u>Tajikistan</u> , <u>Turkmenistan</u> , <u>Ukraine</u> , <u>Uzbekistan</u>

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

- * 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.”**: _____
- * 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.”**: _____ and

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

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

◆ Outline

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

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to conditions described in general description "Common to All Courses)".

- 1 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, 2025 (teaching practice and private lessons not included);
- 2 Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
 - (1) Level A2 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)
 - (2) Level N4 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or higher in the old JLPT

◆ Duration

September 1, 2026 ~ February 25, 2027 (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 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.
- 2 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 35 or under as of December 1, 2025

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

48 out of 112 applications for FY 2025

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Within April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



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

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

◆ Outline

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

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to conditions described in general description "Eligibility (Common to All Courses)".

program:

- 1 Length of teaching the Japanese language: Individuals with six or more months of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2025 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included);
- 2 Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
 - (1) Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
 - (2) Level N4 or N5 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or 4 in 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.
- 3 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 2020 to December 1, 2025.

◆ Duration

June 2, 2026~July 23, 2026 (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 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.
- 2 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2025.

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

34 out of 124 applications for FY 2025

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Within March 2026



◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



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

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

◆ Outline

Training Programs of six weeks duration, which are designed to improve the teaching methodology, will be conducted two times: in Summer, and Winter in FY 2026. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill.

◆ Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.
Qualified Areas: Worldwide

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to conditions described in general description "Common to All Courses)" :

- 1 Japanese-language teaching experience: Individuals with more than five years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2025 (private lessons and teaching practice not included).
- 2 Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application:
 - (1) Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education(JFS)
 - (2) Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
- 3 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 2020 to December 1, 2025.

◆ Duration

(Summer) July 14, 2026—August 27, 2026 (tentative)

(Winter) January 19, 2027—March 4, 2027 (tentative)



◆ Description of the Program

1 Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

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.

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 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.

2 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2025.

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

110 out of 250 applications (Total for summer, autumn and winter terms in FY 2025)

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Summer Course: Within March 2026

Winer Course: Within April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



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

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

◆ Outline

This program is a 5-week training program for teachers of the Japanese-Language at overseas organizations that provide 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 in countries listed below, that provide Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. Applications are accepted only from institutions and organizations. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

- 1 Qualified Areas:
Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan
- 2 Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to conditions described in general description "Common to All Courses)" ..
 - (1) Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese-language for one or more than year as of April 1, 2025 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
 - (2) 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
 - (3) Individuals who have not participated in an onsite training program for "Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates" or "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method) "conducted by JFJLI, Urawa, since April 2020.



◆ Duration

(Session 1) August 11, 2026～September 15, 2026 (tentative)
(Session 2) November 10, 2026～December 15, 2026 (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 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.
- 2 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2025.

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

69 out of 137 applications (Total for session 1 and 2 in FY 2025)

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Within April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



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

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

◆ Outline

This program is a five-week training program for teachers of the Japanese language at overseas organizations that provide 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 in countries listed below, that provide Japanese-language education for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. Applications are accepted only from institutions and organizations. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

- 1 Qualified Areas: Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan
- 2 The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program.
 - (1) Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese language for one or more year as of December 1, 2025 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
 - (2) 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).
 - (3) Individuals who have not participated in an onsite training program for “Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates” or “Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method) ” conducted by JFJLI, Urawa.



◆ Duration

September 29, 2026～November 4, 2026 (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 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.
- 2 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2025.

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

35 out of 52 applications for FY 2025

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Within April 2026



◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



(7) WA Project Special Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

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

◆ Outline

This program is a 4 week program designed for teachers of the Japanese Language primarily at schools accepting NIHONGO Partners project in the target countries to improve their Japanese-language skills and deepen their knowledge of Japan.

◆ Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education in Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, the Philippines, Brunei, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos and India. Applications are accepted only from institutions and organizations. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to conditions described in general description "Common to All Courses)"

- 1 Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, the Philippines, Brunei, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos or India.;
- 2 Length of teaching Japanese language: Individuals with more than one year of experience in teaching Japanese language as of December 1, 2025(teaching practice and private lessons not included);
- 3 Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
 - (1) Level A2 or B1 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)
 - (2) Level N3 or N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or of the old JLPT

◆ Duration

September 22, 2026 ~ October 22, 2026 (tentative)



◆ Description of the Program

- 1 Japanese Language
Participants will take classes that aim to improve their proficiency using the Japanese language through various language activities.
- 2 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.

◆ Selection Policy

- 1 Screening will be made in line with the following criteria: track record and future potential of the acceptance of the NIHONGO Partners, 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.
- 2 Higher priority will be given to individuals aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2025.
- 3 Higher priority will be given to applicants who have not visited Japan as of December 1, 2025

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

None (To be started in FY2026)

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Within April 2026



◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



Grant Program for Japan-ASEAN Global Partnership

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

◆ Outline

This program is designed to support collaborative activities conducted by organizations in Japan or ASEAN countries that aim to address global common issues, with the goal of contributing to the development of a multilayered network and building trust between Japan and ASEAN through intellectual exchange and the cultivation of the next generation of intellectual leaders.

◆ Eligibility

Japanese and ASEAN non-profit organizations

◆ Eligible Projects

The projects must begin between April 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027.

The following are not eligible for support under this grant: projects focused on academic research in medical, technical or natural sciences, commercial activities, projects in support of specific doctrines or claims. For details, please refer to the "Grant Program for Japan-ASEAN 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 for lecturers, researchers, collaborators, and interpreters, staff salaries, etc.)
- 2 Travel (international and domestic transportation, accommodation, meals, etc.)
- 3 Conference costs (room rental, audio and visual equipment rental, advertising, etc.)
- 4 Report & publication costs (editing, website creation, translation, printing, etc.)
- 5 Other direct project costs (purchase of reference materials, etc.)
- 6 Indirect costs (no more than 10% of the direct costs the Japan Foundation supports)



◆ Number of Grants (Reference)

7 out of 29 applications for FY 2025

◆ Selection Policy

- 1 Applications will be selected based on a comprehensive assessment of the project proposal, including topic, purpose, participants, methods, dissemination of outcome, etc.
- 2 Relevant area experts may be consulted during the review process as necessary.

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025 (Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

April 2026

For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2026, please note that notification of results may be sent after the project has already started.

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)





Grant Program for Japan-U.S. Global Partnership

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

◆ Outline

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

The projects must begin between April 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027. The following are not eligible for support under this grant: projects focused on academic research in medical, technical or natural sciences, 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 and Per Diem (international and domestic transportation costs, accommodation costs, and meal costs)
- 3 Conference costs (room rental, audio and visual equipment rental, etc.)
- 4 Report & Publication costs (editing, website creation, translation, printing costs, etc.)
- 5 Other direct project costs as deemed relevant and necessary
- 6 Indirect costs (no more than 10% of the direct costs the Japan Foundation supports)



◆ Number of Grants (Reference)

8 out of 27 applications for FY 2025

◆ Selection Policy

- 1 Applications will be selected based on a comprehensive assessment of the project proposal, including topic, purpose, participants, methods, dissemination of outcome, etc.
- 2 Relevant area experts may be consulted during the review process as necessary.

◆ Application Deadline

11:59 p.m., December 1, 2025

(Applications from the U.S.: Eastern Standard Time/ Applications from Japan: Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

April/May, 2026. For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2026, 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.

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)

Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program

Section in Charge: Japanese Studies Department

◆ Outline

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 categories as follows.

* For those who are affiliated with institutions 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.
 - (1) 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."



- (2) Applicants must secure all affiliation arrangements by the application deadline.
 - (3) Applicants must be in good health and proficient in either Japanese or English.
 - (4) 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, 2026 and March 20, 2027.
 - (5) 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, 2026, a period of 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, 2026, 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:
- (1) Scholars or researchers in the natural sciences, medicine or engineering;
 - (2) 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;
 - (3) 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.);
 - (4) Those who plan to receive other grants/scholarships/fellowships covering expenses for travel to and accommodation in Japan concurrently with the Fellowship;
 - (5) Those who have continuously held resident status in Japan for one year or more as of April 1, 2026;
 - (6) 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 by email.

◆ Benefits

- 1 Round-trip international airline ticket (discount economy class)
- 2 Stipend and other allowances

◆ Number of Fellowships (Reference)

63 out of 276 applications for FY2025

◆ Selection Policy

- 1 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.
- 2 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 2, 2025 (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, 2025 (Eastern Standard Time).

◆ Notification of Results

April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

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JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)





JF-JSA-ASEAN Fellowship Program

Section in Charge: Japanese Studies Department

◆ Outline

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 of 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 have completed (or will have completed by the beginning of the Fellowship) the necessary course work and find it necessary to visit Japan for a period of 4 to 12 months to complete their dissertations.

2 Researchers

Applicants must be researchers affiliated with an institution in Southeast Asia 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.

- (1) Applicants must be Ph.D. candidates at graduate school in Southeast Asia, or researchers affiliated with an institution in Southeast Asia who are conducting research related to Japan.
- (2) Applicants must secure all affiliation arrangements by the application deadline.
- (3) Applicants must be in good health and proficient in either Japanese or English.



- (4) 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, 2026 and March 20, 2027.
 - (5) Previous recipients of Japan Foundation Fellowships (not only the JF-JSA-ASEAN Fellowship but also all the other Fellowships of the Japan Foundation) are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2026, a period of 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, 2026, 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:
- (1) Those who hold nationality in a country with which Japan does not have diplomatic relations.
 - (2) Applicants in the natural sciences, medicine or engineering;
 - (3) 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;
 - (4) 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.);
 - (5) Those who plan to receive other grants/scholarships/fellowships covering expenses for travel to and accommodation in Japan concurrently with the Fellowship;
 - (6) Those who have continuously held resident status in Japan for one year or more as of April 1, 2026;
 - (7) Those who apply for any other grant program of the Japan Foundation, except for the "JF-GJS Fellowship, or " the "JF-Nichibunken 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. For further information on these programs, please inquire at r_info@jpf.go.jp by email.

◆ Benefits

- 1 Round-trip international airline ticket (discount economy class)
- 2 Stipend and other allowances



◆ Number of Fellowships (Reference)

17 out of 22 applications for FY2025

◆ Selection Policy

- 1 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.
- 2 Applicants who have received Japan Foundation Fellowships twice or more in the past will be given lower priority.

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025 (Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

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Grant Program for Japanese Studies Projects

Section in Charge: Japanese Studies Department

◆ Outline

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, 2026 and March 31, 2027 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)

23 out of 49 applications for FY2025

◆ Selection Policy

- 1 Projects will be selected by comprehensively considering applications, in terms of their contents, the need for the Japan Foundation's 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, etc. The Japan Foundation also takes into account the regional and national distribution of its funding, and may select projects accordingly, if need be.
- 2 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 2, 2025 (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, 2025 (Eastern Standard Time).

◆ Notification of Results

April 2026

For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2026, please note that notification of results may be sent after the project has already started.

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)



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

Section in Charge: Japanese Studies Department

◆ Outline

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, 2026 and March 31, 2027 that will further promote and expand the horizon of Japanese studies and interest in Japan. Examples of such projects include: 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)

6 out of 9 applications for FY2025

◆ Selection Policy

- 1 Projects will be selected by comprehensively considering applications, in terms of their contents, the need for the Japan Foundation's 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, etc. The Japan Foundation also takes into account the regional and national distribution of its funding, and may select projects accordingly, if need be.
- 2 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 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

April 2026

For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2026, please note that notification of results may be sent after the project has already started.

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

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Designated Donations Program

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

◆ Outline

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]

Deadline of Draft Proposal: April 1, 2026

Deadline of Final Proposal: May 7, 2026

Timing of notices of results: Late July to early August 2026

[2nd screening round]

Deadline of Draft Proposal: September 1, 2026

Deadline of Final Proposal: October 1, 2026

Timing of notices of results: Late December 2026 to early January 2027

- * For detailed information about the application deadlines after FY 2027, please contact the Budget and Finance Division.
- * Draft proposal must be submitted one month prior to the proposal deadlines.

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

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