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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, 2027 and March 31, 2028, 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, 2027 and March 31, 2028:

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);

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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)

21 out of 78 applications for FY 2026

◆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 1, 2026
(Japan Standard Time)

◆Notification of Results

April 2027

◆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

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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, 2027, and February 29, 2028. 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.

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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, 2027, and February 29, 2028:

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, 2027, are applicable. Any expenses paid before April 1, 2027, 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: 77 out of 125 applications for FY 2026
Average amount of assistance for FY 2026: Approximately JPY 618,000

◆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:
3 The titles in *Worth Sharing — A Selection of Japanese Books Recommended for Translation and Lifelong Favorites — Selections from the Bookshelves of Young Readers in Japan.* The list of the titles is available on the Japan Foundation's website: https://www.worthsharing.jpf.go.jp/en/
4 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;
5 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.
6 The grant amount will be determined by the Japan Foundation based on the project plan.

◆Application Deadlines

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(Japan Standard Time)

◆Notification of Results

Late April 2027

◆Notes for all Applicants

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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, 2027, 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, 2027 and March 31, 2028.

◆Benefits

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

◆Number of Fellows (Reference)

14 out of 75 applications for FY 2026

◆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.

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◆Notification of Results

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Eligibility: Specified Country/Region
Individual

The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Arts and Culture in Asia

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

◆Outline

The fellowship program supports reciprocal opportunities for individuals working across diverse fields of arts and culture to undertake research, creative activities, collaborative projects, and network-building initiatives taking place outside their country of residence for a certain period. Through these exchanges, the program seeks to build strong relationship between Japan and ASEAN countries, strengthen multifaceted human networks, and nurture the next generation of professionals who will lead collaborations and co-creations across diverse fields.

◆Eligible Fields and Activities

1 Eligible fields

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

2 Eligible activities

Eligible activities are those undertaken by individuals based in Japan or ASEAN countries who plans to spend a certain period of time outside their country of residence in the relevant fields listed above. Eligible projects include research and study,creative activities, and projects aimed at building network platforms, etc. within the fields.

◆Eligibility

1 Eligible individuals

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

2 Nationality and permanent residency

Applicants need to meet BOTH of the following criteria.

(1) Applicants must reside in Japan or in one of the 11 ASEAN countries.

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(2) Applicants must hold nationality (or citizenship / permanent residency) in Japan or in one of the 11 ASEAN countries.

3 Other necessary conditions

(1) Applicants must be in good health, both physically and mentally.
(2) 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.
(3) 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)
* The fellowship's beginning date for FY 2026–2027 must fall between July 1, 2027 and March 31, 2028.

◆Benefits

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

◆Number of Fellows (Reference)

14 out of 61 applications for FY 2026

◆Selection Policy

Applicants will be screened according to but not limited to the following criteria:

1 Accordance with the mission of the "Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0," whether if the proposed activity leads to strengthening of multi-faceted human networks and nurture the next generation of professionals in Japan and ASEAN countries. 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 at the destination 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 Whether the proposed duration is essential for achieving the objective and implementing the planned activity.
7 Applicants' past achievements or potential for future development in the field after completing this fellowship program.
8 Achievements based upon the Fellowship should extend beyond the applicant's individual output and be shared with society at large.
9 Applicants should potentially contribute to the development of the field of their activity and the establishment of its infrastructure.

◆Application Deadlines

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(Japan Standard Time)

◆Notification of Results

Late April 2027

◆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

Transmission of Information

Section in Charge: Planning and Coordination / Literary Arts Section | Performing Arts | Visual Arts Section Arts and Culture Department

◆Outline

JF provides information on Japanese arts and culture through online and other methods.

◆Examples of Projects

Website	Overviews	
Performing Arts Network Japan https://performingarts.jpf.go.jp/en/	The website provides information in Japanese and English about Japanese contemporary performing arts (such as artists, works, and dramas), performers and producers, supporting organizations in Japan and overseas.	Performing Arts Sec.
The Japan Pavilion Official Website – La Biennale di Venezia https://venezia-biennale-japan.jpf.go.jp/e/about	Since 1976, JF has served as the organizer and commissioner of the Japan Pavilion of La Biennale di Venezia. This website archives the exhibitions in the art department and the architecture department. Visual	Arts Sec.
A Selection of Japanese Books Recommended for Translation Worth Sharing Lifelong Favorites	The website provides summaries of 100 Japanese books and 59 Japanese Children's books recommended for translation.	P&C / Literary Arts Sec
Japanese Literature in Translation Search "Japanese Literature in Translation Search"	The database covers mainly modern and contemporary Japanese literature that has been translated into foreign languages.	P&C / Literary Arts Sec.

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Online programs		
STAGE BEYOND BORDERS	Selection of Japanese Performances	Performing Arts Sec.
Bookmark JF	An online portal to find out about JF's Support Program for Translation and Publication, access JF Literary Database, and learn about the many ways in which JF unites readers, authors, translators and publishers.	P&C / Literary Arts Sec
Streaming Website "JFF Theater"	A platform where Japanese audiovisual works can be viewed anytime, anywhere. A website distributes Japanese films and other Japan-related works worldwide, with multilingual subtitles and all free of charge. The available videos are updated periodically.	Project Design Section
Online Japanese Film Database "JFDB"	JF operates an online Japanese Film Database together with UNIJAPAN. With the goal of distributing Japanese films abroad, JFDB provides organizers of Japanese Film Screenings abroad with information on theatrically released films since 2002 as well as the contact details for the companies in both English and Japanese. Film synopses, cast & staff, and producing & distribution company information are searchable and available for public perusal.	International Network Section

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 FY2027, 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 2027 to late-March 2028

◆ 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.

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(1) Individuals who fulfill at least one of the following requirements and have an employment relationship with the organization outside Japan with which they are affiliated both at the time of application and at the start of the program. It is expected that participants will continue working in the same 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 at a graduate school outside Japan, both at the time of application and at the start of the program (excluding non-degree students) and who plan to write their Master's or Doctoral thesis/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 1, 2026.

2 Individuals applying for this program must obtain the permission of the representative of their affiliated organization mentioned above.

3 Individuals whose research area must be in the field of Japan-related social sciences or humanities. Includes interdisciplinary fields with natural and applied sciences.

4 Individuals who have a specific and detailed theme related to Japan in their study or work, and plan to make a presentation on the achievements.

5 Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.

* Taiwanese are eligible to apply for this program.

6 Individuals who have NOT received compulsory education in Japan for more than three years.

7 Individuals in good physical and mental health.

8 Individuals who have Japanese-language proficiency that is equivalent to or higher than Level N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 of the old

JLPT, or A2 level in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education at the time of application (please visit the official website of JLPT [https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html], or the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education website [https://www.jfstandard.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

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 breakfast and lunch (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.).

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

10 out of 57 applications for FY 2026 (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 1, 2026
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Late April 2027

◆ 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

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JF website: The Japan Foundation - General Instructions

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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
(4) Japanese-Language-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Methods)
(5) Japanese-Language-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (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_rsorcs/teaching-methods.html

◆ (1)～(5) Outline of 5 onsite programs

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) organizes 5 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-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals(Teaching Methods)”and “Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals(Japanese Language)”. The outline of each program is as follows.

(1) “Basic Training Program"
A six-month program to improve the Japanese-language skills, acquire the basic teaching methodologies, and deepen their knowledge of Japan.
(2) “Japanese Language Program"

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A seven-week program to improve Japanese-language skills which are necessary as teachers of Japanese language, as well as to deepen their knowledge of Japan. There will be NO lessons of Japanese-language teaching methodology.

(3) "Japanese Teaching Methods Program"

Training Program of six weeks duration, which is designed to improve the teaching methodology and deepen their knowledge of Japan, will be conducted once in the summer of FY2027. There will be no lessons for improving Japanese-language skills.

(4) "Japanese-Language-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Methods)"

A five-week program to improve Japanese teaching methodology skills and to deepen knowledge on Japanese affairs, society, and culture for teachers at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker or Employment for Skill Development.

(5) "Japanese-Language-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese Language)"

A five-week program to improve Japanese-language skills and to deepen knowledge on Japanese affairs, society, and culture for teachers at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker or Employment for Skill Development .

◆ 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 _____ 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.jpf.go.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	Teacher's eligibility			Duration (tentative)
				Length of Teaching Japanese-language	Rough guide of Japanese Proficiency		
					JF Standard for Japanese Language Education (JFS)	Japanese language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	
(1)	Basic	・Japanese Language ・Japanese-language Teaching Methodology ・Japanese Culture/ Society	Worldwide *Depending on budgetary constraints, we may need to limit the countries eligible for selection.	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	August 31, 2027 –February 24, 2028
(2)	Japanese Language	・Japanese Language ・Japanese Culture/ Society		6 or more months	Level A2 or lower in the JFS * 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	June 1, 2027 – July 22, 2027
(3)	Japanese Teaching Methods	・Japanese-language Teaching Methodology ・Japanese Culture/ Society		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 13, 2027 – August 26, 2027
(4)	Japanese-Language-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method)	・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	Session 1: September 14, 2027 – October 21, 2027 Session 2: November 16, 2027 - December 21, 2027
(5)	Japanese-Language-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese Language)	・Japanese Language ・Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture			Level A2 or lower in the JFS * 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	October 13, 2027 – November 18, 2027

List of Eligible Areas and Countries in the Japan Foundation Programs (as of August 2026)

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

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

* The country and area where the Japan Foundation will provide round-trip air tickets, airport tax, foreign travel tax and set amount of in kind allowances, in **"Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language.":** _____

(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*Depending on budgetary constraints, we may need to limit the countries eligible for selection.

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to conditions described in general description "Eligibility (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, 2026(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

August 31, 2027 ~ February 24, 2028 (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.

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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, 2026

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

44 out of 137 applications for FY 2026

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 1, 2026
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Late April 2027

◆ 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

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(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 skills which are necessary as teachers of Japanese language, as well as to deepen their knowledge of Japan. There will be NO lessons of Japanese-language teaching methodology.

◆ Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.
Qualified Areas: Worldwide*Depending on budgetary constraints, we may need to limit the countries eligible for selection.

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

1 Length of teaching the Japanese language: Individuals with six or more months of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2026 (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 lower in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)

(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.

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 since April 2021.

◆ Duration

June 1, 2027～July 22, 2027 (tentative)

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◆ 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 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, 2026.

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

33 out of 146 applications for FY 2026

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 1, 2026
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Late March 2027

◆ Notes for all Applicants

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(3)Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

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

◆ Outline

Training Program of six weeks duration, which is designed to improve the teaching methodology and deepen their knowledge of Japan, will be conducted once in the summer of FY2027. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skills.

◆ Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.
Qualified Areas: Worldwide*Depending on budgetary constraints, we may need to limit the countries eligible for selection.

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to conditions described in general description "Eligibility (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, 2026 (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 since April 2021.

◆ Duration

July 13, 2027-August 26, 2027 (tentative)

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◆ 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, 2026.

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

65 out of 283 applications (Total for summer and winter terms in FY 2026)

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 1, 2026
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Late March 2027

◆ 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

(4) Japanese-Language-Teachers 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 or Employment for Skill Development. 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. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skills.

◆ 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 or Employment for Skill Development. 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 " Eligibility (Common to All Courses)" .

(1) Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese-language for one or more than year as of December 1, 2026 (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-Teachers Training Program to

Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method) "conducted by JFJLI, Urawa, since April 2020.

◆ Duration

(Session 1) September 14, 2027～October 21, 2027 (tentative)
(Session 2) November 16, 2027～December 21, 2027 (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, 2026.

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

64 out of 170 applications (Total for session 1 and 2 in FY 2026)

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 1, 2026
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Late April 2027

◆ 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-Teachers 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 or Employment for Skill Development. The aim of the program is for the participants to improve their Japanese language. There will be NO lessons of Japanese-language teaching methodology.

◆ 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 or Employment for Skill Development. 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 " Eligibility (Common to All Courses)" .

(1) Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese language for one or more year as of December 1, 2026 (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 or lower in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)

b Level N4 or N5 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or 4 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent

* This program does not apply to applicants who have B1 or higher in the JFS.

(3) Individuals who have not participated in an onsite training program for "Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled

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Worker Candidates","Japanese-Language-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Method)"or"Japanese-Language-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese Language)" conducted by JFJLI, Urawa.

◆ Duration

October 13, 2027～November 18, 2027 (tentative)

◆ Description of the Program

1 Japanese Language
Using "Irodori: Japanese for Life in Japan" 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, 2026.

◆ Number of Participants (Reference)

32 out of 71 applications for FY 2026

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 1, 2026
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Late April 2027

◆ 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

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.

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(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, 2027 and March 20, 2028.

(5) Previous recipients of Japan Foundation Fellowships (not only the JF-JSAASEAN Fellowship but also all the other Fellowships of the Japan Foundation) are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2027, 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, 2027, 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 are registered residents in Japan as of April 1, 2027 and fail to degregister their residency for overseas relocation by the Fellowship start date;

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

◆Number of Fellowships (Reference)

12 out of 15 applications for FY2026

◆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 1, 2026 (Japan Standard Time)

◆Notification of Results

April 2027

◆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, 2027 and March 31, 2028 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 Other direct expenses (for purchasing materials, etc.).
2 Travel expenses (for international and domestic transportation, accommodation, per diem, etc.);
3 Meeting expenses (for preparing materials, venues, equipment, public relations, etc.);
4 Honorariums (for lecturers, collaborators, interpreters, assistants, etc.);

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◆Number of Grants (Reference)

5 out of 7 applications for FY2026

◆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 1, 2026
(Japan Standard Time)

◆Notification of Results

April 2027
For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2027, 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

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Grant Program for Japan-ASEAN Global Partnership

Section in Charge: All three sections of the Global Partnerships Department

◆Outline

This grant covers a portion of the costs associated with international conferences, symposiums, workshops, training programs, and other activities conducted by organizations in Japan or ASEAN countries that aim to solve common global issues.

◆Eligibility

Non-profit organizations based in Japan, ASEAN countries

◆Eligible Projects

Projects must begin between April 1, 2027, and March 31, 2028.

◆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
2 Travel
3 Conference costs
4 Report & publication costs
5 Indirect costs

◆Number of Grants (Reference)

14 out of 73 applications for FY2026

◆Selection Policy

Priority will be given to projects that include the following elements

(1) Projects that are not limited to bilateral collaboration, but involve multiple countries within the ASEAN
(2) Projects that encourage the development of human resources in the relevant field
(3) Ideas and/or participants that reflect a broad range of viewpoints
(4) Inclusion of a broad spectrum of participants in terms of ethnicity, gender, geography, and field of expertise relevant to the project
(5) Participation and/or participants from outside of major metropolitan areas
Demonstration of the outcome's impact on society

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◆Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 1, 2026
(Japan Standard Time)

◆Notification of Results

April 2027
For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2027, please note that notification of results may be sent after the project has already started.

◆Notes for all Applicants

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Eligibility : Specified Country/Region
Individual

Visiting Fellowship (Inbound)

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

***Details of the FY2027 application information will be available soon.**

◆Outline

This program is designed to provide the next generation of researchers and experts from ASEAN who are tackling global common issues faced by Japan and ASEAN with opportunities to conduct research in Japan as Fellows of the Partner Institutions, and to form and expand networks with people involved in international exchange through participation in workshops and other activities.

◆Partner Institutions in Japan (Based on FY2026, subject to change)

(1) Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Kyoto University
(2) Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO)
(3) National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)
(4) The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)
(5) Keio University Global Research Institute (KGRI)

◆Eligibility (Based on FY2026, subject to change)

1 All of the following criteria must be met.
(1) Applicants must be citizens of ASEAN countries;
(2) Researchers must hold a Ph.D. or the highest academic degree in their field of expertise. Non research professionals must have a total of seven or more years of work experience in a field related to their proposed research
(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 the Fellowship

◆Eligible Projects (Based on FY2026, subject to change)

Policy-oriented projects related to global common issues that should be jointly addressed by Japan, ASEAN and the international community. (Priority fields and themes are based on the partner institutions.)

◆ Fellowship Period (Based on FY2026, subject to change)

Over 3 months up to a maximum of 12 months

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◆Expense Coverage (Based on FY2026, subject to change)

(1) Round-trip airfare (discount economy class)
(2) Stipend and other allowances
(3) Overseas travel insurance

◆Selection Policy (Based on FY2026, subject to change)

(1) The project is about common issues that Japan and ASEAN should jointly address.
(2) The purpose and goal of the research are clear, the theme of the research is appropriate, and the need to conduct research at the Host Institution can be recognized.
(3) In addition to conducting their own research, all Fellows are expected to be willing to actively participate in research exchange projects.
(4) The results of the research conducted in Japan can be expected to be disseminated during and after the Fellowship period. In addition, each Fellow can be expected to play an important role in interactions between Japan and ASEAN in the future.

◆Number of Fellows (Based on FY2026, subject to change)

16 out of 87 applications for FY2026

◆Notes for all Applicants (Based on FY2026, subject to change)

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

Publicity Activities and Information Service

Division in Charge: Public Relations Division, Branding and Communication Dept.

◆Aim of the Program

This program aims to disseminate information about JF, its activities and international cultural exchange to the public through printed materials, internet media, etc. and provide useful information about and promote understanding on international cultural exchange as well as support leaders of international exchange in Japan and overseas.

◆Outline

(1) Website The JF Website provides information about JF and its activities, as well as information useful for international exchanges. Also, social media are used for disseminating information and publicity in Japanese and English.

(2) Online magazine: Wochi Kochi Web Magazine Wochi Kochi (The Japan Foundation Web Magazine Wochi Kochi) is an online magazine dedicated to share stories of international cultural exchange and programs coordinated by JF. It consists of articles both in Japanese and English, links to resources on the JF website, and a database of the periodical Wochi Kochi (2004-2009).

(3) Annual Reports Kokusai Koryu Kikin Nenpo ("The JF Annual Report" [Japanese]), "The JF Annual Report" (English), and Kokusai Koryu Kikin Jigyo Jisseki ("The JF Activities Report" [Japanese]) are issued and made accessible on the JF website.

(4) Others
Media relations such as issuing press releases and providing publicity materials

Granting the Use of the Name of "The Japan Foundation" as a Supporter

Division in Charge: Refer to the remark below

◆Aim of the program

This program aims to support international cultural exchange activities hosted by other organizations in Japan and abroad by granting the use of the name of JF as a supporter.

◆Outline

JF grants the use of its name as a supporter to cultural projects that contribute to the promotion of international cultural exchange.

◆Application Instructions

The Japan Foundation - Others (jpf.go.jp)

◆Application Deadline

Applications are accepted throughout the year. However, for consideration, applications must be forwarded at least four weeks prior to the beginning date of the proposed project.

◆Names that may be used as a supporter

a. The Japan Foundation
b. The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa
c. The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai
d. The Japan Foundation Kyoto Office
e. The Japan Foundation overseas offices

*In principle, organizations in Japan are eligible to apply for permission to use the names listed in a. to d.

*In principle, the names listed in (5) e. should be granted for use by organizations abroad.

In the following cases, however, the names listed in (5) a. to d. can be approved for use by organizations abroad:

i. If permission to use the names is regarded as appropriate based on the applicant's involvement in the activities of JF;
ii. If the application is recommended by the JF overseas offices, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan’s overseas agencies, or organizations described in (3) a or b, and the President of JFregards it as appropriate; or
iii. Other cases where the President of JF regards it as appropriate.

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◆Eligibility

The applicant should fall into one of the following categories (Applications should be made by the organizer of the project.):

a. Organizations affiliated with national or regional governments, or other government-affiliated organizations;
b. Foreign diplomatic missions in Japan;
c. Public corporations; or
d. Organizations of impeccable social and financial standings with sufficient social reliability and ability to accomplish the projects.

◆Eligible Projects

The project should meet the following requirements:

a. A project that falls into one of the following categories with a feasible and appropriate plan:

i. Invitation or dispatch of people for the purpose of international cultural exchange;
ii. Support for Japanese studies;
iii. Promotion of Japanese language;
iv. Performances, exhibitions, film screenings, lectures, conferences, seminars and conventions;
v. Production and distribution of documents; and/or
vi. Other international cultural exchange projects.

b. Projects should satisfy the following requirements:

i. The project should be contributing to international mutual understanding or friendship and appropriate for the JF's activities;
ii. The project should be realizable;
iii. The project should be not-for-profit;
iv. The project should not have any religious or political intentions; and
v. The project should not disturb public order.

◆Notification

After reviewing the application materials, JF notifies the applicant in writing whether or not the use of JF name as a supporter is approved.

◆Responsibilities of the Applicant

After obtaining approval from JF to use its name as a supporter, the applicant is responsible for:

(1) Presenting the name correctly, either by using the JF official logo or by writing it as it appears in the letter of approval;
(2) Informing JF of any major changes made to the project proposal in a timely manner; and
(3) Submitting a concise report to JF soon after the completion of the project.

◆Remark

Division in Charge: Applications should be submitted to the section most closely related to the contents of the proposed project. General inquiries can be forwarded to the Public Relations Department.

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