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※ JSA-ASEAN = Japanese Studies Association in Southeast Asia

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Program	Applicant	Application Deadline (JST)
Use of the Name of the Japan Foundation as a Supporter	Organizations in Japan and overseas	Four weeks prior to a project commencing
Designated Donations Program	All	[1st screening round of FY 2026] Deadline of Draft Proposal: April 1, 2027 Deadline of Final Proposal: May 6, 2027 [2nd screening round of FY 2026] Deadline of Draft Proposal: September 1, 2027 Deadline of Final Proposal: October 1, 2027

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.

◆ 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 are not eligible to receive grants under this program, including grants from third-party programs that are funded by any of the aforementioned organizations.
- * 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 "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, 2027 and March 31, 2028 Project participants must depart Japan on or after April 1, 2027 and must be back in Japan by March 31, 2028.

◆ 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)

67 out of 176 applications (FY 2026)

Maximum grant amount awarded in FY 2026: 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 Midnight on December 1, 2026
(for projects which take place between April 1, 2027 and March 31, 2028)

◆ Notification of Results

Within April 2027



◆ Notes for all Applicants

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

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



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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.

- 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.

2 Project period (Up to two fiscal years)

The project must start between June 1, 2027, and March 31, 2028, and end by March 31, 2029 (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)

3 out of 25 applications for FY 2026

◆ 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 Content of the International Co-production Project (the depth of exchange and collaboration among participants, and the nature of their equal involvement in the creative process, etc.)
- 7 Understanding of process observer and video distribution, preparation, and implementation framework of the video production
- 8 Safety conditions of the place where the project will be implemented

◆ 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

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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.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.

- 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 provides partial funding support to Japan-based organizations that implement projects to promote human resource development and people-to-people exchange in the arts and cultural fields, between Japan and ASEAN countries.

◆ Eligible Projects

Projects for the development of the next generation of professionals through network-building and collaboration among specialists and professional organizations in fields such as visual arts, performing arts, music, literature, film, lifestyle culture, and sports in Japan and ASEAN countries



◆ Eligibility of Applicants

Organizations based in Japan with legal entity status in the arts and cultural fields

◆ Grant Coverage

Partial support for the following expenses:

- Honoraria (e.g. for speakers and instructors)
- Travel Expenses (International, domestic long-distance transportation, and accommodation)
- Venue and Equipment Rental
- Interpretation and Translation Expenses
- Materials, Reports, and Publicity Production Costs
- Freight and Shipping Costs

◆ Past Awardees (for reference)

Number of Projects for FY 2026 : 12 projects out of 36 applications

◆ Selection Policy

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

- Alignment with the Objectives of the Grant Program
- Quality of the Project plan
- Feasibility
- Dissemination and Sharing of Project Outcomes
- Potential for Future Development and Sustainability
- Appropriateness of the Budget Plan

◆ Application Deadlines

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

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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

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 multi-faceted 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.



- (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

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

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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, 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.



◆ Application Deadlines

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(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

April 2027

◆ Notes for all Applicants

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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);



- 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

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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.

- 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:
 - (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.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 1, 2026
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Late April 2027



◆ Notes for all Applicants

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NIHONGO Partners (Internship in Collaboration with 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 to educational institutions in Asia, where they support Japanese-language education and promote exchange and mutual understanding with local people. During the dispatch, they undertake practicum training in Japanese-language education, introduce Japanese culture, and engage in conversational exchange in Japanese.

◆ Eligibility

Japanese universities, graduate schools, and junior colleges that offer Japanese-language teacher-training courses (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant University")

◆ Dispatch Areas and Countries

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

◆ Duration of dispatch

One week or longer (participants must depart Japan on or after June 1, 2027, and must be back in Japan by March 31, 2028)

◆ Participants

Regular students enrolled in a Japanese-language teacher-training course, or an equivalent program, at the Applicant University (in their second year or above at the time of dispatch), who are native speakers of Japanese or possess Japanese-language proficiency equivalent to that of a native speaker.



◆ Methods of Implementation

The Japan Foundation and the Applicant University shall conclude an agreement based on the approved application and implement the program jointly in accordance with that agreement.

◆ Contents of Support

The Japan Foundation shall cover the following expenses as its contributions to the jointly organized program:

- Round-trip airfare (including airport fees, fuel surcharge etc.)
- Accommodation fees (a maximum limit for 60 days' worth)
- Overseas travel insurance fees (a maximum limit for 60 days' worth)
- * The above-mentioned items will be provided within the limits established by the Japan Foundation.:

◆ Selection Policy

Screening will be conducted in line with the following criteria:

- 1 Positioning of the program within the Applicant University
- 2 Proposed activities
- 3 Cooperative framework and safety management system between the Applicant University and the host institution
- 4 Expected concrete outcome
- 5 Appropriateness of the budget plan
- 6 Safety conditions at the program location

◆ Previous Results (Reference)

334 students from 41 universities (FY2026)

◆ Application Deadline

1 p.m., December 2, 2026 (Applications must be submitted by e-mail.)

◆ 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](#)



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.



(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.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

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

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 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, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, India, Australia, Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Italy, the U.K., Spain, Germany, France, Hungary, and Egypt)

* This program is handled by the JF overseas offices. Please contact the nearest JF office for further information.

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)

107 out of 148 applications for FY 2026

◆ Application Deadline

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

◆ Notification of Results

May 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](#)



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

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

◆ Outline

This program aims to partially support the costs of projects by organizations or groups that provide Japanese-language education necessary for people wishing to live and work in Japan, including those who plan to come to Japan under the status of residence of "Specified Skilled Worker" and "Employment for Skill Development".

◆ Eligible Countries

Mongolia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Uzbekistan

◆ Eligible Applicants

Organizations or groups located in the eligible countries listed above and providing Japanese-language education to people wishing to live and work in Japan, including those who plan to come to Japan under the status of residence of "Specified Skilled Worker" and "Employment for Skill Development".

However, organizations or groups 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 used for 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* used for Japanese-language education for the purpose of living and working in Japan.
- * Applicants may apply for either 1 or 2 above, or for both.



- * Transfer or paid rental to individuals (including teachers and students at the organization or group) or to other organizations or groups is not eligible for the grant.

◆ Selection Policy

Screening and selection will be conducted from the following perspectives.

- 1 Necessity of support from the JF for the project(s)
- 2 Role of the applying organization or group in terms of Japanese-language education in the country concerned (including whether the organization or group is accredited by the government as a sending organization for the status of residence of “Specified Skilled Worker” and “Employment for Skill Development”)
- 3 Specific expected outcomes
- 4 Ripple effect in the country concerned for disseminating Japanese-language skills for the purpose of living and working in Japan
- 5 Ability to procure funds from sources other than the JF, including its own funds
- 6 Feasibility of the plan (project to be implemented, framework, schedule, etc.)
- 7 Safety and security in the area where the project is to be implemented

◆ Number of Grants (Reference)

14 out of 17 applications for FY 2026

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through the 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](#)



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_rsrcs/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"



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.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	<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> , <u>Honduras</u> , <u>Jamaica</u> , <u>Mexico</u> , <u>Nicaragua</u> , Panama, Saint Christopher and Nevis, <u>Saint Lucia</u> , <u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</u> , Trinidad and Tobago
South America	<u>Argentina</u> , <u>Bolivia</u> , <u>Brazil</u> , Chile, <u>Colombia</u> , <u>Ecuador</u> , <u>Guyana</u> , <u>Paraguay</u> , <u>Peru</u> , <u>Suriname</u> , Uruguay, <u>Venezuela</u>
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> , <u>Belarus</u> , <u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u> , Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, <u>Georgia</u> , Hungary, <u>Kazakhstan</u> , <u>Kyrgyz Republic</u> , <u>Kosovo</u> , Latvia, Lithuania, <u>Moldova</u> , <u>Montenegro</u> , <u>North Macedonia</u> , Poland, Romania, Russia, <u>Serbia</u> , Slovakia, Slovenia, <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>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, 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.



- 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](#)



(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)



◆ 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

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)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)



◆ 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

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](#)



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, 2027 and March 31, 2028.

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 Honoraria (honoraria for lecturers, researchers, collaborators, interpreters, and staff, 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 Indirect costs (no more than 10% of the direct costs the Japan Foundation supports)



◆ Number of Grants (Reference)

14 out of 73 applications for FY 2026

◆ 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 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](#)



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, 2027 and March 31, 2028. 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 Indirect costs (no more than 10% of the direct costs the Japan Foundation supports)



◆ Number of Grants (Reference)

7 out of 35 applications for FY 2026

◆ 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, 2026

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

◆ Notification of Results

April/May, 2027

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

- * For those who are affiliated with institutions in Southeast Asia, please apply for "JF-JSA-ASEAN Fellowship Program" instead.

◆ Eligible Applicants and Duration

1 Doctoral Candidates

Applicants must be Ph.D. candidates at graduate schools 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 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 hold citizenship or lawful permanent resident status in any country that have diplomatic relations with Japan, and reside in such a country.

- * Taiwanese applicants are eligible to apply only for "Doctoral Candidates" or "Researchers (Long-Term)."



- (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, 2027 and March 20, 2028.
 - (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, 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) 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 are registered residents in Japan as of April 1, 2027 and fail to deregister their residency for overseas relocation by the Fellowship start date;
 - (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)

96 out of 286 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 much lower priority.

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 1, 2026 (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, 2026 (Eastern 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](#)





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, 2027 and March 20, 2028.
 - (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, 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.
- 1 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 deregister 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 Round-trip international airline ticket (discount economy class)
- 2 Stipend and other allowances



◆ 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 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, 2027 and March 31, 2028 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)

20 out of 47 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)

- * 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, 2026 (Eastern 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](#)



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 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)

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](#)





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, 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, 2027

Deadline of Final Proposal: May 6, 2027

Timing of notices of results: Late July to early August 2027

[2nd screening round]

Deadline of Draft Proposal: September 1, 2027

Deadline of Final Proposal: October 1, 2027

Timing of notices of results: Late December 2027 to early January 2028

- * For detailed information about the application deadlines after FY 2028, 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.

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