2 Grant Program for Intellectual Exchange Conferences

Application Form: **RIE-RC**
Section in Charge: **Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange Department**

This program is designed to strengthen intellectual exchange between Japan and other countries, and to fortify Japan's intellectual contribution to the world by supporting dialogue on regionally or globally-shared issues as well as on key global priorities.

Eligibility

Non-profit organizations (e.g., universities, research institutes, NGO/NPOs) in Japan and overseas, excluding the 10 ASEAN countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) and the U.S. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

Eligible Area

Worldwide excluding the 10 ASEAN countries and the U.S.

Eligible Projects

Projects such as international conferences, symposia, seminars, and workshops.

The theme of the project must fall into either of the following two categories:

a. Challenges that concern both Japan and other countries and major international issues (e.g., aging population and decreasing birthrate, environment and energy, and cultural diversity and multicultural society). Regarding projects under this category, participants from Japan must play a sufficient role and Japanese organizers must be proactively involved in the planning.

b. Topics relevant to Japan that contribute to facilitating a greater understanding of Japan overseas, and Japanese bilateral relations with foreign countries (regions).

- ＊Themes that involve the sharing of information and experience gained from the Great East Japan Earthquake, disaster prevention, reconstruction and restoration, and community redevelopment are also eligible.
- ＊For art and cultural projects (e.g., performances, lectures, demonstrations, and workshops) implemented overseas by dispatching artists and Japanese culture specialists from Japan, please see p. 8–9 for the "Grant Program for Dispatching Artists and Cultural Specialists."
- ＊For intellectual exchange projects with the 10 ASEAN countries, please see p. 31–32 for the "Grant Program for Promotion of Cultural Collaboration."
- ＊For Policy-oriented U.S.-Japan Intellectual exchange projects, please see p. 29 for the "CGP Grant Program."

Duration

Projects must be implemented and completed between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017.

Grant Coverage

(1) Travel costs (round-trip air tickets [discount economy class], domestic transportation costs, per diem and accommodation)

(2) Honoraria (for paper presenters, lecturers, interpreters and assistants)

(3) Other expenses (conference materials, publication of reports, venue and equipment rental, public relations, etc.)

Number of Grants (Reference)

53 out of 121 applications for FY 2015

Selection Policy

(1) See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.

(2) Applications will be assessed and selected from the perspectives below. However, final decisions will be made by comprehensively assessing the theme of the applicant's program, objectives, participating countries, participants, and various other factors, so the criteria below may not have to be completely satisfied.

a. Is the program relevant to social interests and would its outcome be beneficial to society?

b. Are the participant nations appropriate for the chosen theme and program objectives? (Applicable for programs involving two or multiple countries)

c. Are the perspectives and fields of expertise of the participants sufficiently diverse and not limited to a narrow field?

d. Does the program encourage the involvement of young participants, and anticipate the formation and expansion of new relational networks?

e. Does the program lead to increasing Japan's intellectual international contributions? For instance, does it lead to the utilization of Japan's experience, knowledge or human resources?

(3) Low priority will be given to:

a. Academic societies' conferences that take place periodically, mainly aiming for researchers' exchange within a specific field (excluding Japanese Studies).

b. Projects in which total support is sought from the Japan Foundation (the Japan Foundation prefers to share the costs of supporting a project).

c. Programs based on existing partnerships, such as agreements between universities and sister institution relationships.

Application Deadline
December 1, 2015
Notification of Results
Late April 2016

3 Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program

Application Form: **RJS-FW**
Section in Charge: **Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange Department**

This program provides preeminent foreign scholars and researchers in the field of Japanese Studies with opportunities to conduct research in Japan, with the aim of supporting them and promoting Japanese Studies overseas. Experts in the fields of natural science, medical science, and engineering are excluded. There are three subcategories as follows.

[Scholars and Researchers 〈Long-Term〉]
Applicants Scholars and researchers conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities and social sciences.
Duration 2 months (60 days) to 12 months

[Scholars and Researchers 〈Short-Term〉]
Applicants Scholars and researchers conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities and social sciences, whose projects require them to travel to Japan to carry out research, gather materials, etc., intensively over a short period of time.
Duration 21 to 59 days

[Doctoral Candidates]
Applicants Ph. D. candidates, conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities and social sciences, who, in principle, have completed (or will have completed by the beginning of the fellowship) the necessary coursework, and find it necessary to visit Japan to complete their dissertations.
Duration 4 to 14 months (4 to 12 months for U.S. applicants)

Eligibility
All of the following criteria must be met:
(1) Applicant must be a national/permanent resident of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.
＊Taiwanese applicants, including permanent residents of Taiwan, are eligible to apply for "Scholars and Researchers 〈Long-Term〉" or "Doctoral Candidates."
(2) Previous recipients of a Japan Foundation fellowship, such as the Japanese Studies Fellowship or Abe Fellowship, are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2016, a full three years has elapsed since completing their most recent fellowships. However, previous "Scholars and Researchers 〈Short-Term〉" Fellows are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2016, one full year has elapsed since completing their most recent fellowship.
(3) Applicants who have been in Japan continuously for more than a year dating back from April 1, 2016, are excluded.
(4) Applicants must have advanced proficiency in either Japanese or English to research and communicate.
(5) At the time of submitting an application, an advisor (to provide guidance) must be secured (except for "Scholars and Researchers 〈Short-Term〉").
(6) Undergraduates, students undertaking a Masters course, basic training in the Japanese language, technical skills and development of Japanese-language teaching materials, as well as training in the fields of art and traditional culture (e.g., tea ceremony, flower arrangement, etc.) are excluded.
(7) Program duration: shorter or longer periods than shown above are not allowed.

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

Number of Fellowships (Reference)
124 out of 443 applications for FY 2015

Selection Policy
(1) See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
(2) Applicants who have received the Japan Foundation fellowships twice or more in the past will be given a lower priority.
(3) Applications from mid-career/younger researchers are especially welcome.
(4) In selecting applications, some consideration will be given to regional/country/institutional balance.

Application Deadline
December 1, 2015 (Applicants who hold U.S. citizenship or permanent residency: November 2, 2015)
Notification of Results
Late April 2016