

2 Grant Program for Intellectual Exchange Conferences

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

This program provides grants to partially cover expenses for implementing international intellectual collaborative projects, such as international conferences. The program is designed to encourage the deepening of mutual understanding and establishment of closer relations between Japan and other countries through global intellectual exchange.

Eligibility

Non-profit organizations in Japan and overseas, excluding the 10 ASEAN countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) and the U.S.

Eligible Area

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

Eligible Projects

International intellectual collaborative dialogues such as international conferences, symposia, seminars, and workshops, where the themes must address to challenges that concern both Japan and other countries and participants from Japan must play a significant role in the dialogues.

- *Some examples of the eligible themes are aging population and low birth rate, environment and energy, influence of science and technology on society, cultural diversity and multiculturalism, democracy and governance, and role of culture in diplomacy and international relations. 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., performing arts, workshops, and demonstrations) 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. 36–37 for the "Grant Program for Promotion of Cultural Collaboration."
- *For Policy-oriented U.S.-Japan Intellectual exchange projects, please see p. 32–33 for the "CGP Grant Program."

Duration

Projects must be implemented and completed between April 1, 2018, and March 31, 2019.

Grant Coverage

Part of the following expenses:

- (1) Travel expenses (international airfares and other transportation expenses, daily allowances and accommodation fees)
- (2) Honoraria (for presenters, lecturers, interpreters, etc.)
- (3) Other expenses (for venues, equipments, materials, public relations, etc.)

Number of Grants (Reference)

23 out of 77 applications for FY 2017

Selection Policy

- (1) See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- (2) Applications will be selected by comprehensively assessing the theme, participating countries, participants of the applied project, and various other factors. Some criteria specified below may also be considered.
 - a) Is the project relevant to social interests and would its outcome be beneficial to society?
 - b) Are the participating nations appropriate for the chosen theme and objectives? (Applicable for projects involving two or multiple countries)
 - c) Does the project encourage the involvement of young participants, and contribute to the formation and expansion of new relational networks?
 - d) Does the project lead to the increase of 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.
 - b) Projects for which total support is sought from the Japan Foundation.
 - c) Projects based on existing partnerships, such as agreements between universities and sister institution relationships.

Application Deadline

December 1, 2017

Notification of Results

April 2018

For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2018, please note that notification of results may be sent after the project has already started.