

Grant Program for Japanese-Language Education Activities FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions and Answers)

Q1: What kind of activity is eligible for a “Japanese-Language Activities Support Grant?”

A: The grant supports any kind of activity that will enhance the motivation of a Japanese-language learner or provide an opportunity for people who wish to learn Japanese to do so for the first time. Japanese speech contests, quiz contests using Japanese, debates, and presentations in Japanese are some examples of activities considered appropriate.

Q2: Do you have programs that will support the salaries of the Japanese Teacher(s) at our school?

A: The grant applies only when a full-time teacher is hired to teach a newly started Japanese-language program or a newly added Japanese class. It does not apply to salaries for teachers who are already employed by your school. Furthermore, there is also a condition that your school must be able to support this teacher with its own finances within three years. For details, please refer to the “Conditions for Staff Expansion Grant” portion in the “Program Description” section of the application instructions.

Q3: I was originally considering applying to the “Program for the Donation of Japanese-Language Teaching Materials.” Is it possible to receive Japanese teaching materials through this “Grant Program for Japanese-Language Education Activities?”

A: Until fiscal 2009, the Japan Foundation purchased teaching materials in Japan and donated them overseas, but the “Program for the Donation of Japanese-Language Teaching Materials” has been terminated. From fiscal 2010, the “Grant Program for Japanese-Language Education Activities” will provide financial aid for the individual organizations to purchase Japanese teaching materials.

Unlike before, the Foundation can no longer purchase and send materials. Financial aid for teaching materials, shipping costs and tariffs will be provided to the individual organizations so that they may each procure what they need on their own. For details, please refer to the “Conditions for Teaching Material Purchase Grant” portion in the “Program Description” section of the application instructions.

Q4: Can I apply for aid for operations not listed in the “Program Description” section of the application instructions?

A: If the operation has the effect of popularizing Japanese-language or contributes to the development of Japanese-language education, a grant application may be entered under the heading of “Other Original Proposals.” Furthermore, a grant application may be entered

combining multiple operations in the activities listing. Please note however that there are elements that are non eligible so please check the "Requirements of the Proposed Projects" and "Non Eligible Elements for Grant Project" sections of the application instructions.

Q5: There is a local office of the Japan Foundation in my country; are there any programs that my school can apply to?

A: For countries that have the Japan Foundation's overseas offices, aid is rendered through that local office and the Foundation's headquarter will not accept grant applications from individual organizations.

Each overseas office will project programs suited to the Japanese-language education requirements of the country. The content of such programs differs among different countries. Please contact the Foundation's local office for details. (The Japan Foundation's overseas offices contact information: <http://www.jpf.go.jp/world/en/index.html>)