

(2) Project duration

[First round]: Projects that take place between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020.

[Second round]: Projects that take place between October 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020.

Grant Coverage

Portions of the following categories can be covered by the grant.

- (1) Travel expense (international and domestic travel)
- (2) Accommodation
- (3) Venue and equipment use

Number of Grants (Reference)

15 out of 41 applications (for 1st round of FY 2018)

Selection Policy

- (1) See p. 3 for the selection policy shared by all programs.
- (2) In addition to (1), applications will be screened according but not limited to the following points:
 - a. Concrete elements of collaboration that cross national boundaries
 - b. Potential for the development into new projects
 - c. Pioneering elements in the project's themes and contents
 - d. Expansion of grassroots and regional exchange
 - e. Contribution in further developing the bases for international cultural exchange by nurturing those who can lead such programs among Asian countries, and also building networks between Japan and ASEAN

Application Deadlines

[First round]: No later than December 3, 2018 for projects that take place between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020.

[Second round]: No later than June 3, 2019 for projects that take place between October 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020.

Notification of Results

[First round]: April 2019

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

[Second round]: September 2019

3 Grant Program for Promotion of Cultural Collaboration

Application Form: **AC-CC**
Section in Charge: **Arts, Culture and Exchange Section II, Asia Center**

This program is designed to generate new cultures together within Asia. Grants are provided to successful collaborative projects conducted by organizations and professionals in Japan and ASEAN countries.

Eligibility

Applicants must be organizations based in ASEAN countries or Japan.

Eligible Projects

(1) Project contents

Applications of collaborative projects --the majority of which involve ASEAN and Japan participants-- as well as projects that plan to disseminate their achievements are accepted. These projects must work on human resources development, network construction, strengthening of the bases of exchange, co-production and joint research initiatives, in the fields of culture and arts, sports, or intellectual exchange.

The projects must:

- a. Be a collaboration or mutual exchange between two or more countries.
- b. Involve at least one Japanese organization or individual.
- c. Generate a tangible and concrete output of its achievement.
- d. Have secured at least 30 % or more of the total project budget from organizations other than the Asia Center.

(2) Project duration

[First round]: Projects that start between April 1, 2019 and September 30, 2019, and which are expected to be completed within 12 months.

[Second round]: Projects that start between October 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020, and which are expected to be completed by September 30, 2020.

Grant Coverage

The grant will be provided to cover a portion of the expense from a maximum of three categories chosen from below.

- (1) Traveling expense (international and long-distance domestic travel) and accommodation
- (2) Venue and equipment use
- (3) Translation, interpretation and honoraria for lecturers
- (4) Preparation of materials, reports, PR materials, etc.
- (5) Carriage (baggage/freight)

Number of Grantees (Reference)

21 out of 53 applications (for 1st round of FY 2018)

Selection Policy

- (1) See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- (2) In addition to (1), applications will be screened according but not limited to the following points:
 - a. Clarity in objectives and goals of the project
 - b. Concrete methods and scheduling of human resources development, networking construction etc. that cross national boundaries
 - c. Wide dissemination of the project's achievements
 - d. Potential for the development into new projects
 - e. Pioneering elements in the project's themes and contents
 - f. Outcomes that have a lasting significance within the relevant field, rather than being a one-time event
 - g. Appropriate role and/or financial support by the collaborator(s) or cooperator(s)

Application Deadlines

[First round]: No later than December 3, 2018 for projects that start between April 1, 2019 and September 30, 2019.

[Second round]: No later than June 3, 2019 for projects that start between October 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020.

Notification of Results

[First round]: April 2019

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

[Second round]: September 2019

4 The Asia Center Fellowship Program

Application Form: **AC-FS**
Section in Charge: **Arts, Culture and Exchange Section II, Asia Center**

This fellowship program is designed to encourage joint or cooperative projects that cross national cultural borders among individuals in a wide variety of fields. The fellowships will be offered to successful individuals who plan to pursue their research and activities outside their home countries and who seek to further develop their field(s).

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

A resident of ASEAN countries or Japan, and hold a nationality, citizenship, or permanent residency of ASEAN countries or Japan.

Eligible Projects

(1) Eligible Fields

Projects in the fields such as arts and culture, academic and intellectual exchange, sports

*For individuals who intend to visit Japan to conduct research on Japanese art, please see p. 13 for "Ishibashi Foundation / The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Research on Japanese Art".

(2) Eligible countries

ASEAN countries and Japan

- a. Projects can be conducted in two or more countries.
- b. Applicants outside Japan must include Japan as one of their activities sites.
- c. Note: Activities/Projects that take place where the applicant holds nationality, citizenship, or permanent residency, or where the applicant currently resides, or where s/he is based in, are NOT eligible.

(3) Fellowship Period

[First round]: Projects that start between June 1, 2019 and November 30, 2019

[Second round]: Projects that start between December 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020, and which are expected to be completed by September 30, 2020

Duration Categories

- (1) Short term: 21 days to 59 days
- (2) Long term: 60 days to 6 months