

b. Projects that involve two or more countries must include Japan as one of its participants.

(2) Project Duration

Projects that commence after April 1, 2017 and complete before March 31, 2018.

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)

22 out of 46 applications (for 1st round of FY2016)

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. Accordance with the mission of the Asia Center
 - b. Clarity in objectives and goals of the project
 - c. Concrete elements of collaboration that cross national boundaries
 - d. Potential for the development into new projects
 - e. Pioneering elements in the project's themes and contents
 - f. Expansion of grassroots and regional exchange
 - g. 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 Asia

Application Deadlines

[First round]: No later than December 1, 2016 for projects that take place between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018.

[Second round]: No later than June 1, 2017 for projects that take place between October 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018.

Notification of Results

[First round]: April 2017

For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2017, please note that notification of results may only be sent after the project has already started.

[Second round]: September 2017

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 foster awareness of empathy and coexistence among the people of Asia, including Japan, through collaboration. Grants are provided to cover a portion of the expenses incurred by organizations (and its individual collaborators) specializing in the fields of arts and culture, sports, or intellectual exchange in Asia that plan to conduct collaborative projects and to disseminate their achievements to a wider audience.

Eligibility

Applicants must be organizations based in 10 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 aimed at disseminating 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 with the help of other organizations and professionals.

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 commence between April 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017, and which are expected to be completed within 12 months.

[Second round]: Projects that commence between October 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018, and which are expected to be completed within

12 months.

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) Freight transportation (air freight / sea freight)

Number of Grantees (Reference)

20 out of 52 applications (for 1st round of FY2016)

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. Accordance with the mission of the Asia Center
 - b. Clarity in objectives and goals of the project
 - c. Concrete methods and scheduling of collaboration for human resources development, networking construction etc. that cross national boundaries.
 - d. Wide dissemination of the project's achievements
 - e. Potential for the development into new projects
 - f. Pioneering elements in the project's themes and contents
 - g. Outcomes that have a lasting significance within the relevant field, rather than being a one-time event
- (3) Priority may be lowered for applications with high involvement by professionals/organizations from outside ASEAN countries or Japan.

Application Deadlines

[First round]: Applications must arrive no later than December 1, 2016 for projects that start between April 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017.

[Second round]: Applications must arrive no later than June 1, 2017 for projects that start between October 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018.

Notification of Results

[First round]: April 2017

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 2017

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 enhance joint or cooperative projects in a wide variety of fields including arts and culture, sports, academic studies, and intellectual exchange in the Asian regions. The fellowships will be provided to successful individuals who plan to carry out research and form networks/platforms in their field(s) of expertise outside their home countries.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- (1) A resident of Japan or 10 ASEAN countries, and hold a nationality, citizenship, or permanent residency of Japan or 10 ASEAN countries.
- (2) A professional engaged in the fields of arts and culture, sports, and intellectual exchange.

Eligible Projects

(1) Eligible Fields

Projects in the fields of arts and culture, sports, and intellectual exchange, visual arts, performing arts, film, video arts, architecture, protection and utilization of cultural heritages, sports, academic research (humanities and social sciences), media and journalism, arts management, cultural policies, and civil society activities are accepted.

(2) Eligible countries

- a. ASEAN countries and Japan.
- b. Projects can be conducted in two or more countries.
- c. Applicants outside Japan must include Japan as one of their activities sites.

Duration Categories

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