

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, 2016 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

Fellowship Period

Projects that start between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2018.

Grant Coverage

The following will be provided:

- (1) International airfare(s) (discount economy class)
- (2) Fellowship stipend

Number of Fellows (Reference)

17 for FY 2016

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 mission and goals of the project
 - c. Concrete elements of collaborations that cross national boundaries
 - d. Wide dissemination of the fellowship's achievements after its completion
 - e. Necessity of on-site residence according to the project plan
 - f. Specificity, reasonableness, and efficiency of the project plan and likelihood of achieving the goals within the period and schedules proposed in the application
 - g. Applicant's sufficient prior achievements in relevant fields and recognition that proposed activities are an extension of previous work and achievements
 - h. Potential for development into new projects in related field or theme
 - i. Contributions to the development and the building of platform(s) in the relevant fields through the achievements and networks gained from the Fellowship

Application Deadlines

[First round] No later than December 1, 2016 for projects that start between June 1 and November 30, 2017.

[Second round] No later than June 1, 2017 for projects that start between December 1, 2017 and May 31, 2018.

Notification of Results

[First round] April 2017

[Second round] September 2017