

The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Arts and Culture in Asia

Section in Charge: Networking Initiatives Section,
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◆ Outline

On the occasion of the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation (2023), the Japan Foundation (JF) will implement intensively through fiscal year 2033 the "Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0," ("WA Project 2.0") a comprehensive people-to-people exchange initiative that aims to promote exchange among the next generation and develop human resources in Japan and ASEAN.

The Japan Foundation "Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0"

<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/project/special/bunkanowa2/index.html>

In this initiative, we will implement and support projects aimed at achieving the following five objectives in order to promote people-to-people exchange between Japan and ASEAN.

- Build a strong relationship of trust between Japan and ASEAN for the future
- Strengthen multi-faceted human networks
- Collaborate to address global issues
- Nurture the next generation to serve as bridges
- Contribute to the further development of a multicultural society

As a means of support for individuals whose activities align with the objectives of "WA Project 2.0," this program grants fellowship with the aim of developing human resources in the field of culture and the arts to those who cultivate and nurture transnational collaborating/co-creating projects in Japan, ASEAN countries, and Timor-Leste.

◆ Eligible Area and Activities

1 Eligible areas

Areas related to arts and culture (visual arts, performing arts, music, literature, film, lifestyle culture, and sports, etc).



2 Eligible activities

Projects that, in relation to the eligible areas mentioned above, aim to conduct research, study, and/or creative activities, to build network platforms, and so on. The projects should necessitate an applying candidate of the filed, who is based in Japan, member countries of ASEAN, or Timor-Leste, to stay for a certain period of time in countries other than where they are based.

◆ Eligibility

1 Eligible individuals

Individuals who are active in the eligible areas mentioned above (those include but are not limited to artists, researchers, curators, producers, administrators, coordinators, educators etc).

2 Nationality and permanent residency

Applicants need to meet both of the following criteria.

- a. Applicants must reside in Japan, 10 ASEAN member countries, or Timor-Leste.
- b. Applicants must hold nationality (or citizenship / permanent residency) in Japan, 10 ASEAN member countries, or Timor-Leste.

3 Other necessary conditions

- a. Applicants must be in good health, both physically and mentally.
- b. Applicants must be proficient in either Japanese or English.
 - * Should a language other than English or Japanese be required to pursue the proposed project, the Japan Foundation may request additional document(s) proving the applicant's language proficiency.
- c. Possess a bank account that can accept remittance from Japan (the Japan Foundation Headquarters) prior to or by the time of the remittance. The name of said bank account's holder must be the same as the applicant's.

◆ Duration

Short-term (10 days ~ 59 days)

Long-term (60 days ~ 180 days)

◆ Grant Coverage

This program's grant coverage includes the followings:

- Stipend
- Airfare: Round-trip discount economy-class airfare



- Insurance
- Activity Allowance
- * Stipend, Insurance, and Activity Allowance will be provided according to Fellow's activity destination(s) and Fellowship duration. Please refer to the Application Instructions for details.

◆ Number of Fellows (Reference)

Not applicable (Program newly established in FY2026).

◆ Selection Policy

Based on the proposed activities, we will take, among other things, the followings as important criteria for the reviewing process. In addition, we will take into consideration whether the proposal is in accordance with the Japan Foundation's mission.

- 1 Accordance with the mission of the "Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0" and this fellowship program. Applicant's ability to adequately complete the proposed activity.
- 2 Clarity in objectives and goals of the project as well as validity in themes.
- 3 Necessity of on-site implementation according to the objectives and project plan.
- 4 Confirmation from Host Institution(s) / Individual(s) that are appropriate for the proposed activity.
- 5 Whether the proposed activity has collaborative aspects with reasonable choice of cooperating organization(s)/individual(s) with their confirmation.
- 6 Applicants' past achievements or potential for future development in the field after completing this fellowship program.
- 7 Achievements based upon the Fellowship should extend beyond the applicant's individual output and be shared with society at large.
- 8 Applicants should potentially contribute to the development of the field of their activity and the establishment of its infrastructure.

◆ Application Deadlines

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Around late April 2026



◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please read this program's Application Instructions and Application Documents Completion Guide carefully before submitting your application.

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)

