

The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Arts and Culture in Asia

Section in Charge: Networking Initiatives Section,
Arts and Culture Department

◆ Outline

The fellowship program supports reciprocal opportunities for individuals working across diverse fields of arts and culture to undertake research, creative activities, collaborative projects, and network-building initiatives taking place outside their country of residence for a certain period. Through these exchanges, the program seeks to build strong relationship between Japan and ASEAN countries, strengthen multi-faceted human networks, and nurture the next generation of professionals who will lead collaborations and co-creations across diverse fields.

◆ Eligible Fields and Activities

- 1 Eligible fields
Fields related to arts and culture (visual arts, performing arts, music, literature, film, lifestyle culture, and sports, etc).
- 2 Eligible activities
Eligible activities are those undertaken by individuals based in Japan or ASEAN countries who plans to spend a certain period of time outside their country of residence in the relevant fields listed above. Eligible projects include research and study, creative activities, and projects aimed at building network platforms, etc. within the fields.

◆ Eligibility

- 1 Eligible individuals
Individuals who are active in the eligible fields mentioned above (those include but are not limited to artists, researchers, curators, producers, etc.).
- 2 Nationality and permanent residency
Applicants need to meet BOTH of the following criteria.
 - (1) Applicants must reside in Japan or in one of the 11 ASEAN countries.



- (2) Applicants must hold nationality (or citizenship / permanent residency) in Japan or in one of the 11 ASEAN countries.
- 3 Other necessary conditions
 - (1) Applicants must be in good health, both physically and mentally.
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) 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)

* The fellowship's beginning date for FY 2026–2027 must fall between July 1, 2027 and March 31, 2028.

◆ Benefits

- 1 Round-trip airfare (discount economy class [most direct route])
- 2 Stipend and other allowances

◆ Number of Fellows (Reference)

14 out of 61 applications for FY 2026

◆ Selection Policy

Applicants will be screened according to but not limited to the following criteria:

- 1 Accordance with the mission of the "Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0," whether if the proposed activity leads to strengthening of multi-faceted human networks and nurture the next generation of professionals in Japan and ASEAN countries. 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 at the destination 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 Whether the proposed duration is essential for achieving the objective and implementing the planned activity.
- 7 Applicants' past achievements or potential for future development in the field after completing this fellowship program.
- 8 Achievements based upon the Fellowship should extend beyond the applicant's individual output and be shared with society at large.
- 9 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 1, 2026
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Late April 2027

◆ 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](#)

