

# JF Southeast Asia Partnership (JFSEAP) Program / Visiting Fellowship (Inbound)

Section in Charge: International Operations Section I,  
Global Partnerships Department

## ◆ Outline

This program is designed to provide the next generation of researchers and experts from ASEAN who are tackling global common issues faced by Japan and ASEAN with opportunities to conduct research in Japan as Fellows of the Host Institutions, and to form and expand networks with people involved in international exchange through participation in workshops and other activities.

## ◆ Eligible Applicants

- 1 All of the following criteria must be met:
  - (1) Applicants must be citizens of ASEAN countries (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam), or Timor-Leste;
  - (2) Applicants must hold a Ph.D., the highest academic degree in their field of expertise, or a Master's Degree with five or more years of professional work experience in a field related to their proposed research;
  - (3) Applicants must be in good health and proficient in either English or Japanese;
  - (4) In principle, applicants must be able to stay continuously in Japan for the term of the Fellowship.
- 2 Individuals meeting any of the following conditions are not eligible to apply:
  - (1) Applicants in natural sciences, medicine, or engineering;
  - (2) Those who intend to use the Fellowship program for political or religious purposes;
  - (3) Those who primarily intend to enhance Japanese-language ability or technical skills;
  - (4) Those who intend to develop and/or produce Japanese-language teaching materials;
  - (5) Those who intend to acquire artistic training in the area of Japanese traditional culture (tea ceremony, flower arrangement, etc.);
  - (6) Those who plan to receive other grants covering expenses for travel to and accommodation in Japan concurrently with the Fellowship;



- (7) Those who have been in Japan continuously for more than a year dating back from the fellowship start date.

### ◆ Partner Institution (Host Institution)

Host Institutions	Priority Field/Theme	Fellowship Start Date
Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Kyoto University	Research on common issues between Japan and ASEAN	Between September 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027
Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO)	Social sciences in general (politics, economics, society, etc.) focused on ASEAN countries	Between June 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)	Policy oriented research related to Japan-ASEAN cooperation in general	Between June 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027
The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)	Foreign and security policy related to Japan, including non-traditional fields such as international economy and economic security, and Japan-ASEAN cooperation in the Indo-Pacific	Between June 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027
Keio University Global Research Institute (KGRI)	Sustainable Development, SDGs, Sustainability Investment, Earth System Governance, Future Earth	Between June 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

### ◆ Benefits

- 1 Round-trip international airline ticket (discount economy class)
- 2 Stipend and other allowance



## ◆ Selection Policy

The following points will be emphasized in the selection process.

- 1 The project is about common issues that Japan and ASEAN should jointly address.
- 2 The purpose and goal of the research are clear, the theme of the research is appropriate, and the need to conduct research at the host institution can be recognized.
- 3 In addition to conducting their own research, all Fellows are expected to be willing to actively participate in research exchange projects.
- 4 The results of the research conducted in Japan can be expected to be disseminated during and after the Fellowship period. In addition, each Fellow can be expected to play an important role in interactions between Japan and ASEAN in the future.

## ◆ Application Deadline

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

## ◆ Selection Procedures and Results Notification

- 1 JF and the host institutions will jointly screen the applicants.
  - (1) Preliminary round of selection: document review
  - (2) Selections will be made based on the submitted documents.
  - (3) Applicants who pass this preliminary round of selection will receive an email invitation to the second round of selection by January 16, 2026.
- 2 Second round of selection: online interview
  - (1) Online interviews of approximately 20 minutes per applicant will be conducted in late January or February 2026 for those who pass the preliminary round of selection.
  - (2) The online interview will be conducted based on Japan time. If the interview schedule cannot be set, the interview will be considered declined. Please note that failure to respond to the interview during the arranged time slot may also be considered as an interview decline.
  - (3) The results of the second round will be notified by email in April 2026.
- 3 Neither the reason for the results, nor the status of any application during the screening process, can be discussed.



## ◆ Notes for all Applicants

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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](#)

