

Grant Program for Developing Networks among Leaders of Japan-China Next Generation Exchange

Section in Charge: **International Operations Section II, Global Partnerships Department**

This program supports dialogue and collaborative projects between Japan and China that aim to nurture the next generation of youth who have the potential to become leaders in their specific fields. Partial financial support is provided in order to hold conferences, seminars, and workshops as well as cultural exchange events for the purpose of youth exchanges and building networks.

Eligibility

Non-profit organizations in Japan

Eligible Projects

- Projects (including those conducted online) with the purpose of fostering exchange and building networks between Japan and China that are implemented between April 1, 2025 and February 28, 2026. Such projects must include both following components:
- Participants take an active part in planning and implementing collaborative projects such as cultural exchange events, and also in dialogue with clearly defined topics for discussion such as conferences, seminars and workshops.
- Youth are the participants as well as the targeted audience.

* The following projects are ineligible for support:

- Projects focused on a theme in the field of natural sciences or technology
- Projects that include commercial activities, religious activities, political activities, or electoral activities
- Projects whose direct goal is to spread certain ideologies, assertions, or policies
- Projects that do not include participants from Japan and China
- Projects whose results are deemed to only contribute to the benefit of certain persons

Grant Coverage

Partial support of the following expenses, up to JPY 500,000 (tax included) in total.

- Travel expenses (for international and domestic transportation, accommodation, visa fees)
- Venue rental fees
- Equipment usage fees

* Expenses incurred outside of the designated grant period are not eligible for support.

* The grant will be paid out after the project is completed and actual expenditures are accounted for.

Selection Policy

① See p. XX for the selection policy common to all programs.

② The following projects will be given higher priority:

- A. Projects operated proactively by and for youth
- B. Projects that strategically communicate their activities (contents and outcome) to a larger audience

③ The following projects will be given lower priority:

- A. Projects whose main objective is restricted to the promotion of friendship between certain individuals
- B. Projects with fewer than 15 participants
- C. Projects that have a significant imbalance in the nationality of participants

Application Deadline

[1st Round] January 31, 2025

[2nd Round] September 30, 2025

* 1st Round: For projects that start on or after April 1, 2025, and finish before February 28, 2026.

2nd Round: For projects that start on or after December 1, 2025, and finish before February 28, 2026.

* Applicants can receive grants only once per year, even for different projects.

* The same organization may receive no more than three consecutive grants (for a period of three years).

* The organizer and co-organizers of the event cannot apply for multiple sources of support by utilizing other grant programs of the Japan Foundation.

(Example: If the Chinese organizers of an event in China have applied for support locally under the auspices of the Japan Foundation, the Japanese organizers cannot apply for support under this grant program.)

Notification of Results

[1st Round] April 2025

[2nd Round] November 2025

Remarks

The application requirements and application form will be available on the website of this program (<https://xinlianxin.jpf.go.jp/>) in or after fall 2024.