

3 Grant Program for Intellectual Exchange Conferences

Application Form: **RIE-RC**
Section in Charge: **Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange Department**

This program provides grants to partially cover expenses for implementing international intellectual collaborative projects, such as international conferences. The program is designed to encourage the deepening of mutual understanding and establishment of closer relations between Japan and other countries through global intellectual exchange.

Eligibility

Non-profit organizations in Japan and overseas, excluding the U.S.

Eligible Area

Worldwide excluding the U.S. and Taiwan.

Eligible Projects

International intellectual collaborative dialogues (including online projects) such as international conferences, symposia, seminars, and workshops, where the themes must address to challenges that concern both Japan and other countries and participants from Japan must play a significant role in the dialogues.

*Some examples of the eligible themes are aging population and low birth rate, environment and energy, influence of science and technology on society, cultural diversity and multiculturalism, democracy and governance, and role of culture in diplomacy and international relations.

*Projects in the field of natural sciences, commercial activities, arts and cultural activities, activities in support of specific doctrines or claims, and so forth are not eligible for this program. For details, please refer to the Application Instructions.

*For art and cultural projects (e.g. performing arts, workshops, and demonstrations) implemented overseas by dispatching artists and Japanese culture specialists from Japan, please see p. 8~9 for the "Grant Program for Dispatching Artists and Cultural Specialists."

Duration

Projects must be implemented and completed between April 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022.

Grant Coverage

Part of the following expenses:

- (1) Meeting expenses (for preparing materials, venues, equipment, public relations, etc.)
- (2) Honoraria (for presenters, lecturers, interpreters, etc.)
- (3) Travel expenses (international airfares and other transportation expenses, daily allowances and accommodation fees)
- (4) Other direct expenses (for purchasing materials, etc.)

Number of Grants (Reference)

32 out of 80 applications for FY 2020

Selection Policy

- (1) See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- (2) Applications will be selected by comprehensively assessing the theme, participating countries, participants of the applied project, and various other factors. Some criteria specified below may also be considered.
 - a. Is the project relevant to social interests and would its outcome be beneficial to society?
 - b. Are the participating nations appropriate for the chosen theme and objectives? (Applicable for projects involving two or multiple countries)
 - c. Does the project encourage the involvement of young participants, and contribute to the formation and expansion of new relational networks?
 - d. Does the project lead to the increase of Japan's intellectual international contributions? For instance, does it lead to the utilization of Japan's experience, knowledge or human resources?
- (3) Lower priority will be given to:
 - a. Projects for which total support is sought from the Japan Foundation;
 - b. Projects based on existing partnerships, such as agreements between organizations and sister institution relationships;
 - c. Academic societies' conferences that take place periodically, mainly aiming for researchers' exchange within a specific field.

Application Deadline

December 1, 2020

Notification of Results

April 2021

*For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2021, please note that notification of results may be sent after the project has already started.