

Grant Program for Japanese Studies Projects

Section in Charge: Japanese Studies Department

◆ Outline

This program is designed to promote Japanese studies overseas by providing grants toward various Japanese studies projects implemented by overseas organizations.

- * For organizations in Southeast Asia, please apply for "Grant Program for Strengthening Research Networks to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation" instead.

◆ Eligibility

Overseas non-profit organizations such as academic institutions from university level upwards or research institutions that are implementing Japanese studies activities.

◆ Eligible Projects

Japanese studies projects (including online projects) implemented between April 1, 2027 and March 31, 2028 that fall under any of the following:

- 1 Research or conferences on Japan; study or training in Japan; or publications that promote and contribute to the development of Japanese studies;
- 2 Inviting scholars or researchers from Japan or another countries to deliver lectures on Japan;
- 3 Obtaining books and materials on Japanese studies;
- 4 Other relevant projects which would further promote and expand the horizon of Japanese studies.

- * 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.

◆ Grant Coverage

Part of the following expenses:

- 1 Travel expenses (for international and domestic transportation, accommodation, per diem, etc.);



- 2 Meeting expenses (for preparing materials, venues, equipment, public relations, etc.);
- 3 Honorariums (for lecturers, collaborators, interpreters, assistants, etc.);
- 4 Other direct expenses (for purchasing materials, etc.).

◆ Number of Grants (Reference)

20 out of 47 applications for FY2026

◆ Selection Policy

- 1 Projects will be selected by comprehensively considering applications, in terms of their contents, the need for the Japan Foundation's support to the project, the feasibility and effectiveness of the project, the validity of the proposed budget, the safety and security in the area of the project, etc. The Japan Foundation also takes into account the regional and national distribution of its funding, and may select projects accordingly, if need be.
- 2 Lower priority will be given to the projects based on existing partnerships, such as agreements between organizations and sister institution relationships.

◆ Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 1, 2026 (Japan Standard Time)

- * For U.S. applicants, application procedures are different. Please be sure to visit the Japan Foundation, New York's website (<https://ny.jpf.go.jp/grants/grants-for-japanese-studies/>).
- The application deadline is 11: 59 p.m., December 1, 2026 (Eastern Standard Time).

◆ Notification of Results

April 2027

For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2027, please note that notification of results may be sent after the project has already started.

◆ Notes for all Applicants

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](#)

