

Grant Program for Strengthening Research Networks to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation

Section in Charge: Japanese Studies Department

◆ Outline

In order to develop the next generation of human resources and thus build a strong and long-lasting relationship of trust between Southeast Asia and Japan, this program provides grants to organizations in Southeast Asia to help implement their Japanese studies projects with the aim of forming and strengthening networks in Japanese studies.

◆ Eligibility

Non-profit organizations in Southeast Asia (academic institutions from university level upwards, research institutions, academic society/community, etc.)

◆ Eligible Projects

Japanese studies projects (including online projects) implemented between April 1, 2027 and March 31, 2028 that will further promote and expand the horizon of Japanese studies and interest in Japan. Examples of such projects include: study in Japan; research or conferences on Japan; inviting scholars or researchers from Japan to deliver lectures on Japan; publications that promote and contribute to the development of Japanese studies; obtaining books and materials on 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

A portion of the costs necessary for the project can be covered by this grant. The following are eligible for consideration:

- 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)

5 out of 7 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)

◆ 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](#)

