



Designated Donations Program

Section in Charge: Budget and Finance Division, Financial Affairs Dept.

◆ Outline

The Japan Foundation receives donations from corporations and individuals based in Japan to support specific international cultural exchange projects, and then provides the received amount as grants for the designated projects. Since the Japan Foundation is recognized as a Designated Public Benefit Organization or Tokutei Koeki Zoshin Hojin in Japanese tax laws, the corporations and individuals who give to the Japan Foundation are eligible to receive tax benefits.

◆ Note

- 1 In order to be eligible, each donation, project, donation proposal submitter, donor and grantee must meet a set of requirements.
- * Please note that, from FY 2016, there is a minimum amount of Designated Donation. In addition, proposal submitter is asked to secure a portion of the designated donation at the time of proposal submission. For details of this program including the above requirements, please refer to the guidelines on our website (<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/about/donation/program/index.html>). Alternately, the Budget and Finance Division can send details by post on request.
- 2 After reading through the guidelines, please contact the Budget and Finance Division directly before submitting a draft proposal, to make sure your project is eligible and meet the requirements.
- 3 Whether the designated donation proposal is accepted shall be determined after the Screening Committee (consisting of outside specialists) has met and made a recommendation.
- 4 The Japan Foundation does not raise donations for, nor introduce donors to, any specific project.



◆ Deadlines of Draft Proposal, Final Proposal and Timing of Notices of Results

[1st screening round]

Deadline of Draft Proposal: April 1, 2026

Deadline of Final Proposal: May 7, 2026

Timing of notices of results: Late July to early August 2026

[2nd screening round]

Deadline of Draft Proposal: September 1, 2026

Deadline of Final Proposal: October 1, 2026

Timing of notices of results: Late December 2026 to early January 2027

- * For detailed information about the application deadlines after FY 2027, please contact the Budget and Finance Division.
- * Draft proposal must be submitted one month prior to the proposal deadlines.

◆ 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](#)

