

Fiscal Year 2024
(April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)

THE JAPAN FOUNDATION

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Download the Application Form
<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/program/list.html>

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About the Japan Foundation

The Japan Foundation is Japan's only institution dedicated to carrying out comprehensive international cultural exchange programs throughout the world.

With the objective of deepening mutual understanding between the people of Japan and other countries/regions, our various activities and information services create opportunities for people-to-people interactions.

URL: <https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/>

1. About the Applicable Programs and the Program Guidelines

The Japan Foundation conducts programs in the three major areas of Arts and Cultural Exchange, Japanese-Language Education Overseas, as well as Japanese Studies and International Dialogue. There are applicable programs in each of these areas, and support is provided for activities conducted by individuals and organizations that are involved in international exchange.

“The Japan Foundation Program Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2024” (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025) introduces the applicable programs offered by the Japan Foundation to individuals or organizations that are planning to implement international exchange projects mainly in fiscal year 2024. The Program Guidelines are designed to help these individuals and organizations locate programs that match the projects that they are planning for.

If you find in the Program Guidelines a program that matches the project that you or your organizations are planning, please obtain the respective application instructions and application forms. Complete the forms and submit your application to the specified destination. The Japan Foundation screens the applications and provides support to successful applicants.

Arts and Cultural Exchange

The Japan Foundation organizes various programs to introduce various aspects of Japanese arts and culture all over the world. In addition, it promotes networking and human resources development in the arts and cultural fields by interactive collaboration/co-production and through dispatching and invitation of specialists.

Japanese-Language Education Overseas

To make the Japanese language easier to learn and teach, the Japan Foundation develops infrastructures and environments for Japanese-language education overseas. In addition, it promotes Japanese-language education according to the circumstances by country and region through various activities, such as dispatching Japanese-language specialists and conducting Japanese-language training.

The Japan Foundation's Programs and Activities

Japanese Studies and International Dialogue

Programs in this field aim to encourage a greater understanding of Japan through supporting and promoting Japanese studies overseas. The Japan Foundation promotes dialogue about international common issues and develops human resources who play a key role in future dialogue and exchange initiatives.

2. Application Procedures

Step 1 Decide on the program that you wish to apply for

Refer to the list of applicable programs for fiscal year 2024 (p. 6~8) and identify the program that matches the project that you or your organization are planning. Please refer to the explanation about each program (p. 9~62) to obtain detailed information on the necessary criteria and application procedures for the program that you have selected. In addition, the number of grants is listed as a reference and may differ from year to year. The areas and countries that are eligible for the Japan Foundation programs are provided in the List of Applicable Areas and Countries in the Japan Foundation Programs (p. 63~64). As there are programs that are applicable only for projects related to some areas and countries, please read the explanation about each program carefully to learn if your area or country is eligible.

Step 2 Obtain the application instructions and application forms

Once you have decided on the program that you wish to apply for, download the application instructions and application forms from the website. The application instructions for each program provide detailed information that could not be included in the guidelines. Hence, if you are considering applying for a particular program, please read the instructions carefully before submitting your application.

Download the application instructions and application forms:

<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/program/list.html>

Step 3 Submit the application forms

After filling out the application forms, please upload the completed forms, together with any attachments, to the Online Application Portal by the application deadline. The application deadline is given in Japan Standard Time (JST). Please take note of the time difference and complete your application well before the deadline.

For programs without a star symbol (★) on the List of Programs (p. 6~8), applications cannot be submitted through the Online Application Portal. Please refer to the respective Program Details for further instructions.

Online Application Portal

<https://www.apply.jpf.go.jp>

* Applications from Russia cannot be submitted through the Online Application Portal. Please check the website of the Japan Foundation's office in Russia.

3. Eligibility and Screening

(1) Eligibility

Please check the following items before applying for an applicable program.

- The project is not for the advancement of specific political or religious views.
- (In the case of an organization) One or more of the following, (a) to (d), are not applicable to your organization.
 - (a) Japanese national government organs, local governments, incorporated administrative agencies, and local incorporated administrative agencies
 - (b) Organizations, institutes, and facilities attached to or established by category (a) above (e.g. Japanese national or public schools or museums, etc.)
 - (c) Foreign governments (including their administrative organs, embassies, and consulates-general, but excluding educational, research, or cultural institutes)
 - (d) International organizations that Japanese national government organs contribute to
- (In the case of a Japanese organization or individual) The applicant does not fall under the definition of “Anti-Social Forces” (groups or individuals that pursue economic benefit by making full use of violence, force and/or fraudulent means), which is specified in Article 2(2)1 of the “Japan Foundation’s Regulations with Regard to Dealing with Anti-Social Forces” (2015 Regulation No. 52).
- (In the case of an overseas organization) The organization has a bank account for receiving grants, or is able to set up a bank account before the grant payment period.
- (In the case of an overseas organization or individual) The receipt of a grant or other form of subsidies from the Japan Foundation is not in violation of any laws or regulations in the applicant’s country.

(2) Screening

[Selection policy]

Screening is carried out from the following perspectives for all programs.

- The need for the Japan Foundation to provide 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

For other selection policies that are applicable to each individual program, please refer to the respective program instructions.

[Projects related to commemorative events of an Exchange Year]

Applications related to the commemorative events of an Exchange Year will be given higher priority in the screening process. Applicants should specify the relevance of their projects to commemorative events (if any) in the application form. Applicable commemorative events of an Exchange Year are scheduled to be listed on the Japan Foundation’s website (<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/about/area/index.html>).

* Please refer to the Japan Foundation’s website for examples of projects that have been accepted in past years. (<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/program/list.html>)

4. Points to Be Noted

(1) Disclosure of information about the project

- If the project is selected, information relating to the name of the applicant, name of the project, and overview of the project will be disclosed in the *Kokusai Koryu Kikin Jigyō Jisseki* (Detailed Annual Report of the Japan Foundation Activities), the Annual Report, on the Japan Foundation's website, and in other public relations materials.
- When a request for information based on the "Act on Access to Information Held by Independent Administrative Agencies" (Act No. 140 of 2001) is received by the Japan Foundation, materials such as submitted application forms will be disclosed (unless stipulated by the same law as not to be disclosed).

(2) Protection of personal information

- The Japan Foundation handles personal information appropriately and in accordance with the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information" (Act No. 57 of 2003) and other applicable laws. Details of the Japan Foundation's privacy policy can be reviewed at the following website: <https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/privacy/index.html>
- Personal information provided in the application forms, such as a grantee's name, affiliation, and project overview, is used in procedures such as screening, project implementation, and ex-post evaluation. It is also carried in the Detailed Annual Report of the Japan Foundation Activities, the Annual Report, on the Japan Foundation website, and in other public relations materials. Personal information is also used for purposes such as the compilation of statistics. For details regarding the use of personal information in each program, please refer to the application instructions for each program.
- Applicants are requested to inform all individuals whose personal information appears on the application materials that the above-mentioned policy shall also apply to those individuals' personal information.

5. Ensuring the Necessary Safety and Security of Projects

Considering the recent instability in global security, with the increase of terrorist attacks in particular, the Japan Foundation highly recommends that you take the necessary security measures to ensure safety of participants when you conduct your projects. Please plan your project in accordance with the regulations and instructions of the relevant authorities. In case of overseas projects, please make sure to take the following measures:

- (1) Check if there are any security alerts issued in the countries or cities where your project is taking place;
- (2) Provide information on security and safety issues for your international guests (if any).

6. Inquiries

[Applicants from outside Japan]

When there is a Japan Foundation overseas office in the applicant's country of residence...

☞ Please contact the nearest Japan Foundation overseas office.

Japan Foundation website (List of the Japan Foundation overseas offices):

<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/world/index.html>

When there is no regional office in the applicant's country of residence...

☞ Please contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website
(List of websites of Japanese Embassies, Consulates and Permanent Missions):**

https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaserv.html

[Applicants from within Japan]

If applicants want to inquire about a particular program...

☞ Please contact the section in charge of the program at the Japan Foundation domestic offices.

Japan Foundation website ("Inquiries")

<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/program/Inquiry.html>

If applicants are unsure which program to apply for...

☞ Please contact the Public Relations Department.

Japan Foundation Public Relations Department:

E-mail: jf-toiawase@jpf.go.jp

* When making an inquiry, please let us know:

- (1) Whether the applicant is an individual or an organization
- (2) Whether the application is from Japan or overseas
- (3) The genre of the project

* For more information, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on our website.
(<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/program/faq.html>)

7. List of Programs

		Online Application Programs	Pages
Arts and Cultural Exchange			
■ Japan Individuals and Organizations	<p>Grant Program for Dispatching Artists and Cultural Specialists</p> <p>This program provides financial support to artists and Japanese culture specialists who participate in cultural events overseas.</p>	★	P9~11
■ Japan Organizations	<p>International Creations in Performing Arts</p> <p>The Japan Foundation seeks organizations that will jointly organize international creations in performing arts between Japanese and international artists.</p>	★	P12~13
■ Overseas Individuals	<p>Ishibashi Foundation/The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Research on Japanese Art</p> <p>This program provides foreign curators and researchers with opportunities to conduct research on Japanese visual arts in Japan, and by so doing, promote the study of the field overseas.</p>	★	P14~15
■ Overseas Organizations	<p>Exhibitions Abroad Support Program</p> <p>This program provides financial support to museums and art institutions overseas for the organization of Japan-related exhibitions.</p>	★	P16~17
	<p>Support Program for Translation and Publication</p> <p>This program provides partial financial support to overseas publishers intending to translate and publish books originally written in Japanese.</p>	★	P18~20

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Japanese-Language Education Overseas				
■ Japan Individuals	▶	Japanese-Language Education Assistant Program (J-LEAP) This program dispatches Japanese Assistant Teachers (ATs) to K-12 educational institutions in the United States.	★	P21~22
	▶	NIHONGO Partners Program This program dispatches NIHONGO Partners to secondary educational institutions etc. in Asia, in order to support the local Japanese-language teachers.	★	P23~24
■ Overseas Individuals	▶	Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields This program provides training opportunities for foreign researchers and other specialists in Japan (Osaka).	★	P25~27
■ Overseas Organizations	▶	Support Program for Organizations in Japanese-Language Education (Grants) This program provides grants for the activity expenses incurred by overseas Japanese-language institutions.	★	P28~29
	▶	Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language This program provides training opportunities in Japan (Saitama Prefecture) or online for Japanese-language teachers teaching outside of Japan.	★	P30~48

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Japanese Studies Overseas and International Dialogue			
■ Japan Individuals	▶ Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI) This program dispatches Japanese nationals as volunteer coordinators for two years to cultivate grassroots exchanges to the Southern, Midwestern and Mountain regions of the United States.		P49~50
■ Japan and Overseas Individuals	▶ The Japan Foundation Indo-Pacific Partnership (JFIPP) Research Fellowship This program provides support for researchers and practitioners in Japan, Australia, India, or the U.S. to conduct policy-oriented research on common issues in the Indo-Pacific region.		P51~52
■ Japan and Overseas Organizations	▶ Grant Program for Japan-U.S. Global Partnership This program supports collaborative and dialogue projects that aim to build partnerships between Japan and the U.S. to help resolve policy issues facing the international community.		P53~54
■ Overseas Individuals	▶ Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program This program provides overseas scholars and researchers focusing on Japan with opportunities to conduct research in Japan.	★	P55~57
■ Overseas Organizations	▶ Grant Program for Japanese Studies Projects This program provides grants toward various Japanese studies projects (including online projects) implemented by overseas organizations.	★	P58~59
Others			
■ Japan and Overseas Organizations	▶ Use of the Name of the Japan Foundation as a Supporter This program allows for the use of the name of the Japan Foundation as a supporter in cultural events in Japan and overseas.		P60
* Please refer to the program details	▶ Designated Donations Program This program provides tax benefits to donors who give to specific international cultural exchange projects.		P61~62

Grant Program for Dispatching Artists and Cultural Specialists

Application Form: **Q-DACS (available in Japanese only)**

Section in Charge: **Performing Arts Section, Arts and Culture Department**

This program is designed to provide financial support for artists and Japanese cultural specialists who participate in cultural events (e.g., performances, demonstrations, lectures and workshops) overseas with the aim of introducing Japanese arts and culture or of contributing to international society through arts and cultural projects.

Eligibility

Applicants must be either:

- 1 Groups or individuals in the arts and cultural fields who are based in Japan and have received invitations to participate in cultural events overseas from foreign organizations;
- 2 Organizations and agencies that arrange and produce the projects described above.

Eligible Projects

- 1 Projects must be either:
 - a. Performing arts (e.g., theatre, music, dance, folk arts, etc.);
 - b. Lectures, workshops, and demonstrations related to Japanese culture, including sports.
 - * Projects that are supported by grants from Japanese governmental organizations, government-affiliated agencies, independent administrative institutions of Japan or The Japan-Korea Cultural Foundation cannot receive grants under this program.
 - * Projects with invitation from Japanese diplomatic missions abroad alone are not eligible for the grant.
 - * Projects with invitation from applicant's branch office abroad alone are not eligible for the grant.
 - * Please refer to p. 16~17 "Exhibitions Abroad Support Program" for information on support for exhibitions on Japanese art and culture.
- 2 Project period
 - 1st Round: for projects which take place between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025
Project participants must depart Japan on or after April 1, 2024 and must be back in Japan by March 31, 2025.
 - 2nd Round: for projects which take place between October 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025.
Project participants must depart Japan on or after October 1, 2024 and must be back in Japan by March 31, 2025.

Grant Coverage

Partial support of the following expenditures:

- 1 International travel expense
- 2 Carriage (baggage/freight)

* Please note that only the flights departing from Japan (round trip) are eligible for the grant.

Number of Grants (Reference)

32 out of 101 applications (for 1st Round of FY 2023)

Maximum grant amount awarded in FY 2023 (1st Round): Approximately JPY 4,000,000.

Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Screening will be conducted after consulting with experts in the field.
- 3 The following projects will be given a relatively higher evaluation:
 - a. Projects touring more than one country and city efficiently;
 - b. Projects including a number of cultural events such as performing arts, demonstrations, lectures, and workshops;
 - c. Projects participating in major international festivals or major diplomatic anniversary events (see p. 3);
 - d. Projects taking place in countries and regions with few opportunities for cultural exchanges with Japan; and,
 - e. Projects which will be actively publicized to the public.
- 4 The following projects will be given relatively lower evaluation:
 - a. Projects of applicants who have received grants from the Japan Foundation in the same fiscal year;
 - b. Projects whose effect is restricted to exchanges among specific groups/individuals;
 - c. Projects focused on activities other than arts and cultural projects such as sightseeing or research activities;
 - d. Projects that will be implemented as exhibition related events such as lectures and workshops;
 - e. Projects that are primarily part of friendship and goodwill activities among sister cities, schools or institutions;
 - f. Projects organized by hobby groups or similar membership associations; and
 - g. Projects with poorly-balanced budget estimates, such as plans in which the local organizer is responsible for very little of the project costs and the applicant bears an extremely high proportion of the overall costs.
- 5 Projects that are organized in the region where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan issues "Overseas Travel Safety Information", may be selected under a condition related to the safety situation in the region of the project. Even after the projects are selected, it is possible for a grant to be cancelled depending on the status of the "Overseas Travel Safety Information".

Application Deadlines

1st Round: Apply through Online Application Portal by 12 a.m. (midnight), November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

(for projects which take place between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025)

2nd Round: Apply through Online Application Portal by 12 a.m. (midnight), May 30, 2024 (Japan Standard Time)

(for projects which take place between October 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025)

* The registration for the 2nd Round of application starts from 10 a.m., April 1, 2024 (Japan Standard Time).

* Applicants cannot reapply for funding at the 2nd Round of screening for a project that was rejected during the 1st Round.

Notification of Results

1st Round: April 2024

2nd Round: September 2024

International Creations in Performing Arts

Application Form: **Q-IC (available in Japanese only)**

Section in Charge: **Performing Arts Section, Arts and Culture Department**

The Japan Foundation seeks organizations that will jointly organize international creations in performing arts between Japanese and international artists.

Eligibility

Any organization located in Japan that meets all requirements listed below may apply.

- 1 An organization registered in Japan whose area of activities is arts and culture; however, if the organization applies for this program as an organizing committee, it shall meet the application requirements on the condition that the core group of the organization is registered in Japan.
- 2 An organization that will continue to have a vision to show performances and conduct creative activities for overseas audiences after the completion of the international creation project.
- 3 The foreign collaborative partner in performing arts of the international creation has approved implementation of the project.
- 4 An organization that will be able to produce videos for distribution, including premiere performances after creations, and agrees to online distribution by the Japan Foundation.
- 5 An organization that approves the acceptance of an external expert (i.e., process observer) to record the creation process.

Eligible Projects

1 Project genres

All works in the field of the performing arts shall be covered by this program including theater, dance, music, performance, traditional/folk performing arts, etc.

* Projects that are supported by grants from Japanese governmental organizations, government-affiliated agencies, or independent administrative institutions of Japan are not eligible to receive grants under this program.

2 Project period

The project must start on or after April 1, 2024, and end by December 31, 2024 (in the case of performing overseas, a project for which dates of departure from and arrival in Japan of those involved are within the project period.)

Cost Coverage

The Japan Foundation will bear as its share of the cost to jointly organize the program, less than 70% of the total cost for planning and implementation AND a maximum of JPY 10,000,000 (including taxes).

Number of Projects (Reference)

4 out of 24 applications for FY 2023

Selection Policy

We will conduct screening in light of the following points based on application forms submitted and decide on the acceptance or rejection of application after hearing opinions from the screening committee members commissioned by the Japan Foundation in light of the following criteria:

- 1 The need as a project jointly organized by the Japan Foundation (contribution to international exchange and mutual understanding, diplomatic need, ripple effect on other countries, etc.)
- 2 Details of the project (concreteness/feasibility, potentials, quality/level of the project, etc.)
- 3 Expectation to the “process observer”
- 4 Past achievements of the applicant and the foreign collaborative partner
- 5 Implementation framework of the project (progress of preparations, appropriateness of the budget plan or income and expenditure plan, schedule, efficiency/cost-effectiveness of the project, etc.)
- 6 Preparation and implementation framework of the video production, including premiere performance, to be distributed online and significance of the online video distribution for applicant
- 7 Safety conditions of the place where the project will be implemented

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 12 a.m. (midnight), November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Notification of Results

March 2024

Ishibashi Foundation/The Japan Foundation Fellowship for Research on Japanese Art

Application Form: **Q-FW**

Section in Charge: **Visual Arts Section, Arts and Culture Department**

This program aims to support the development of professionals specializing in the study of Japanese visual arts by providing an opportunity for curators and researchers from abroad to conduct research in Japan, and by so doing, promote the study of the field and the introduction of Japanese art overseas.

Eligible Area and Activities

The research project related to Japanese visual arts should have clear objectives and plans to achieve its goal. The project should necessitate travel to Japan in order to carry out research intensively, over a short period of time. The main target area is contemporary Japanese art. Priority will be given to projects that include in its proposals, plans for research results to be shared widely among the overseas public through the implementation of exhibitions or the publication of books.

Eligibility

Individuals who conduct the activities stipulated in “Eligible Area and Activities” living in a country outside of Japan (curators, researchers, educators, conservators, etc.). All of the following criteria must be met:

- 1 Applicants must hold nationality (or permanent residency) in countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan.
- 2 Applicants must be in good health both physically and mentally.
- 3 Applicants must be proficient in either Japanese or English.
- 4 Applicants must be able to stay continuously in Japan for the term of fellowship.
- 5 Applicants must not violate the law or regulations of their own country by receiving a fellowship from the Japan Foundation.
- 6 Individuals who do not apply for other grant programs of the Japan Foundation.
- 7 Previous recipients of Japan Foundation Fellowships (not only the Fellowship for Research on Japanese Art but also all the other Fellowships of the Japan Foundation) are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2024, a full three years has elapsed since the termination of their most recent Fellowship.

* For details, please refer to the Application Instructions of the Fellowship.

Duration

21 days to 59 days

* The fellowship's beginning date (date of arrival in Japan) for FY 2024–2025 must fall between June 1, 2024 and March 15, 2025.

Benefits

- 1 Round-trip airfare (discount economy class [most direct route])
- 2 Stipend and other allowances

Number of Fellowships (Reference)

17 out of 55 applications for FY 2023

Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 In addition to 1, applications will be screened according but not limited to the following points:
 - a. The purpose and goal of research should be clear, and the goal should be achievable during the proposed term of fellowship.
 - b. Research in Japan should be essential to the project.
 - c. The project should be planned in a concrete and practical framework and the proposed term of fellowship should be of an appropriate length that enables the achievement of the project goal.
 - d. Applicants should hold notable achievements in their respective fields. The proposed project should be consistent with these achievements and should potentially make future contributions to the field.
 - e. Applicants should have potential for future development as Japanese art experts.
 - f. Achievements based upon the fellowship should extend beyond the applicant's individual output and be shared with society at large through exhibitions and publications.
 - g. Priority will be given to applicants who are likely to present the results of their research shortly after the completion of their fellowship.
 - h. Applicants should potentially contribute to the development of their research field and the establishment of its infrastructure.

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Notification of Results

April 2024

Exhibitions Abroad Support Program

Application Form: **Q-EAS**

Section in Charge: **Visual Arts Section, Arts and Culture Department**

This program is designed to provide financial support for museums and art institutions overseas that organize exhibitions introducing Japanese art and culture to audiences overseas. In addition, this program is designed to support overseas international exhibitions such as biennials/triennials introducing Japanese artists and their works.

Eligibility

Overseas museums and art institutions

- * If the exhibition travels to more than one venue, the host institution should consolidate the grant requests and only one application should be submitted for the whole project. The Japan Foundation will not accept multiple applications for one project.

Eligible Projects

Exhibitions that will open between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025, and that will

- 1 Introduce Japanese art and culture, planned and executed by a museum or an art institution abroad;
- 2 Introduce Japanese artists and their works in the context of international exhibitions held abroad, such as biennials/triennials;
- 3 Be created through artist-in-residence programs abroad and promote the expansion of networks among artists, curators, and researchers in Japan and overseas, and have a clear concept and concrete plan for exhibitions.

Grant Coverage

Part of the following expenses incurred and paid between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025:

- 1 Packing and shipping costs of art works (excluding insurance costs);
- 2 Catalogue production costs (including digital catalogue costs; for international exhibitions, support for catalogue production will be partial, based on the ratio of Japanese artists);
- 3 Traveling costs for dispatched or invited artists, curators, and specialists (air fare, train fare, and accommodation fees; excluding costs for preliminary research and development).

* Please note that this program does not cover the production cost of art works, installation costs and artists' fees.

Number of Grants (Reference)

28 out of 52 applications for FY 2023

Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Screening will be conducted after consulting with experts in the field.
- 3 The following projects will be given a relatively higher evaluation:
 - a. Exhibition projects with strong curatorial values that have not yet been staged in the applicants' countries;
 - b. Projects that relate to major diplomatic anniversary events (see p. 3).
- 4 The following projects will be given lower priority:
 - a. Projects organized by museums or institutions that have recently received financial support from the Japan Foundation;
 - b. Traveling exhibitions that have previously received grants from the Japan Foundation;
 - c. Projects that are primarily part of friendship and goodwill activities among sister cities, schools or institutions;
 - d. Exhibitions composed mainly of art works of public subscription; and
 - e. Exhibitions organized by hobby groups or similar membership associations.

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Notification of Results

April 2024

Support Program for Translation and Publication

Application Form: **Q-TPS**

Section in Charge: **Planning and Coordination / Literary Arts Section, Arts and Culture Department**

This program is designed to provide partial financial support for overseas publishers intending to translate and publish works originally written in Japanese. The program aims to foster better understanding of Japanese culture by encouraging overseas publishers to translate and publish Japanese works. The grant covers part of the translation and publishing costs (e.g., costs for paper, typesetting, platemaking, printing, and binding).

Eligibility

Publishing companies outside of Japan.

Eligible Projects

Translation and publication projects of works in humanities, social sciences, or arts written in Japanese and already published. The projects must fulfill all of the following requirements:

- 1 The translated work must be published between April 1, 2024, and February 28, 2025. However, applicants may apply for support for translation fee only, provided that they publish the translated edition within two years of completion of the translation. They may also apply for support for the publication costs of the same project in a different fiscal year (e.g., applying for translation support in the first year and for publication support in the following year).
- 2 The original work written in Japanese must already be published at the time of application.
- 3 As a general rule, translations must be made directly from the original works. Regarding translation and publication in languages where the translator pool is limited, approval may be given for support for translation from a previously translated edition of the work.
- 4 The contract for acquisition of translation rights of the original work must have been concluded or must be ready for signing. In the case of indirect translation, permission must also be obtained from the copyright holder of the foreign language edition from which the applicant's translator intends to translate. As for the translation fee, a written contract between the publisher and the translator must have been concluded at the time the application is submitted. Please note that the details given in the contract (publication deadline, etc.) and in the grant application (publication plan, etc.) must be consistent. Submission of a copy of each contract is required for the application.
- 5 A part of the draft translation should accompany the application. The draft should be approximately 30 pages long and double-spaced.

- 6 The plan for the project should be appropriate to the realistic and practical completion of the translation.
 - 7 Projects must not be used for religious or political purposes.
- * Grant applications for e-book publication projects are accepted.
 - * The following categories of works are not eligible:
 - Works originally written in a language other than Japanese;
 - Translations already made public, including as a self-published book or a magazine or on a website. Reprints of out-of-print books;
 - Periodicals (including special issues), proceedings, exhibition catalogues, travel brochures, language dictionaries, and Japanese-language teaching materials;
 - Works not expected to secure wide distribution, including those only to be published for donation purposes;
 - * Applicants cannot reapply for projects that were rejected in the past without a new plan and/or revised translation.
 - * If payment to the translator is to be in the form of royalties (i.e., the translator is paid only based on the actual number of copies sold after the book is published), the applicant may not apply for support for translation (it is possible to apply for support for publication only).

Grant Coverage

Part of the following costs paid between April 1, 2024, and February 28, 2025:

- 1 Translation fee (paid to a translator by an applicant);
 - 2 Publication costs such as costs for paper, typesetting/platemaking, printing, and binding; paid to printing companies.
- * Copies of the contract between the translator(s) and applicant, as well as estimates for the costs that the applicant intends to cover by the grant, from the printing or other companies, will be required at the time of application. Receipts from the translator(s), printing company, and paper manufacturers, will be needed when the applicant claims the grant payment after publishing the book.
 - Please note that only the expenses paid on and after April 1, 2024, are applicable. Any expenses paid before April 1, 2024, are not applicable.
 - The grant shall cover part of the translation cost and part of the publication costs mentioned above.
 - Costs for editing, acquisition of translation rights, copyright clearance, design layout, shipping, proofreading, and other in-house expenses are not applicable.
 - Grant payments will be made after the completion of translation and/or publication.
 - The grant should not cover any part of the project expense(s) funded by other organizations.

Number and the average amount of assistance of Grants (Reference)

Number of assistance: 43 out of 68 applications for FY 2023

Average amount of assistance for FY 2023: Approximately JPY 460,000

Selection Policies

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Screening will be conducted after consulting with experts in the field.
- 3 Relatively higher evaluation will be given to the translation and/or publication of the following works:
 - a. The titles in *Worth Sharing—A Selection of Japanese Books Recommended for Translation* and *Lifelong Favorites—Selections from the Bookshelves of Young Readers in Japan*. The list of the titles is available on the Japan Foundation’s website:
<https://www.worthsharing.jp/f.go.jp/en/>
 - b. Works that are considered to have a wide influence on society; not only limited to researchers but expected to get a wide range of readers in the applicant’s country;
 - c. Works by authors who have never been translated and published in the applicant’s country before; and
 - d. Works of direct translations from Japanese works in the area where translations of Japanese works are rarely published.
- 4 The grant amount will be determined by the Japan Foundation based on the project plan.

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 20, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Notification of Results

Late April 2024

Japanese-Language Education Assistant Program: J-LEAP

| Section in Charge: **International Operations Section II, Japanese-Language Dept. I**

J-LEAP aims to strengthen and maintain the basic infrastructure of Japanese-language education and the understanding of Japan in the U.S. By dispatching Japanese Assistant Teachers (ATs), J-LEAP endeavors to serve the needs of U.S. K-12 educational institutions seeking to strengthen their Japanese-language programs. ATs will engage in Japanese classes with and under the instruction of their supervisors (Japanese-class teachers). ATs will help with creating materials and curriculums, preparing homework and tests, and will also assist or conduct other Japan-related activities at schools and in the community to contribute to a better understanding of Japanese culture and society.

Eligibility

The following individuals are eligible to apply:

- 1 Japanese nationals whose native language is Japanese;
- 2 Individuals under 35 years of age as of April 1, 2024;
- 3 Individuals who have an academic degree equivalent to a diploma from a four-year university or higher;
- 4 Individuals who have a diploma in Japanese-language education (as a major or minor) from a university or higher as of April 1, 2024, or complete a 420-hour (or more) Japanese Language Teacher Training Course as of April 1, 2024, or have basic knowledge and skills in Japanese-language education, as demonstrated by passing the Japanese-Language Teaching Competency Test; and
- 5 Individuals who have a valid Japanese driver's license.

Duration

July 2024 to July 2026 (contracts are on a one-year basis, renewable [if mutually agreeable among all parties] once, for a maximum total of two academic years)

Expenses

Standard payment (including a duty allowance), round-trip air tickets (discount economy class), overseas travel insurance, housing allowance, vehicle purchase subsidy, car insurance stipend, material purchase stipend, etc.

Number of Participants (Reference)

6 participants for FY 2023

Application Deadline

January 2024

Notification of Results

March 2024

Remarks

Application Guideline and the Application Form will be available on the Japan Foundation's website around fall 2023.

NIHONGO Partners Program

| Section in Charge: **NIHONGO Partners Program Department**

This program dispatches NIHONGO Partners to secondary educational institutions etc. in Asia, mainly 10 ASEAN countries in order to support the local Japanese-language teachers and students. The NIHONGO Partners will support not only the educational activities of the local Japanese teachers but also aim to spread the charms of the Japanese language and cultures through their learning support and cultural activities inside and outside the classroom.

Through local activities and people-to-people exchanges, NIHONGO Partners themselves are also expected to deepen their understandings toward the language and cultures of the area or country where they stay, and serve as liaisons within Asian countries in the future.

Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill the following criteria.

- 1 Eager to understand the objectives of this program and aspire to serve as liaisons within Asian countries
- 2 Able to adapt to the local standard of living (housing, life-style, etc.)
- 3 Is between 20 and 69 years old, be of Japanese nationality, and be a Japanese native speaker
- 4 Able to engage in everyday conversation in English
- 5 Able to participate in all pre-departure training conducted by the Japan Foundation (approximately one month in duration)
- 6 Able to cooperate with the Japan Foundation on disseminating information about activities and publicize this program using SNS, website, and other media tools
- 7 Basic PC skills (sending and receiving e-mails, creating documents and/or materials etc.)

* The above eligibility may differ according to the target area or country of dispatch.

Dispatch Areas

Mainly ASEAN countries

Duration

Approximately 7 months to 10 months

Coverage

Round-trip air ticket (discount economy class fares), travel expenses, living allowance, etc.

* Accommodation will be provided by the Japan Foundation.

Remarks

- 1 Further information will be announced on the website of this program (<https://asiawa.jpf.go.jp/en/partners/>).
- 2 Dispatch areas and duration are subject to change.

Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields

Application Form: **KC-G**

Section in Charge: **Educational Training Section, the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai**

With the aim of providing support to specialists who require Japanese-language proficiency in order to smoothly execute their specialist work and research activities (such as researchers, graduate students, librarians, and museum and art museum curators), this program provides training for the acquisition of practical Japanese-language proficiency through a curriculum that is tailored to the characteristics of the respective specialist work, conducted at the Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai.

* In FY 2024, only a six-month course will be offered.

Description of the Course

During the training course, participants will independently conduct interviews with specialists in their field as well as plan their own trips to visit related facilities and, as they gather and understand research materials, they will be able to acquire the skills needed to exchange, collect, and report information in Japanese. The participants will need to independently plan their activities with an explicit theme. Participants are required to make a presentation about their research themes as their accomplishments of the course and specialized activities conducted during their stay in Japan at the end of the course.

Duration

From late-September 2024 to late-March 2025

Eligibility

Individuals must fulfill the following to apply:

- 1 Individuals who fulfill **A** or **B** and need Japanese-language proficiency to carry out their specialized work and research activities.
 - A. Individuals who fulfill at least one of the following requirements and have an employment relationship with the organization outside Japan they are currently affiliated with, at the time of participation in the program. It is expected that participants will continue working in the aforementioned affiliated organization after completing this program.
 - a. Individuals who carry out research activities as teachers (professors, instructors, teaching assistants, etc.), researchers, etc., at institutions of advanced education, such as universities, research centers, or other research organizations.

- b. Individuals who are engaged in a job of specialized research work in public sector organizations, such as government agencies, think tanks, etc.
 - c. Individuals who are currently engaged in full-time librarian work at universities, colleges, other institutions of advanced education, academic research institutions, cultural exchange organizations, or public libraries.
 - d. Individuals who are currently engaged in full-time curatorial work at museums and working for international exchange programs that concern Japan.
- B.** Individuals who are officially registered as full-time students in a Master's or Doctoral course of a graduate school outside Japan at the time of application and participation in the program (excluding non-degree students) and who are planning to write their Master's or Doctoral dissertation on a subject related to Japan.
- 2** Individuals applying for this program must obtain the permission of the representative of their affiliated organization mentioned above.
 - 3** Individuals whose research area must be in the field of Japan-related social sciences or humanities. Includes interdisciplinary fields with natural and applied sciences.
 - 4** Individuals who have a specific and detailed theme related to Japan in their study or work, and plan to make a presentation on the achievements.
 - 5** Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.
* Taiwanese are eligible to apply for this program.
 - 6** Individuals who have NOT received compulsory education in Japan for more than three years.
 - 7** Individuals in good physical and mental health.
 - 8** Individuals who have Japanese-language proficiency that is equivalent to or higher than Level N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 of the old JLPT, or A2 level in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education at the time of application (please visit the official website of JLPT [<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>], or the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education website [<https://www.jfstandard.jp/f.go.jp/>] to find the summary of linguistic competence required for each level).
 - 9** Applicants must not have participated in Teacher Training Programs organized by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa in the last five years as of November 30, 2023.
 - 10** Individuals who have NOT participated in the "Japanese-Language Program for Librarians," "Japanese-Language Program for Researchers and Postgraduate Students," or "Japanese-Language Program for Specialists (in Cultural and Academic Fields)" organized by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai.
However, the above excludes cases in which individuals who have participated in a two-month or four-month program that ended more than five years ago, counting back from November 30, 2023, apply to this program.
 - 11** Individuals who are NOT scheduled to study abroad at a Japanese educational institution, participate in other training in Japan, work in Japan, or engage in other activities during the training program.

Course Venue

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai (JFJLI, Kansai) (Tajiri-cho, Sennan-gun, Osaka, Japan)

Benefits

- 1 Accommodations, meals during the program, insurance for sickness and injury during the training period.
- 2 For those who have nationality of, and will be residing in the countries marked [redacted] in the table of Appendix (p. 63~64) upon the commencement of the program, the Japan Foundation will provide the followings. (However, those who do not reside in the above said countries upon application will not be applicable):
 - a. Round-trip air tickets (discount economy class) to and from the nearest international airport from home residence;
 - b. Airport tax, foreign travel tax;
 - c. Set amount of in-kind allowances (to cover expenses necessary for participation in the program):

* Residents in China who hold a BNO or Hong Kong SAR passport, and Macau residents in China who hold a Macau SAR passport have to bear these expenses.

Number of Participants (Reference)

17 out of 38 applications for FY 2023
(1) Two-month course: 8 participants
(2) Five-month course: 9 participants

Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs:
- 2 The criteria peculiar to this program is as follows: applicants' needs for Japanese-language training and the possibility of improvement in their language skills, achievements in their specialized fields, expected achievements and ripple effects by participating in this program, possibility of success in their specialized fields.

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Notification of Results

Late April 2024

Remarks

- 1 This course is primarily a language course for participants requiring Japanese-language proficiency for specialized work and research activities. Professional education in their specific areas of expertise is not included in the curriculum.
- 2 Participants must attend all classes and activities in the curriculum.

Support Program for Organizations in Japanese-Language Education (Grants)

Application Form: **JN-FK (only for Cambodia, Laos, Russia and countries that DO NOT have Japan Foundation overseas offices)**

Section in Charge: **International Operations Section I / Section II, Japanese-Language Dept. I**

This program aims to support Japanese-language education activities by targeting Japanese-language teachers and students of overseas Japanese-language institutions and organizations.

1 Countries which have the Japan Foundation overseas offices, with the exception of Cambodia, Laos and Russia

(i.e., Korea, China, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, India, Australia, Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Italy, the U.K., Spain, Germany, France, Hungary, and Egypt)

* All support will be given via the overseas offices. Please contact the nearest office for available programs.

2 Cambodia, Laos, Russia, and countries that DO NOT have the Japan Foundation overseas offices.

Eligibility

Overseas Japanese-language institutions and organizations, including Japanese-language teacher associations and academic societies.

However, organizations are not eligible when national laws restrict receipt of aid from overseas organizations affiliated with governments.

Eligible Projects

Non-profit Japanese-language education activities carried out by overseas Japanese-language institutions and organizations. Examples of eligible projects are given below. Applicants may also submit a combination of multiple projects:

1 Japanese-Language Activities Support Grant:

This grant partially covers the costs related to projects intended to motivate students and stimulate interest in Japanese-language education in the local area (e.g., speech/debate contests, presentations).

2 Salary Assistance Grant:

This grant partially covers the salary given to Japanese-language teachers teaching the Japanese-language courses and to the staff carrying out activities to enhance the network of Japanese-language institutions in the applicant's region/country. In principle, this grant covers them for up to three years (36 months). This grant is given on the condition that the course or activities are continued after the grant from the Japan Foundation ends.

3 Teaching Material Purchase Grant:

This grant partially covers the cost of purchasing teaching materials, supplementary materials and educational materials to introduce Japanese culture (e.g., tools for Japanese calligraphy, yukata, origami paper etc.) needed by Japanese-language teachers when conducting Japanese-language courses. The costs of buying educational materials (including e-books) contributing broadly to Japanese-language education that are widely available to the public in libraries or other facilities are also eligible for this grant. Materials that are to be given to students are not eligible for this grant, with the exception of consumables such as origami paper.

4 Conference Grant:

This grant partially covers the cost involved in holding seminars, workshops, symposia, training sessions and meetings for Japanese-language teachers.

5 Publication Grant:

This grant partially covers the cost involved in preparing and publishing teaching materials consistent with the local curriculum and needs.

6 Other Original Proposals:

This grant partially covers the cost involved in implementing projects planned by the applicant that aim to promote Japanese-language education and train Japanese-language teachers.

Selection Policy

1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs;

2 Screening will be made in line with the following criteria:

- a. Role of applicant in the country and region;
- b. Membership of "JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network)";
(see <https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/index.html> for more information about "JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network)")
- c. Specific outcome expected;
- d. Coalitions with other organizations and groups;
- e. Ripple effect on diffusion of the Japanese language in the country and region.

Number of Grants (Reference)

103 out of 152 applications for FY 2023

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Notification of Results

After late April 2024

Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

Onsite Courses

- (1) Basic Training Program (p. 36~37)
- (2) Japanese-Language Program (p. 38~39)
- (3) Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program (Summer) (p. 40~42)
- (4) Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program (Autumn) (p. 40~42)
- (5) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (p. 43~45)

Online Course

- (6) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Online) (p. 46~48)

* Online Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language, conducted in FY 2021-2023, will not be conducted in FY 2024. Instead of the Online Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language, we are opening the Online Self-Study Course on the platform "JF Japanese e-Learning Minato" (starting in FY 2023; eight themes in total will be opened sequentially). The on-demand teaching materials used in the Online Self-Study Course will also be uploaded on the JFJI, Urawa website.
JF Japanese e-Learning Minato website: <https://minato-jf.jp/>

[(1)~(5) Outline of 4 onsite programs]

For FY 2024, the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) organizes 4 onsite training programs for those currently working as Japanese-language teachers teaching outside of Japan. The outline of each program is as follows.

(1) "Basic Training Program"

A 6-month program to improve the Japanese-language skill and the Japanese teaching methodology skills.

(2) "Japanese-Language Program"

A 6-week program to improve Japanese-language skill which is necessary as teachers of Japanese language. There will be NO lessons of Japanese-language teaching methodology skills.

(3) & (4) "Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program"

A 6-week program to improve Japanese teaching methodology skills. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill. In FY 2024, this program will be conducted in two separate groups (Summer Session/Autumn Session), divided based on their Japanese teaching experience.

(5) "Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates"

A 4-week program to improve Japanese teaching methodology skills for teachers at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker (i).

* "Specific Theme Program" will not be conducted in FY 2024.

* This table shows the basic conditions for each training program. However, there are additional conditions for each training program, so please check the explanation for the individual training program in this guideline and the Application Instructions.

Program	(1) Basic	(2) Japanese Language	(3) Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods (Summer)	(4) Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods (Autumn)	(5) Specified Skilled Worker
Main Content	Japanese Language	Japanese Language			① Japanese-language Teaching methodology ② Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture
	Japanese-language Teaching Methodology		Japanese-language Teaching Methodology		
	Japanese Culture/Society	Japanese Culture/Society	Japanese Culture/Society		
Qualified Area	Worldwide		Worldwide **(see below)		Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan
Teacher's eligibility					
Nationality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan * Taiwanese are eligible Individuals who did NOT complete their compulsory education in Japan 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan
	Japanese nationals are NOT eligible*** (see below)				Japanese nationals are also eligible
Length of Teaching Japanese Language	6 or more months and less than 5 years	6 or more months	2 or more years and less than 5 years **** (see below)	5 or more years	1 or more years
Rough guide of Japanese Proficiency	Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	Level N4 in the JLPT, Level 3 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent	Level N4 or N5 in the JLPT, Level 3 or Level 4 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent	Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent	Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent
	JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)	Level A2 or above in the JFS	Level A2 in the JFS or the equivalent	Level B1 or above in the JFS or the equivalent	Level B1 or above in the JFS or the equivalent
Duration (tentative)	August 27, 2024 - February 20, 2025	June 5, 2024 - July 19, 2024	July 17, 2024 - August 30, 2024	October 1, 2024 - November 14, 2024	Onsite (1): September 3, 2024 - October 4, 2024 Onsite (2): November 12, 2024 - December 10, 2024 Onsite (3): January 15, 2025 - February 14, 2025

- ** In China excluding Hong Kong and Macau, secondary educational institutions are NOT applicable.
- *** For individuals who meet the special condition for Japanese descendants, Japanese nationals or individuals who have completed their compulsory education in Japan are eligible.
- **** For individuals who meet the special condition for Japanese descendants, more than 1 year.

Eligibility (Common)

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education will be applicants.

Participants must satisfy the following conditions.

- 1 Teachers who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work after completing this program. Individuals who are not working at overseas educational organizations teaching Japanese language or are studying to become Japanese-language teachers at the time of application are NOT eligible.
- 2 Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program.

Course Venue

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) (Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture)

Expense Coverage

- 1 Accommodations, meals during the program, insurance for sickness and injury during the training period.
- 2 For those participants whose institution is located in the regions and countries marked and in the table of Appendix (p. 63~64), the Japan Foundation will provide the following:
 - a. Round-trip air tickets (discount economy class) to and from the nearest international airport from home residence;
 - b. Airport tax, foreign travel tax;
 - c. Set amount of in-kind allowances (to cover expenses necessary for participation in the program).

Remarks

- 1 Candidates may simultaneously apply for multiple programs. However, candidates can only be allowed to participate in one program at most.
- 2 Those who get accepted for "(1)~(5) Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language (Onsite)" cannot apply for "(6) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Online)" (p. 46~48).
- 3 On the occasion of training participation, he/she cannot visit Japan accompanied by family.
- 4 The participants should devote themselves to the program and to attend every activity of the program during their stay.
- 5 Regarding the Japanese-language proficiency of candidates, please check the following website.
 - a The summary of linguistic competence required for each level of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) of the official website of the JLPT
[<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>]
 - b The levels of the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (the JF Standard) of the official website of the JF Standard.
[<https://www.jfstandard.jp/f.go.jp/publicdata/ja/render.do#sec02>]
- 6 Other separate training programs are provided for organizations in Korea and China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau).

Korea: "The Intensive Training Program for Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese Language from the Republic of Korea" (approximately three weeks)

China: "The Intensive Training Program for Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese Language from the People's Republic of China" (approximately six weeks)

(Please contact the Japan Foundation, Seoul or Beijing for details.)

[Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese Language for Japanese Descendants]

Special conditions will be applied to the organizations and individuals that meet the following requirements for "(1) Basic Training," "(2) Japanese Language," and "(3) & (4) Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods (Summer/Autumn)."

- Educational organizations for Japanese descendants that provide Japanese-language education in qualified areas (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela).
- Candidates who are elected by the applying organization must be:
 - (a) residents of the countries in the qualified areas, and Japanese emigrants or their offspring (in principle, up to the third generation);
 - (b) individuals who are nationals of the countries in the qualified areas or Japanese nationals.

If the eligibility above is met, the following conditions will be applied:

- 1 Individuals who have completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan are also eligible.
- 2 Length of Teaching the Japanese Language (Applicable only for "Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program (Summer)"): Individuals with more than one year of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2023 (teaching practice and private lessons not included) are also eligible.

* The conditions of Japanese proficiency and the participation of training programs in Japan are the same as written in the eligibility of each program.

(1) Basic Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Form: **NC-BT**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a 6-month program designed for teachers who are early in their career with an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skills, acquire the basic teaching methodology, and deepen their knowledge of Japan.

Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program:

(*The eligibility in regard to ① and ② below differs for the individuals who meet the “Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese Language for Japanese Descendants”. Please see p. 35)

- ① Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
* Taiwanese are also eligible to apply for this program.
- ② Individuals who have NOT completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan;
- ③ Length of teaching Japanese Language: Individuals with six or more months and less than five years of experience in teaching Japanese language as of December 1, 2023 (teaching practice and private lessons not included);
- ④ Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
 - a. Level N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
 - b. Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
- ⑤ The participation of training programs in Japan: Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese-language teacher onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month.

Duration

August 27, 2024~February 20, 2025 (tentative)

Description of the Program

Participants will be divided into groups based on the results of a placement examination to be taken upon arrival in Japan and will attend classes. In some cases, the program may be conducted in two separate courses based on the number of participants and their Japanese-language proficiency.

1 Japanese Language

Participants will take classes that aim to improve their proficiency using the Japanese language through various language activities.

2 Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

Participants will organize their basic knowledge of teaching methods, recognize their problems through trial classes and review of their Japanese teaching activities, and consider the solution.

3 Japanese culture / Japanese society

Participants will have exposure to Japanese culture and society in a real situation that will deepen their understanding of the Japanese language and culture. (Field trips and cultural programs are also planned)

Participants will obtain cross-cultural understanding ability which means deeper understanding of their own culture and deeper understanding and respecting of culture of other countries through interaction with their classmates.

In addition to 1, 2 and 3, special classes and individual instruction for trial classes are provided.

Selection Policy

1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.

2 Screening will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, application from JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc. For JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), please visit the following website.
<https://www.jpff.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/>

3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 35 or under as of December 1, 2023

Number of Participants (Reference)

44 out of 123 applications for FY 2023

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Results Notification

Within April 2024

(2) Japanese-Language Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Form: **NC-JT**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a six weeks program designed to provide an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skill which is necessary as teachers of Japanese language. There will be NO lessons of Japanese-language teaching methodology.

Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program:

(*The eligibility in regard to ① and ② below differs for the individuals who meet the “Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese Language for Japanese Descendants”. Please see p. 35)

- ① Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
* Taiwanese are also eligible to apply for this program.
- ② Individuals who have NOT completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan;
- ③ Length of teaching the Japanese Language: Individuals with six or more months of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2023 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included);
- ④ Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
 - a. Level N4 or N5 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or 4 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
 - b. Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent* Those who have the proficiency in Japanese more than the level of [a.] or [b.] are not expected for this program.
- ⑤ The participation of training programs in Japan: Individuals who have NOT participated in a Japanese-language teacher onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month during the period from April 2018 to December 1, 2023.

Duration

June 5, 2024~July 19, 2024 (tentative)

Description of the Program

1 Japanese Language

Participants improve their proficiency using the Japanese language which is necessary as teachers of Japanese language through several language activities. Also, participants will organize knowledge about Japanese language such as vocabulary and grammar.

2 Japanese Culture/ Japanese Society

Participants will learn and experience Japanese culture and society that could be introduced to their Japanese-language classes by several ways such as lectures and workshops. Participants will obtain cross-cultural understanding ability through interaction with their classmates. In addition, field trip, visits to local schools and cultural demonstration such as tea ceremony are planned.

Selection Policy

1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.

2 Screening will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, application from JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc. For JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), please visit the following website.
<https://www.jpjf.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/>

3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2023.

Number of Participants (Reference)

32 out of 112 applications for FY 2023

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Results Notification

Within April, 2024

(3) (4) Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language (Summer / Autumn)

Application Form: **NC-MT-S (Summer) / NC-MT-A (Autumn)**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a six weeks program designed to provide an opportunity to improve the teaching methodology. This program will be conducted twice in FY 2024. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill.

Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

* In China excluding Hong Kong and Macau, secondary educational institutions (junior high schools and high schools) are NOT eligible.

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program (Conditions partly differ between Summer and Autumn programs):

(*The eligibility in regard to ①, ② and ③ below differs for individuals who meet the "Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese Language for Japanese Descendants". Please see p. 35)

① Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;

* Taiwanese are also eligible to apply for this program.

② Individuals who have not completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan;

③ Length of teaching the Japanese language:

(Summer) Individuals with two or more years and less than five years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2023 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included);

(Autumn) Individuals with five or more years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2023 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included);

④ Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application:

a. Level N3 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent;

b. Level B1 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent;

- 5 Individuals who have NOT participated in a Japanese-language teacher onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month during the period from April 2018 to December 1, 2023. Recipients of the "Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute Executive Director's Award" of the "Long-Term Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language" will be exempted from this restriction.

Duration

Two courses will take place of six weeks each. (Please note that JFJLI, Urawa may be obliged to offer a course other than the candidate's desired course.)

(Summer) July 17, 2024—August 30, 2024 (tentative)

(Autumn) October 1, 2024—November 14, 2024 (tentative)

Description of the Program

1 Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

This program is aimed to introduce, organize, and expand knowledge on Japanese teaching methodology with the aim of improving expertise as a teacher. Participants will review their educational site and consider how to solve the problem utilizing the content of this training program. In the Summer Course, which is targeted for teachers with little teaching experience or teachers who did not have the chance to learn about Japanese teaching methodology, participants will also learn about the basic Japanese teaching methods and teaching techniques.

2 Japanese Culture/Japanese Society

Participants will have lectures and workshops to help them to consider the contents and methods of culture introduction as part of Japanese-language education or cross-cultural understanding education.

Selection Policy

1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.

2 Screenings will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, application from JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution etc. For JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), please visit the following website.

<https://www.jpj.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/>

3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2023.

Number of Participants (Reference)

65 out of 138 applications for FY 2023

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Results Notification

Within April 2024

(5) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Onsite)

Application Form: **NC-SC-ST**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a 4-week onsite training program for teachers of the Japanese language at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker (i). The aim of the program is for the participants to improve their teaching skills and to deepen their knowledge on Japanese affairs, society, and culture.

Eligibility

Overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language education programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker.

Qualified Areas: Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan

- 1 Applications are accepted from institutions and organizations in countries listed above, that provide Japanese-language education to people who are expected to reside or work in Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker (i). Applications from individuals will not be accepted.
- 2 The institutions and organizations listed below are not eligible to apply.
 - a. Japanese organizations (administrative bodies and other national organizations), local public organizations, independent administrative agencies and local independent administrative agencies (hereinafter referred to as "national organizations").
 - b. Educational and research institutions and organizations established in Japan as well as other agencies, institutions and organizations affiliated with the Japanese government (Not including institutions and organizations with special legal status, such as incorporated bodies or foundations in which the government of Japan is involved in establishment).
 - c. Foreign government (ministries and other administrative bodies) and overseas diplomatic missions of foreign governments.
 - d. International institutions and organizations contributed to by the Japanese government.

- 3 The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program.
- a. Teachers of the Japanese language who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work for at least one year at the organization after the end of the program. Individuals studying to become Japanese-language teachers at the time of application are not eligible;
 - b. Individuals who are Japanese nationals or nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
 - c. Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program;
 - d. Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese language for one or more years as of April 1, 2023 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
 - e. Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
 - (a) Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 or higher of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
 - (b) Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
 - f. Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Onsite) conducted by JFJLI, Urawa.
- * Those who get accepted for Onsite program cannot apply for Online program.

Duration

- (Session 1) September 3, 2024~October 4, 2024 (tentative)
(Session 2) November 12, 2024~December 10, 2024 (tentative)
(Session 3) January 15, 2025~February 14, 2025 (tentative)

Description of the Program

- 1 Japanese-language teaching methodologies
By learning how to teach "IRODORI: Japanese for Life in Japan," a Japanese-language textbook developed by JFJLI, Urawa, participants will study a task-accomplishment approach to teaching in order to deepen their understanding of how to teach the basic Japanese necessary for living and working in Japan.
- 2 Understanding Japanese affairs, society and culture
Participants will consider methods that utilize the class as a way to study aspects of the affairs, society, and culture of Japan that are useful for life and work in the country.

Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Selection is conducted according to the following criteria: need for Japanese-language education training for Specified Skilled Worker candidates entry to Japan in the eligible country/area/organization, applicant's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, applicant's position (full/part time), influence, expected results.
- 3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2023

Number of Participants (Reference)

55 out of 71 applications for FY 2023

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Results Notification

Within April 2024

(6) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Online)

Application Form: **NC-SC-OT**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is an online training program for teachers of the Japanese-language at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker (i). The aim of the program is for the participants to improve their teaching skills.

Eligibility

Overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language education programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker.

Qualified Areas: Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan

- 1 Applications are accepted from institutions and organizations in countries listed above, that provide Japanese-language education to people who are expected to reside or work in Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker (i). Applications from individuals will not be accepted.
- 2 The institutions and organizations listed below are not eligible to apply.
 - a. Japanese organizations (administrative bodies and other national organizations), local public organizations, independent administrative agencies and local independent administrative agencies (hereinafter referred to as "national organizations").
 - b. Educational and research institutions and organizations established in Japan as well as other agencies, institutions and organizations affiliated with the Japanese government (Not including institutions and organizations with special legal status, such as incorporated bodies or foundations in which the government of Japan is involved in establishment).
 - c. Foreign government (ministries and other administrative bodies) and overseas diplomatic missions of foreign governments.
 - d. International institutions and organizations contributed to by the Japanese government.

- 3 The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program.
- a. Teachers of the Japanese language who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work for at least one year at the organization after the end of the program. Individuals studying to become Japanese-language teachers at the time of application are not eligible;
 - b. Individuals who are Japanese nationals or nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
 - c. Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program;
 - d. Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese language for one or more years as of April 1, 2023 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
 - e. Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
 - (a) Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 or higher of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
 - (b) Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
 - f. Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Onsite or Online) conducted by JFJLI, Urawa.
- * Those who get accepted for Onsite program cannot apply for Online program.

Duration

January 15, 2025~February 21, 2025 (tentative)

Description of the Program

The training consists of preliminary assignments to be completed by each participant and interactive live classes, aiming to deepen their understanding of the theory and of the approach for Japanese-language teaching methodologies aimed at accomplishing tasks and improve their teaching skills of the Japanese language necessary for living and working in Japan.

By learning how to teach with the textbook "IRODORI Japanese for Life in Japan," which was developed by JFJLI, Urawa, participants will deepen their understanding on methodologies for teaching the basic Japanese required for life and work.

Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Selection is conducted according to the following criteria: need for Japanese-language education training for Specified Skilled Worker candidates entry to Japan in the eligible country/area/organization, applicant's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, applicant's position (full/part time), influence, expected results.
- 3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2023

Number of Participants (Reference)

18 out of 24 applications for FY 2022
TBD for FY 2023

Application Deadline

Summer 2024

Results Notification

Autumn 2024

Remarks

- 1 Those who get accepted for "(1)~(5) Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language (Onsite)" cannot apply for "(6) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Online)" (p. 46~48).
* Those who have participated in online program this year may apply for onsite program another year.
- 2 Participants shall arrange all the necessities (communication devices such as Desktop/Laptop computer or tablet, internet connection, web camera, microphones, etc.) to participate in online classes. Communication costs are borne by participants.
- 3 Participants are requested to ensure a quiet environment suitable for attending the online program.
- 4 Regarding the Japanese-language proficiency of candidates, please check the following website.
 - a The summary of linguistic competence required for each level of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) in the official website of the JLPT
[<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>]
 - b The levels of the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (the JF Standard) in the official website of the JF Standard
[<https://www.jfstandard.jp/f.go.jp/publicdata/ja/render.do#sec02>]

Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI)

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

This program is designed to dispatch Japanese individuals in the Southern, Midwestern and Mountain regions of the U.S. for two years as outreach coordinators. Coordinators provide information about Japanese culture, society, everyday life, and language in local community settings and organize activities that foster interactions between Japan and the U.S.

Example of Activities

- 1 Conducting presentations and activities on Japanese culture and society for schools, colleges, and the community.
- 2 Organizing or coordinating festivals based on a Japanese holiday, event, or custom.
- 3 Organizing or coordinating lectures or discussions on traditional and/or current Japanese culture and society.
- 4 Facilitating and developing exchange activities between the local community and Japan.

Eligibility

Eligible individuals must meet all the following criteria:

- 1 Japanese national;
- 2 Have a four-year college degree or higher;
- 3 Have a valid driver's license;
- 4 Have an excellent command of English to conduct activities;
- 5 Have basic computer skills (Word, Excel, etc.);
- 6 Physically and mentally healthy as well as be able to live and work in the U.S. throughout the two-year term;
- 7 Have an interest and motivation to actively participate in international cultural exchanges;
- 8 Attend the selection interview and orientation in Japan.

Duration

2 years (August 2024 to July 2026)

Benefits

A US\$1,362 monthly stipend, round-trip air tickets, housing, etc., are provided.

Number of Coordinators (Reference)

8 for FY 2023

Application Deadline

January 9, 2024

Notification of Results

Late March 2024

Remarks

This program is administered jointly by Global Partnerships Department and Laurasian Institution. All applications and inquiries should be directed to Laurasian Institution.

For further details, please contact: Laurasian Institution (Tokyo Office)

TEL: 03-3712-6176 FAX: 03-3712-8975

E-mail: joi@laurasian.org

URL: <https://www.laurasian.org/joi-coordinators>

The Japan Foundation Indo-Pacific Partnership (JFIPP) Research Fellowship

Application Form: **JFIPP-R**

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

This program provides support for researchers and practitioners in Japan, Australia, India, or the U.S. to conduct research activities on the common policy issues in the Indo-Pacific, mainly in the four countries, excluding the fellow's country of origin.

Duration: 4 to 12 months

At least half of the fellowship tenure period must be in Japan for non-Japan-based fellows or in one of the other three countries (Australia, India, or the U.S.) for Japan-based fellows.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1 Applicants must be citizens of Japan, Australia, India, or the U.S., or must have at least five years of strong and serious professional experience at an institution in one of these four countries;
- 2 Researchers must hold a Ph.D. or the highest academic degree in their field of expertise. Non-research professionals must have a total of seven or more years of work experience in a field related to their proposed research.

Benefits

- 1 Round-trip discount economy class international airfare (only for Fellow);
- 2 Accommodation and research allowance;
- 3 A one-time lump-sum payment for relocation expenses;
- 4 Additional allowance for dependent family members that accompany the fellow overseas for a minimum of 3 continuous months;
- 5 Overseas travel insurance.

Number of Fellowships (Reference)

N/A (New program as of FY 2023)

Selection Policy

- ① See p. 3 for the selection policy applicable to all programs.
- ② Projects are evaluated on their policy-relevance and foreseeable contribution(s) to the maintenance and strengthening of a free and open international order in the Indo-Pacific region, that will bring about peace and prosperity to the entire region.

Application Deadline

Summer, 2024 (TBD)

Notification of Results

Autumn, 2024

* Application documents (Guidelines and Application Forms) will be available on the Japan Foundation website Spring, 2024.

Grant Program for Japan-U.S. Global Partnership

Application Form: **GP-GP**

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

This program supports collaborative and dialogue projects that aim to build partnerships between Japan and the U.S. to solve policy issues facing the international community. In addition to projects in three thematic areas: "Building a resilient society", "Developing an inclusive society", and "Creating a society enriched by science and technology", projects that address global common issues that are of importance for the U.S. and Japan to work together are also eligible.

Eligibility

Japanese and U.S. non-profit organizations

Eligible Projects

These Japan-U.S. collaborative projects must begin between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025.

The following are not eligible for support under this grant: projects focused on academic research in medical, technical or natural science, commercial activities, projects in support of specific doctrines or claims. For details, please refer to the "Japan-U.S. Global Partnership" guidelines.

Grant Coverage

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

- 1 Personnel & Honoraria (honoraria and staff salary)
- 2 Travel (international and domestic transportation costs, accommodation costs, and meal costs)
- 3 Conference costs (room rental, audio and visual equipment rental, report and publication costs, etc.)
- 4 Other direct project costs as deemed relevant and necessary
- 5 Indirect costs (no more than 10% of the direct costs the Japan Foundation supports)

Number of Grants (Reference)

4 out of 11 applications for FY 2023

Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy applicable to all programs.
- 2 Applications will be selected based on a comprehensive assessment of the project proposal, including topic, purpose, participants, methods, dissemination of outcome, etc.
- 3 Relevant area experts may be consulted during the review process as necessary.

Application Deadline

11:59 p.m., December 1, 2023 (Applications from the U.S.: Eastern Standard Time/
Applications from Japan: Japan Standard Time)

Notification of Results

April 2024

For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2024, please note that notification of results may be sent after the scheduled start date.

Remarks

Please contact the section in charge for details on the application process.

Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program

Application Form: **RJS-FW**

Section in Charge: **Japanese Studies Department**

This program provides scholars and researchers in the field of Japanese studies with opportunities to conduct research in Japan, with the aim of promoting Japanese studies overseas. There are three subcategories as follows.

[Scholars and Researchers (Long-Term)]

Applicants: Scholars and researchers who have a Ph.D. degree or equivalent professional experience at the time of application and are conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities and social sciences, whose projects require them to travel to Japan to carry out research over a long period of time.

Duration: 4 to 12 months

[Scholars and Researchers (Short-Term)]

Applicants: Scholars and researchers who have a Ph.D. degree or equivalent professional experience at the time of application and are conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities and social sciences, whose projects require them to travel to Japan to carry out research, gather materials, etc., intensively over a short period of time.

Duration: 21 to 89 days

[Doctoral Candidates]

Applicants: Ph.D. candidates conducting research related to Japan (comparative research included) in the humanities and social sciences, who find it necessary to visit Japan to complete their dissertations.

Duration: 4 to 12 months

Eligibility

- 1 All of the following criteria must be met.
 - a. Applicants must hold nationality or lawful permanent resident status in countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan.
 - * Taiwanese applicants are eligible to apply only for "Scholars and Researchers (Long-Term)" or "Doctoral Candidates."
 - b. Applicants must secure all affiliation arrangements by the application deadline.
 - c. Applicants must be in good health and proficient in either Japanese or English.
 - d. In principle, applicants must be able to stay continuously in Japan for the term of Fellowship.
 - e. Previous recipients of Japan Foundation Fellowships (not only the Japanese Studies Fellowship but also all the other Fellowships of the Japan Foundation) are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2024, a full three years has elapsed since the termination of their most recent Fellowship. Previous "Scholars and Researchers (Short-Term)" Fellows are eligible to reapply only if, on April 1, 2024, one full year has elapsed since the termination of their most recent Fellowship.

- 2 Individuals meeting any of the following conditions are not eligible to apply:
- a. Scholars or researchers in the natural sciences, medicine or engineering;
 - b. Undergraduates; Master's degree candidates; those intending to enroll in Undergraduate or Master's courses at universities in Japan; or graduates intending to enroll in Ph.D. courses in Japan;
 - c. Those who primarily intend to enhance their Japanese-language ability or industry-related technical skills, to develop and/or produce Japanese-language teaching materials, or to acquire artistic training in the area of Japanese traditional culture (tea ceremony, flower arrangement, etc.);
 - d. Those who plan to receive other grants/scholarships/fellowships covering expenses for travel to and accommodation in Japan concurrently with the Fellowship;
 - e. Those who will have been in Japan continuously for more than a year dating back from April 1, 2024;
 - f. Those who apply for any other grant program of the Japan Foundation.

* Please be informed that applicants for JF-GJS Fellowship program, which is co-organized with the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia of the University of Tokyo, or JF-Nichibunken Fellowship program, which is co-organized with the International Research Center for Japanese Studies, are eligible to apply for the Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship. These JF-GJS Fellowship and JF-Nichibunken Fellowship programs are for post-doctoral researchers. For further information, please inquire at r_info@jpf.go.jp by email.

Benefits

- 1 Round-trip airfare (discount economy class [most direct and economical route])
- 2 Stipend and other allowances

Number of Fellowships (Reference)

88 out of 253 applications for FY 2023

Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Project quality is evaluated on the basis of its significance to the field and to the applicant's professional development, necessity of residing in Japan for completion of the project, and feasibility in terms of time and resources. Applicants' educational background, employment history, position in their affiliated institution, and research achievements will also be considered.
- 3 Applicants who have received Japan Foundation Fellowships twice or more in the past will be given much lower priority.

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 3 p.m., December 1, 2023 (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/fellowship-program/>).

The application deadline is 11: 59 p.m., December 1, 2023 (Eastern Standard Time).

Notification of Results

April 2024

Grant Program for Japanese Studies Projects

Application Form: **RJS-KP**

Section in Charge: **Japanese Studies Department**

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

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, 2024 and March 31, 2025 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 Meeting expenses (for preparing materials, venues, equipment, public relations, etc.);
- 2 Honorariums (for lecturers, collaborators, interpreters, assistants, etc.);
- 3 Travel expenses (for international and domestic transportation, accommodation, per diem, etc.);
- 4 Other direct expenses (for purchasing materials, etc.).

Number of Grants (Reference)

27 out of 58 applications for FY 2023

Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Projects will be selected by comprehensively considering applications, including their contents, viability, relevance, efficiency, etc. The Japan Foundation also takes into account the regional and national distribution of its funding, and may select projects accordingly, if need be.
- 3 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 3 p.m., December 1, 2023 (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, 2023 (Eastern Standard Time).

Notification of Results

April 2024

For projects that are scheduled to start in April 2024, please note that notification of results may be sent after the project has already started.

Use of the Name of the Japan Foundation as a Supporter

Application Form: **PR-NS**

Section in Charge: **The section most closely related to the contents of the proposed project (General inquiries: Public Relations Department)**

The Japan Foundation supports cultural projects that contribute to the promotion of international cultural exchange, by granting the use of its name as a supporter. The projects should accord with the objectives of the Japan Foundation's activities. Application form (PR-NS) and attachments should be received at least four weeks prior to the beginning date of the proposed project.

Designated Donations Program

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

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, donor is asked to secure a portion of the designated donation at the time of proposal submission.
- 2 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]	[2nd screening round]
Deadline of Draft Proposal: April 1, 2024 Deadline of Final Proposal: May 7, 2024 Timing of notices of results: Late June to early July 2024	Deadline of Draft Proposal: September 2, 2024 Deadline of Final Proposal: October 1, 2024 Timing of notices of results: Late November to early December 2024

- * For detailed information about the application deadlines after FY 2025, please contact the Budget and Finance Division.
- * Draft proposal must be submitted one month prior to the proposal deadlines.

Appendix

List of Applicable Areas and Countries in the Japan Foundation Programs (as of August 2023)

East Asia	People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Japan, Republic of Korea, Macau, Mongolia, Taiwan
Southeast Asia	Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam
South Asia	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
Oceania	Australia, Cook, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
North America	Canada, United States of America
Central America	Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago
South America	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela
Western Europe	Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican
Eastern Europe	Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

Middle East	Afghanistan, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestinian Interim Self-Government Authority, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen
North Africa	Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia
Africa	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central Africa, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Republic of South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

The country and area where the Japan Foundation will provide round-trip air tickets, airport tax, foreign travel tax and set amount of in kind allowances, in "Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields." (p. 25~27):

The country and area where the Japan Foundation will provide round-trip air tickets, airport tax, foreign travel tax and set amount of in kind allowances, in "Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language." (p.30~48): and