

The Japan Foundation, Sydney

Mini Grant Program

2026-2027 FY Program Guidelines
For Japanese Studies and International Dialogue

Grant Description

This grant aims to support academic projects in the area of Japanese Studies that will deepen understanding and relations between Japan and other countries. Suitable projects include conferences, lectures, presentations and publications conducted/produced in Australia by Australian non-profit organisations. Individuals are not eligible to apply. In principle, successful candidates may be granted up to \$3,500 (incl. GST), depending on the nature of the project.

Eligibility Criteria

- Australian non-profit organisations (universities, research institutes, NGO/NPO etc.) are eligible to apply. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.
- The purpose of the applicant's project must be to develop a wider understanding of Japan through the exchange of ideas at an academic level. Projects may include conferences, lectures, presentations, publications or any other project deemed to fit the remit of Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange.
- Projects must be in the humanities, social sciences or related fields.
- Projects must be carried out in Australia. Project must be completed by February 6, 2026.

Ineligible

- Applicants who have already received funding from other Japan Foundation grants for the same project
- Japanese Language education programs (please contact the Japanese Language department of The Japan Foundation, Sydney for Japanese language education programs.)
- Martial arts, medical, technical or scientific projects
- Preliminary research for project development
- Political activities, religious activities, social welfare activities and commercial activities
- Study tours and research trips between Australia and Japan or any other countries. Note: Organisations that received this grant in the previous fiscal year may be given lower priority.

Grant Coverage

Half of the grant will be paid by bank transfer to the applying organisation's bank account, upon receipt by The Japan Foundation, Sydney office of the completed Acceptance of Grant and Application for Payment form. The rest of the grant will be paid after the revision of the Final Report accompanied with proof of payment for the cost of each item

covered by the Japan Foundation grant, followed by the Confirmation of the Grant.

The following items may be covered by the grant:

- Travel expenses, i.e., domestic airfares, domestic transportation and accommodation expenses for visiting scholars
(Note: Support for international airfares is not applicable.)
- Honoraria for lectures, interpreters, panel participation, etc.
- Venue and equipment hire
- Printing/publicity/publication costs
- GST for grant amount (Note: must be included in, not additional to, the \$3,500 maximum amount)

Application Procedure

Application forms can be obtained from the Japanese Studies Department of The Japan Foundation, Sydney (Email: jstudies_sy@jpf.go.jp). Applicants will also be required to submit a full budget proposal and information on the applying organisation. Please contact the Japanese Studies Department to discuss the eligibility of your project before making a formal application.

Deadline

July 30, 2026

Enquiries

To obtain an application form or for further details please contact the Japanese Studies Department on jstudies_sy@jpf.go.jp.