



For FY 2020

Visit and Study JAPAN Grant Program 2020

Application Instructions

The America-Japan Society, Inc.

Association with KAKEHASHI Project by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

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1. Objectives

To promote Japanese studies and understanding of Japan in the U.S., the America-Japan Society (AJS) provides Maximum 5 students in Master and Doctorial Courses with grants for implementing intellectual projects in Japan. This program is also bolstered by the Japanese government fund, called 'KAKEHASHI Project', with the intention to encourage the participants to share their experiences and discoveries with their networks in Japan. Thus, Visit and Study JAPAN (VSJ) program is aiming to foster mutual trust and understanding between U.S. and Japan for future friendship and collaboration, and to encourage an appreciation of Japanese culture, history, society, technology and language.

2. Eligible Applicants

- (1) Students who belong to a Master or Doctorial Program in 2020 are eligible to apply. Applicants must meet the following requirements:
 - a. having the U.S. nationality or the U.S. permanent resident status;
 - b. being registered at university/college in the U.S. as a student.
- (2) VSJ program does NOT provide grants for:
 - a. those who have Japanese nationality;
 - b. those who have participated in any programs funded by the Japanese government;
 - c. those who have studied or stayed in Japan for over a year.
- (3) Japanese language proficiency is desirable, but not required.
- (4) Applicants who have researched the subjects relating to U.S.-Japan relations for more than one year are prioritized.

3. Eligible Projects

- (1) Projects implemented in Japan between **September 1st, 2020 and December 31, 2020.**
- (2) Field of study should be History, Economics, Politics, Security, Literature, Arts, Architecture, Culture, Social Science and other subjects substantially relating to Japan and worldwide timely subjects.
- (3) As a part of this program, participants are required to share their experience in Japan through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or other social media during and after the program.
- (4) The following is NOT permitted:
 - a. To come early to Japan before the program or remain in Japan;
 - b. To be accompanied by someone else;
 - c. To travel to a third country on the way to Japan or back from Japan.



4. Grant Coverage

- (1) ANA roundtrip Economy Class ticket between the U.S. and Tokyo
- (2) JPY200,000 in cash to cover daily expense. Recipients are required to submit receipts of travel expenses on the last day they visit the AJS office.
- (3) The AJS does NOT take a responsibility for arranging travel insurance. Recipients must arrange your own overseas travel insurance in the U.S. before your departure.

5. Other Conditions

- (1) The recipients must fulfill the following requirements:
 - a. Recipients must abide by “the rules and regulations” as attached.
 - b. Immediately after arrival in Japan, recipients must visit the AJS office in Tokyo to receive grants in cash, and update itinerary and the research subject.
 - c. Before returning to the U.S., recipients must hold a debrief reporting session at AJS office.
- (2) The recipients must submit the following before, during or after the program:
 - a. A copy of passport, an entry form, a letter of understanding, and itinerary before coming to Japan;
 - b. A final report which includes their progress of study, lists of visited places and people, and some photos by the last day of stay in Japan;
 - c. A copy of the completed thesis to the AJS when accomplished.
- (3) The Recipients are encouraged to participate in the local AJS office programs near their locations in Japan.

6. Application Procedure and Deadline

- (1) Application must include following forms and documents:
 - a. Fully completed and signed Application form (use designated form);
 - b. Recommendation letter from supervising professor;
 - c. Copy of ID Card issued by the university/college;
 - d. Copy of grades transcript (the most recent semester or last annual report).
- (2) Applicants should send them to the AJS office by E-Mail (vsjapan@ajstokyo.org)
by **Thursday Feb 20, 2020 (Japan time)**.

7. Screening and result notification

The AJS Selection Committee will start its meetings from February 2020. By the end of March 2020, the AJS will directly notify the applicants about the result of their applications.

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Application Form

Date: / /

(MM) (DD) (YYYY)

Name: _____
First Middle Last

College or University: _____
Institution Department

Address: _____
City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____ @ _____

Title of Study: _____

Description (within 100 words)

Schedule and Study Plan in Japan

Arrival Date: / / 2020 Departing Date: / / 2020

Stay and Study Location in Japan: _____

Have you been to Japan before? Yes (How long and for what:) No

Japanese Proficiency Level: Zero Beginner Intermediate Advanced

*Please attach your itinerary in Japan and other notes if you have any.

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