



**The Resona Foundation
for Asia and Oceania**

2026 Grant for Asia-Oceania Research Application Requirements

1. Purpose of Funding

The foundation was established with the aim of promoting mutual understanding between Japan and countries and regions in Asia and Oceania. This grant is the main projects that have continued for thirty-six years since the foundation was established, and had created for use in Japan. We will support for surveys and research projects in the social sciences and humanities (social, culture, history, politics, economics, etc.) on the Asia-Oceania region, and we are focusing its efforts on funding young researchers that are finding it difficult to obtain assistance from public agencies such as government bodies and regular corporations.

2. Qualification Requirement

This program was created for use in Japan. Therefore, applicants must be Japanese or belong to a Japanese university or research institution.

3. Applicable Subjects for Funding

1. Research Project Grants

Research projects in the social sciences and humanities (social, culture, history, politics, economics, etc.) on Asia and Oceania countries and regions. Focus on individual research projects, but also joint research projects.

Applicants for Research Projects Grants must in principle be as of April 1, 2026, under 39 years age.

2. International Academic Exchange Grants

Grants for holding international conferences, symposia, and other meetings in the social sciences and humanities (social, culture, history, politics, economics, etc.) on Asia and Oceania countries and regions.

3. Publication Grants

Grants for publications on research in the social sciences and humanities (social, culture, history, politics, economics, etc.) on Asia and Oceania countries and regions.

4. Projects Ineligible for Funding

- For-profit research projects
- Activities with the sole aim of holding research meetings, taking trips overseas, or the purchase of devices or equipment
- Assistance with lecture fees or cost of living allowances themselves

5. Obligations of Grant Recipients

Grant recipients must sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Foundation, and on the basis of this Memorandum are requested to submit an interim report and a financial report every year during the funding period, as well as a notification of conclusion of activities, a report of activities, and a financial report after the conclusion of activities.

6. Overview of Funding

Qualification Requirement	Recommendation must be obtained from someone affiliated with a university or research institution in Japan. Non-Japanese applicants must belong to a university or research institute in Japan. Applicants for Research Projects Grants must in principle be <u>as of April 1, 2026, under 39 years age.</u>
Recommender Requirement	1) Have a detailed understanding of the content of the application (research, academic exchange, publication) and its academic significance. 2) Understand the applicant's qualifications as a researcher.
Application Period	May 19 through July 31, 2025 (applications must be received by this date)
Date of Decision (Scheduled)	Initial screening of Application Forms (early October 2025) Secondary screening of Application Documentation (mid-January 2026)
Period of Activities	April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 (scheduled)
Funding	Research Project Grants: 1–2 years (note, however, that continuing activities must resubmit Application Documentation and undergo screening again the following year) International Academic Exchange: 1 year Publication Grants: 1 year
Last Year's Funding (Number of Projects/Total Amount)	2025 Figures Research Project Grants 23 projects Total: 15,370,000yen International Academic Exchange Grants 3 projects Total: 5,590,000yen Publication Grants 5 projects Total: 5,600,000yen

Amount of Funding per Individual	<p>* Research Project Grants</p> <p>(Individual research) Around ¥500,000–¥1,000,000</p> <p>(Joint research) Around ¥500,000–¥2,000,000</p> <p>*International Academic Exchange Grants</p> <p> Around ¥500,000–¥2,000,000</p> <p>*Publication Grants Around ¥500,000–¥1,200,000</p> <p>★ The amount for each proposal will be determined in accordance with the content and scale of activities.</p>
Notification of Results	<p>Initial screening:</p> <p>All applicants will be informed of the result <u>by e-mail</u>. (Due mid- October)</p> <p>Secondary screening:</p> <p>The final decision will be made by the Board of Directors on mid-January 2026 (scheduled), and all applicants will be informed of the result <u>by email</u>.</p>
How to Apply	<p>Fill in the required information on the initial screening Application Form (Excel) below URL and send it by email to the address below.</p> <p>< Grants Application Form Download URL ></p> <p>https://www.resona-ao.or.jp/en/index.html</p> <p>< Sending Address ></p> <p>josei@resona-ao.or.jp</p> <p>When your application form is accepted, the reception e-mail will be sent. If you pass the initial screening, you will need a detailed application form and a letter of recommendation for the second screening, so we will contact you.</p>

7. Notes

- The personal information entered in the application form will be used for selection and notification of selection results, and it will be strictly managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Law and related laws and norms.
- No discussion will be entered into on the reasons for acceptance or rejection. Your understanding is appreciated.
- Submission of the recommendation form that qualifies for application, will be requested when the application form is submitted after passing initial screening.
- If you decide that you can receive “Kakenhi” from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science as a representative in the relevant fiscal year, you will generally decline the receipt of this foundation's grant.
- The copyright, patent rights, etc. of the results of the grant activities belong to the grantor, and when the results are published, it shall be announced that the foundation has been granted. We will publish the results of the grant activities on the memorial, HP, SNS, etc.

8. Contact Information

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